

United Nations Association

Westminster Branch

Campaigning for a strong, credible and effective UN



Summary of activities: 2015/16 to 2017/18

Separate annual reports are posted on our website in Event Reports

International Law Lectures:

2016 *“Chasing Religious Persecution in Law: Bloodshed, Concerted attack or Maintaining Representation?”* Dr Nazila Ghanea-Hercock, University of Oxford

2017 *“Should we be worried about the health of international law?”* Professor Françoise Hampson, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Essex

2018 *“International Law and the Use of Armed Drones”* Professor Dapo Akande, Yamani Fellow at St. Peter's College, Oxford and Co-Director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict

International Day of UN Peacekeepers, conference and Cenotaph wreath-laying ceremony

2015 Major General (Retd) Robert Gordon, Former Force Commander, UNMEE

2016 Jean-Marie Guéhenno, President and CEO, International Crisis Group

2017 Major General (Retd) Patrick Cammaert

About 100 embassies with government, the military, police and others participate every year.

We The Peoples Film Festival: #TweetaPitch £500 bursary winners

2015 *“The Swimming Club”* Nick Finegan and Cecilia Golding,

2016 *“The Stranger in My Home”* Mei Leng Yew,

2017 *“Day by Day”* Pascale Kann,

Three Youth Days at BFI Southbank and screening of 100+ films at venues across London.

Commemorative events

2015 UN@70, diplomatic reception in Great Hall of the Inner Temple.

2016 UN@70, service on exact anniversary of UN at Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

2016 Austria's 60th anniversary as a UN member

2016 *‘A Solemn Duty: Dag Hammarskjöld and Conflict in the Congo’* Seminar.

Branch meetings

2016 *‘Sowing the Whirlwind’: Nuclear Politics and the Historical Record’* London University.

2017 *‘The UN's drugs policy; right at last or so, so wrong?’*

2017 *‘London is Open’*, new film launched to mark the UN International Day of Peace.

2017 *‘The UK response to the UN's race audit: blueprint for change or empty promises’*

2017 *‘Voices for Africa, Voices for Women at the United Nations’*

2017 *‘The UN, the UK and people with disabilities: who's listening?’*

2018 *‘Why is the UK trailing its Commonwealth partners in tackling the UN SDGs?’*

Study Tours

2015 UN, Vienna, including presentations from 6 UN agencies and other institutions,

2017 UN, New York, including 15 presentations, other meetings and visit to UNA Connecticut.

UNA Westminster Young Professionals group

2016 The Responsibility to Protect, meeting and on-going project,

2018 *‘Meet the Ambassador’*, inaugural meeting of a series hosted by Ashfords LLP.

UN Green

Our proposal to rename Broad Sanctuary Green as United Nations Green progresses.