



Uniting for Peace AGM and Spring Conference 2014

A NEW MOMENTUM FOR PEACE: NO SYRIA INTERVENTION – WHAT NEXT?

LOCATION

Wesley's Chapel
49 City Road, London
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DATE

Saturday
29th March, 2014
10:30am – 4:30pm

EVENT DETAILS

AGM: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Spring Conference: 12:00pm – 4:30pm

The distinguished speakers will explore how UK should develop a new ethical foreign policy based on 'soft power' and UN institutions, following the historic Parliamentary vote rejecting military action against Syria.

SPEAKERS

Chaired by: Rita Payne, President Commonwealth Journalists Association

Tim Llewellyn, Former BBC Middle East Correspondent and Author

Baria Alamuddin, Foreign Editor, Al Hayat

Dilip Hiro, Author, Journalist, Commentator and Middle East Expert

Aidan Hehir, Director of the Security and International Relations, University of Westminster

Cilina Nasser, Syria Researcher for Amnesty International

Vijay Mehta, Chair Uniting for Peace

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3 years of civil war, with over 120,000 lives lost and over 2 million refugees dispersed in adjacent countries, often in appalling conditions, have made Syria the world's most critical conflict and worst humanitarian disaster. Positively, the UN-backed Russia-US deal to abolish Syria's chemical weapons is going ahead; negatively, getting all relevant parties to the Geneva peace conference is hugely difficult - and inviting Al-Qaeda linked groups would be hugely controversial. Syria represents a huge failure of the international community.

Fortunately, the UK Parliament refused to pour oil on the flames with military action, a vote which certainly averted potentially disastrous US and European intervention. Parliament's rejection of military action must not be a 'one off', but rather – along with UK military withdrawal from Afghanistan – the historic opportunity to launch a new UK foreign policy based on diplomacy, international aid and 'soft power', it would focus on UN & other global institutions, and consign military adventures to the past.

A distinguished panel will explore what this could mean, showing how conflicts can be solved with dialogue, diplomacy and conflict resolution, and how permanent peace can be nurtured through development, disarmament, justice and confidence-building measures. COME and JOIN US for the debate!

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