



ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH DAY WESTMINSTER SEMINAR



Education to support a Peace-Building Commonwealth

Date: 13 March 2017 Time: 10:15 to 12:30

Venue: Committee Room 10, Palace of Westminster

At a time of increasing instability and uncertainty in the world, the Commonwealth with its rich diversity of nations offers strength and hope for all its members.

This year's Commonwealth theme, 'A peace-building Commonwealth' reaffirms the Commonwealth Charter principle that 'international peace and security, sustainable economic growth and development and the rule of law are essential to the progress and prosperity of all'. This seminar will explore, with some examples, the role that education might play in peace building in countries and communities that have experienced conflict and/or are in the process of transformation.

The confirmed and invited speakers are as follows:

The role of education in peace-building and transformation

Professor Alan Smith, UNESCO Centre University of Ulster.

The role of young people in peace-building

Achaleke Christian Leke

Cameroon, Global Coordinator of Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network and Chevening Scholar, University of Birmingham.

Response and Reflections

Rev Ruth Scott

Anglican priest, author and broadcaster who has been involved in exploring the dynamics and complexities of transformative relationships across conflict divides.

Peacebuilding challenges in an unpredictable world

Jonathan Cohen

Executive Director of Conciliation Resources (www.c-r.org), an independent NGO working to prevent violence, resolve conflicts and promote peaceful societies.



The CEC Commonwealth Day seminar will address the complex relationships between education and societies in transformation. All delegates will be encouraged to participate in the discussion.

Some of the questions that the seminar will address include:

- How might education affect conflict and transformation?
- Might differential access to education contribute to creating or exacerbating conflict?
- Where (and what) might be examples of successful education interventions that facilitate peace building and transformation?
- How might the Commonwealth generally and CEC specifically contribute?

The seminar will be of direct interest to:

- Social and economic development specialists;
 - Policy makers and politicians;
 - Academics and researchers;
 - Students;
- International educationists and training professionals.

We have a small favour to ask.

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