

Wings across the Thames!

To mark the UN International Day of Peace (21 September), UNA Westminster Branch repeated its Flights for Peace project, using the Emirates Air Line, the cable car service which links the O2 Arena and the Royal Docks. Over a hundred people responded to the challenge to meet people of a different faith, ethnicity or age and take the opportunity to ask questions they had always wanted to ask. “We made sure each group of 4/5 flyers comprised a mix of faiths –or none, and ethnic origin.” Said David Wardrop, UNA Westminster. “After check-in at the Greenwich Peninsula Prayer Space, groups took off for the north side and then to tea and biscuits at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel. Our fears that some might not get on with each other and take an early flight back were unfounded. We had to call time on them all 90 minutes after schedule! We were delighted.” Upon return, every flyer was presented with a Flight for Peace Certificate of Airworthiness.

Flights for Peace was one of several events co-ordinated by the London Boroughs Faith Network to mark the UN International Day of Peace. The London Peace Conference held at St Ethelburga’s Centre was a sell-out and over the weekend, churches, mosques and synagogues opened their doors to all-comers. UNA Westminster Branch plans to participate in this initiative annually.

