

# THREE FAITHS FORUM



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## Three Faiths Forum Marks its Tenth Anniversary

10 May 2007. Nearly 200 people gathered at the National Portrait Gallery last night to celebrate the achievements of the Three Faiths Forum in its first decade which saw the consolidation of its status as a nationally functioning and nationally recognised organisation.

In congratulating the Three Faiths Forum, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, in a message read out by Canon Guy Wilkinson, spoke of the need for a continuing commitment to address the challenges of the future in creative ways.

"It will be very important", the Archbishop said, "that all the different structures and the people committed to working within them, work co-operatively towards the same aims of mutual understanding, respect for each other, and a heartfelt desire for the common good. In this way, wider society will know and acknowledge that the religious perspective is a vital source of harmony and creativity."

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, sought a wider basis of support in order to build further on what had been achieved so far. He praised the committed and enthusiastic multi-faith team of young people of its Youth and Education Division, drawn from the three Abrahamic faiths.

Mr Stephen Shashoua, Director of the Youth and Education Division, talked about the development of Tools 4 Dialogue, the text-based schools and universities programme based on the practice of Scriptural Reasoning. He also referred to the Undergraduate "Parliamentors" programme, teaming together Muslim, Christian, and Jewish students of politics with MPs and peers as mentors, working on a project of social action together.

Other speakers included Mr. Sandy Nairne, Director of the National Portrait Gallery, whose initiative it was to hold a photographic exhibition of the leaders of the major faith communities at the Gallery; The Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, a co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, who had just returned from the Fifth Doha Interfaith Conference, where he saw encouraging evidence of the world-wide growth of interfaith co-operation. Mr Henry Grunwald, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, assured the Three Faiths Forum of continuing support in its endeavours to strive vigorously to further enhance relations between faiths.

Mr Faris Badawi, Administrator of the Muslim College, and son of the late Sheikh Dr. Zaki Badawi, the third co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, invoked his late father's memory in his words of support for the Forum's activities.

Among the guests were Mrs. Ruth Kelly, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Baroness Scotland QC, Minister of State for Crime Reduction; Lord Goldsmith, Attorney General; Sir Anthony Figgis, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, and HRH Dom Duarte Duke of Bragança.

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