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UNA Westminster Branch flies high to mark the UN International Day of Peace

On Sunday, UNA Westminster Branch repeated its *Flights for Peace* adventure, using the Emirates Air Line, the cable car service which links the O2 Arena and the Royal Docks. Over a hundred people responded to our challenge to meet people with a different faith, ethnicity or



even age to take the opportunity to ask 'those questions they had always wanted to ask'. "We made sure each group of four or five flyers comprised a mix of faiths –or none, and different ethnic origin." said David Wardrop, UNA Westminster Chairman. "After check-in at the Greenwich Peninsula Prayer Space, groups took off for the north side and then took tea and biscuits at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Our fears that some flyers might not get on with each other and choose an early flight back were unfounded. In fact, we had to call time on them all ninety minutes later than planned! 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 (LBFN) 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 has worked closely with the LBFN since the London Olympic Games in 2012. See *News Item, 16 August 2012* and *What we do, event reports/2012*.