

Senior Faith in Leadership Programme

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Zeshan Zafar

Zeshan is an Executive Director at the Forum for Promoting Peace, and works between the UK and the UAE. In this role, he has been responsible for bringing together scholars, academics, ministers of religion, youth and religious leaders towards promoting the message of peace. He played a key part in the organisation of the historic Marrakesh Declaration and the launch of the Alliance of Virtue. These declarations demonstrated Islam's potential to coexist with other religions and the protection of minorities from all types of religious persecution, displacement and discrimination in predominantly Muslim countries. His familiarity with the UK context enables him to lead the transplantation of the Forum's mission into the Western world and the key issues affecting Muslim (and non-Muslim) societies here.

GUEST OBSERVERS



Julie Kangisser

Julie is a communications advisor to Faith in Leadership. She has more than 20 years' experience in corporate communications for organisations addressing societal issues and as a broadcast journalist for BBC News.

Alongside working for Faith in Leadership she currently leads external communications for a charity-owned ethical lender helping those that are financially excluded; is conducting stakeholder engagement for NHS England on its Chaplaincy guidelines and runs the press office for the world's largest multi-cancer screening trial (NHS-Galleri) via her company Think Communications.

Much of her previous engagement and reputation management work has been at the interface of responsible business and civil society for clients including Shell, BT, Aviva, business advisory firm Xynteo, Barrow Cadbury Trust and leadership charity Pilotlight.

Julie was Middlesex University's first Director of Corporate Marketing and Communications prior to which she established an in-house PR team for the Department for Work and Pensions. She has an MA in Law and Geography from Cambridge University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism from City University.



Vibhor Mathur

Vibhor is a doctoral researcher, social entrepreneur and activist from India. His PhD Research at the University of Bath is studying the role of an unconditional and universal basic income as a policy solution to experiences of unfreedom, indignity and 'indecent' work in urban slums in India. Vibhor is the co-founder of the Spinning Wheel Leadership Foundation, a non-profit that works to provide 21st century life skills education to more than 7,000 adolescents and young people from tribal and underserved communities. Over the last ten years Vibhor has worked in the field of education and development with more than 20,000 students, young adults, teachers and government officials. He has also worked on various international research programs working to support ground-up solutions for more effective governance and social policy. Vibhor is involved in various advocacy efforts in the UK and India around issues of social justice and climate action.

Apart from various scholarships and fellowships in India and the UK, Vibhor was awarded the Karmaveer Chakra Award in 2019 for his work in education and youth leadership. His other research and advocacy work includes topics like democracy, civic action, care economy, public policy and grassroots community mobilisation.



Gopal Patel

Gopal has been a faith-based environmental activist, campaigner and consultant for over 10 years. He has spearheaded the development of environmental initiatives engaging religious communities and leaders in India, East Africa, Europe and North America. He is Co-Founder and Director of Bhumi Global, a non-profit organization that works to educate and mobilize Hindu communities globally for environmental action. Gopal acts as an Advisor to number of interfaith and environmental initiatives, including the WWF Beliefs and Values Programme, the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology and the Parliament of the World's Religions. He also currently serves as co-chair of the UN Multi-faith Advisory Council.