



Harmony Lunch – 11 July 2018

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On 11 July 2018, Pure Land Learning College Association, supported by the Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba and Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group, hosted a harmony lunch for community leaders and volunteers.

Our guest speaker, Zahra Aria, was a young Afghan Muslim who spoke of the value of love and respect for human kind. She shared her stories of the beauty of living in a multicultural diverse community and how love and respect can bring us closer to trusting each other.

In attendance were faith leaders, representatives from the police, the State Emergency Service, Lions Club Toowoomba, the Commissioner of Scouts, schools, Congolese leaders, Safer Toowoomba Regional Partnership, and members from the community.

12th National Interfaith Forum, Wellington New Zealand – 28-30 July 2018



The international interfaith conference held in New Zealand taught me many things as a young Catholic. I learnt about the importance of asking others about their faith journeys and how powerful these conversations can be. I learnt that although we may have different religious beliefs to others, we are all united together with love and peace.

On the first day of the conference, the youth were encouraged to think about a global issue- global citizenship, gender equality and the environment. We were challenged to think out of the box to create practical solutions to these issues and shared our ideas with the entire group. This section of the conference empowered us young people, as we are the generation that will be helping to change the world.

One of the highlights of the conference was listening to Her Excellency the High Commissioner of South Africa, share her story about how she broke down the stereotypes of common diplomats. She spoke of how her faith guides her each day to be kind to others and to be a person of compassion.

Overall the conference was a great opportunity for me to get to know the other members of our Toowoomba Youth Peace Group and we now look forward to honouring our experience, as we prepare for our upcoming Youth Conference!

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