

— Mulberry —
School for Girls
YOUTH CONFERENCE

**13th Annual Mulberry
Youth Conference**



27TH FEBRUARY 2014

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 9:15-9:45 Arrival and Registration
- 9:45-9:55 Opening Ceremony
- Lucy-Anne Holmes
Writer and Activist
 - Peter Botting
Communications Professional, Message Craft
- 10:45-10:55 Presentation on Press Freedom
Tahira Miah & Rothna Akther
- 10:55-11:15 BREAK**
- 11:15-11:30 Panellist Introductions
- 11:30-12:00 Student Discussion Groups
- 12:00-1:00 Panel Discussion Chaired by Jane Farrell
- Fiona Anderson
Journalist, Creative Coach
 - Mohammed Ali
Artist, Aerosol Arabic
 - Rahima Begum
Artist & Co-Founder, Restless Beings
 - Lucy-Anne Holmes
Writer and Activist
 - Adam Ramsey
Co-Editor, Open Democracy
 - Sarah Sarwar
President, Queen Mary Student Union
- 1:00-2:00 LUNCH**
- 2:00-2:20 Student Speeches
- 2:20-3:30 Workshops
- 3:30-4:00 Closing Ceremony
- Bridget Minamore
Performance Poet

SPEAKERS

Lucy-Anne Holmes

Lucy- Anne Holmes is an actress, writer and campaigner. She started the No More Page 3 campaign in the summer of 2012 in response to the sexual objectification of women in the Sun Newspaper. The campaign now has over 130,000 signatures on an online petition and public support from a host of organisations and charities including UK Girlguiding, British Youth Council, National Union of Teachers, Rape Crisis, Woman's Aid, and a large number of cross party MPs and celebrities. The Irish Sun dropped their topless pictures in August last year and The Sun in the UK are expected to be at least changing their Page 3 pictures very soon!

Peter Botting

Peter Botting has sold and bought products or services in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East and helped people buy and sell companies, products and services across language, cultural and religious barriers. He is a professionally qualified coach with over 24,000 hours and twenty years coaching experience. He ran three manufacturing businesses on two sites with 140 staff in Germany for three years and has worked as a consultant and adviser to owners and Chief Execs of a number of businesses in Germany and the UK.

Jane Farrell

Jane Farrell founded EW Group with Dr Annie Hedge in 1992. She has consulted on equality and diversity for public, private and third sector organisations for over two decades. Jane oversaw the delivery of a £1.3m diversity training programme for London Underground. She is currently delivering an inclusive leadership programme for 1,200 managers at Santander, providing senior team coaching and facilitation for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and consulting for the Royal College of Nursing. In 2012 Jane launched Appledore, a cross-sector leadership programme, along with a group of former public and private sector CEOs. She is chair of the Mulberry Board of Governors.

Mohammed Ali

Mohammed Ali was drawn to the graffiti world from the early 80s, inspired by the subway art movement and has been melding together street-art and Islamic script and patterns for the past ten years combining meaningful messages that connect people of all faith in multicultural cities across the globe. Today Aerosol-Arabic is recognised as one of the first explorations into arabic-script influenced graffiti and has inspired new generations of artists. He was awarded the Southbank Show Award in 2009. He has recently been invited to speak at the first TedX to take place in the Vatican state, on the theme of religious freedom.

Fiona Anderson

Fiona Anderson trained with the now defunct Thomsons Regional Newspaper Group in Newcastle and Cheshire, and worked on the Health Service Journal. This led to an opportunity to work at BBC Newsnight in 1989 as Margaret Thatcher was reforming the NHS. She also spent 7 years working in the BBC's Hong Kong and Washington bureaux, before returning to train BBC journalists in London. She now works as a freelance trainer and coach, with a special interest in working with disabled people who want to get into and on at work. Additionally she's just returned from training journalists in Burma. She's married and lives in London.

Rahima Begum

Rahima is a freelance artist and also the co-founder and director of 'Restless Beings', an international human rights organisation and alternative grassroots news agency which aims to support marginalised communities that are deprived of media and/or public attention. Alongside campaigning for human rights abuses across the world, Rahima actively champions the arts ranging from reviewing and promoting British fringe theatre, encouraging the understanding of South and East Asian folk arts to providing a platform for young emerging musicians across the UK via engaging events which create a dialogue between the arts and human rights.

Adam Ramsey

Adam Ramsay is the Co-Editor of OurKingdom and also works with Bright Green. He was previously a full time campaigner with People & Planet.

Sarah Sarwar

Sarah Sarwar is the current President at Queen Mary Students Union. Sarah was a founding member of the Model United Nations programme at her school. This grew to become one of the largest student led debating conferences in London and was picked up by Global Classrooms and UNA-USA as their flagship programme in the city. Since moving to university, Sarah has worked for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust as a Student Leadership Consultant and worked with schools in London to improve attainment, youth engagement and empowerment. In her final years of study, Sarah worked as a Women's Education Officer for Mulberry School for Girls.

Bridget Minamore

Bridget Minamore is a poet from London who has worked with the National Theatre's New Writers programme and has had poems exhibited at a TEDxLondon conference. She currently blogs for arts organisation Poejazzi, is completing an English degree at UCL and recently was shortlisted to be London's first Young Poet Laureate.

WORKSHOPS

Fair-trade:

Enter the Great Banana Chain Game, where participants get to explore the secret life of a banana. Have you ever gone behind the scenes of an everyday product and realised how complicated its whole life cycle is? In this workshop participants take on roles in the life cycle of a banana, such as a shopkeeper, a packer, a plantation owner and a pesticide sprayer, and learn about their place in the great banana chain. They'll critically examine the impacts of these systems of production, learn about alternatives that they can act upon and talk about actions they want to take in their own lives to make the world a fairer place.

Media Mayhem:

Where would Coca Cola or McDonalds be today without advertising? Advertising is a powerful form of communication that strongly influences our daily lives and things we buy. Understanding what fact is and what is fiction on billboards and bus stops, in magazines and on television is important in making informed choices. Through an interactive quiz, discussions, uncovering real facts behind the ads and creating their own spoof ads, participants will be well equipped to make informed decisions as they venture out into a well marketed world.

When Chaplin met Gandhi – The Great Debate:

Based on issues arising from the critically acclaimed play, When Chaplin Met Gandhi by James Kenworth, this workshop will explore the extraordinary story of the meeting between Gandhi and Charlie Chaplin when they met in Canning Town in 1931. Surprisingly alike in some ways, particularly in their affinity for the poor and the marginalised, these two icons of the twentieth century clashed over which was more important to human happiness: materialism or the spiritual? The playwright James Kenworth and a Director will lead the workshop.

Syria Seen and Heard:

On 15 March 2014 it will be three years since the conflict in Syria began. 9.3 million Syrian citizens now require humanitarian support and more than 100,000 have died as a result of the conflict. This is one of the most serious humanitarian crises ever to face the global community. Seen and Heard inspires young people in the UK to take action and make sure that Syria's children, who make up half of refugees, are seen and heard here in the UK.

Is Fashion Wearing Out The World?

TRAID delves into the fashion industry and asks where do our clothes come from and what does the future of fashion look like? Who are the real fashion victims and what can we do as active citizens to make more sustainable choices?

Restless Beings

The workshop will be an introduction to Restless Beings. A short film screening about one of our human rights projects which teaches the basics of justice and action for youth followed by a discussion/debate and then team work – which will take the discussion and develop it into potential action.

The Missing Piece

The Missing Piece is a workshop exploring the issue of Child Trafficking, with a particular focus on our programmatic work, how we tackle it as an organisation, and how we would like young people in the UK to get involved. We believe youth are the 'Missing Piece' and through campaigns, awareness raising and simply talking about this issue, we can begin to tackle it.

The Bomb Factor

Students are divided into groups and take on the 'personalities' of countries and organisations that are for and against nuclear weapons. The debating question is 'do we need nuclear weapons for security?' Students have to put on a creative and persuasive performance or presentation in front of a panel of judges in an X-Factor style competition.

Justice in Action

Six students from Mulberry School embarked on a journey to explore the turbulent history of Bosnia. They documented their journey in a film which explores what justice is and how the path to reconciliation can be achieved for survivors of the conflict. This workshop will look at what justice means. It will focus on what role race, religion, ethnicity and culture played in the conflict. It will aim to see how justice can be sought through the medium of film.

Beauty

The importance of recognizing one's own beauty and the beauty of others whilst navigating a world that often projects ugliness towards the vulnerable.

SHAKE! - Amnesty International

'SHAKE!' is a project that brings together young people, artists and campaigners to develop creative responses to social injustice. Participants engage in dynamic workshops and follow-up mentoring to pursue creative campaigning and events production. The workshop will explore the relevance and potency of art and activism and individuals will have an opportunity to create a campaign.

Graffiti - Aerosol Arabic

Led by Mohammed Ali, this workshop will use street-art to express meaningful messages that connect people of all faiths in multicultural communities. Graffiti is often a self-glorification of one's identity, the 'tag' being the focal point, but Mohammed explores words which point to something other than the 'self', that speak to wider society.

SCHOOLS ATTENDING

- Chelmsford County High School for Girls
- Eltham Hill School
- Leyton Sixth Form College
- Mulberry School for Girls
- Nendrum College
- Pestalozzi International Village
- St Dominic's Sixth Form College
- St Martin in the Fields
- St Paul's Way Trust School
- St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls
- Stanchester Academy
- Stratford Girls' Grammar School
- Swanlea School
- The Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls
- The King Alfred School
- Ursuline High School
- Whitefield School
- Woodhouse College

With special thanks to...

THE STUDENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Tahira Miah	Sujina Khatun	Shuhada Khanom
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Tasnin Shahid	Tashnia Uddin	Tanya Awal
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Amina Khan	Amina Akthar	Aisha Sarmad
Afshana Hussain	Nadeya Akther	Firdawsi Ahmed
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Anisa Sharmin	Lamisa Ahmed	Syeda Labiba Mustari
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THE STAFF AT MULBERRY:

Mr Brosnan	Ms Skelhorne	Ms Latham
Ms Begum	Ms Blumenau	Ms Woods
Mr Osbourne	Ms Ghosh	Ms Begum Zaman
Mr Stone	Ms Tuffee	Dr Ogden

AND OUR SPEAKERS:

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