

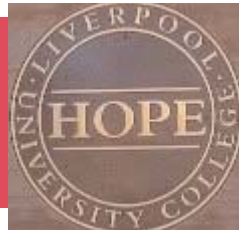
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STATE MEETING... Irish President and Big Hope guest Mary McAleese (left) meets Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

THE RANGE OF SPEAKERS who have given their time to come to the Big Hope and impart their knowledge is breathtaking.

Encompassing the worlds of faith, philosophy, politics, conflict resolution, sport and many others, their experiences will be priceless of our delegates when they go back to their home cities and countries.

Today, especially, is no exception. We can welcome statesmen and women from the global

stage. First up for our keynote addresses is Britain's Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks who is profiled on page two of the newsletter by one of our Ugandan delegates Lillian Nalumansi.

He will be speaking about the peaceful co-existence of faiths in the modern world.

After him the President of the Republic of Ireland, Mary McAleese will deliver the annual civic lecture for the Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies at Liverpool Hope. Lillian profiles her on page three.

Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid will address the

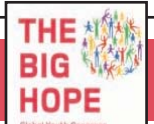
Congress at 5pm.

We had been seeking a representative of Islam in Britain and Imam Sajid's outstanding record of contribution makes him an ideal candidate.

Dr Sajid, who will speak on the title '*Faith in a Secular Democracy*' is, among many other other roles, Imam of Brighton Islamic Mission, a member of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony, UK, a member of the Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia and vice-chair of Religions for Peace UK.



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CHIEF RABBI'S BIGGEST HOPE

RABBI SIR JONATHAN Sacks has been Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth since September 1, 1991, the sixth incumbent since 1845.

Widely recognised as one of the world's leading contemporary exponents of Judaism, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, said of him: "The Chief Rabbi is not just a distinguished scholar but a distinguished spiritual leader and a globally respected ambassador for the Jewish community here in Britain.

"He is respected in every continent because he has done more than anyone in Britain today to focus our attention on the needs and challenges of community in the global world."

The historian Michael Burleigh has described him as "the most impressive religious leader in the Kingdom."

Prior to becoming Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Sacks had been Principal of Jews' College, London, the world's oldest rabbinical seminary, as well as rabbi of the Golders Green and Marble Arch synagogues in London.

His secular academic career has also been a distinguished one. Educated at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he obtained first class honours in Philosophy, he pursued postgraduate studies at New

College, Oxford, and King's College, London.

Professor Sacks has been Visiting Professor of Philosophy at among other institutions Manchester University, Riddell Lecturer at Newcastle University, Cook Lecturer at the Universities of Oxford, Edinburgh and St. Andrews and Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

He is currently Visiting Professor of Theology at Kings' College London.

His talk at **TBH** is titled: *Peaceful Co-existence and Faith*.

In September 2001, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred on him a doctorate of Divinity in recognition of his first 10 years in the Chief Rabbinate.

At his installation as Chief Rabbi in 1991, Dr Sacks set out his vision of a reinvigorated Anglo-Jewry and launched it with a Decade of Jewish Renewal, followed by a series of innovative communal projects. He was awarded a Knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 2005

A notably gifted communicator, the Chief Rabbi is a frequent contributor to radio, television and the national press. Each year before Rosh Hashanah he delivers a message to the nation on BBC Television.

In 1990 he delivered the BBC Reith Lectures on The Persistence of Faith.

He is the author of a number of books,



SPEAKER... Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks, centre

including: *Tradition in an Untraditional Age* (1990), *Persistence of Faith* (1991), *Arguments for the Sake of Heaven* (1991) and *Crisis and Covenant* (1992).

RABBI JONATHAN SACHS' KEYNOTE ADDRESS @ THE SPORTS HALL @ 11.30am

FORUMS ROUND-UP (09.00-11.00 daily)

Sport, Art & Culture in Sustaining Community

Sponsored by Youth Charter and The Anthony Walker Foundation

VENUE: LTC B

CHAIR: Geoff Thompson MBE, (five times world karate champion and founder of the Youth Charter for Sport, Culture & Arts); Janice Argyle (former World Karate Champion, Co-Founder Youth Charter & OOO Consultancy); Warren Bradley (Leader of Liverpool City Council); Kevin Cadle (international basketball player, coach and Sky Sports TV Presenter). Charles Lauder (broadcaster, TV and film director, vice chair Culture Northwest); Dominique Walker (co-ordinator, Anthony Walker Foundation)

Faith Relationships in Britain

Sponsored by the North West Development Agency North West Forum of Faith

VENUE: Sports Hall

CHAIR: Mgr John Devine, (Churches Office for the North West, chair NW Forum of Faiths, President Liverpool Hope University); Steve Bamber, (Liverpool Hope research student and practising Buddhist); Zia Chaudry (lawyer, chair Merseyside Council of Faiths, director Spirit of Cordoba); Ron Geaves (Professor of Comparative study of Religion, Liverpool Hope); Liz Harris (lecturer in Theology, Liverpool Hope); Clive Lawton (executive director of Limmud, chair of development charity Tzedek and a former head teacher of King David High School)

Human Rights of the Child

Sponsored by UNICEF

VENUE: LTCA

CHAIR: Edward Waller, Head of Education, UNICEF; Jonathan Hart

UNICEF Education; Paul Johnson; UNICEF Education

Deconstructing Social Inclusion

VENUE: LTC005

CHAIR: Peter Clough (Professor of Inclusive Education, Liverpool Hope); Victor Merriman (head of Dance and Drama, Liverpool Hope); Dan Goodley, (Professor of Psychology, director Social Change and Well Being Research Centre, Manchester Metropolitan University); Rob Merchant (University of Staffordshire deputy director Centre for Ageing & Mental Health, Staffordshire University, and author of *Pioneering the Third Age: the church in an ageing society*; Sharon Ferguson (assistant Chief Executive of LGCM)



PANELIST... Kevin Cadle

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Sharon advice for LGBT

THE REV'D SHARON Ferguson, Assistant Chief Executive of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, will be at the Big Hope on Thursday and Friday.

She is taking part in the forum on Social Inclusion on Thursday morning, but will also be available at other times to speak with LGBT Christians and others wishing to explore the issues around sexuality and the church.

In particular, she will be in the Chaplaincy, Warrington building, between 6.30pm and 7.15pm on Thursday. And she will offer a short prayer and reflection, also in the Chaplaincy, between 1pm-1.30pm on Friday, on the theme 'Being an LGBT Christian in the 21st Century'.

Got a story?

THE newsroom for the Big Hope Newsletter is in FML 123.

The paper which will appear today and Friday and then again next week on Monday and Tuesday needs your contributions.

If you have a story or want to contribute photographs of your stay, email journalism leader Paddy Hoey at hoeyp@hope.ac.uk or call 0151-291 2128.

PRESIDENT ON MISSION FOR PEACE

Civic address for Hope's Tutu Centre

PRESIDENT MARY PATRICIA McAleese is the eighth, and current President of Ireland.

Born 27th June 1951 in Belfast in Northern Ireland, she is Ireland's second female president and the world's first woman to succeed another woman as an elected head of state.

She was first elected president in 1997 and was re-elected, without contest, to another seven-year term in 2004.

Prior to becoming president, Mrs McAleese was a very successful barrister, journalist with the Irish state broadcasting service RTE and an academic at Trinity College Dublin.

She made history in her country when she became the first elected president from Northern Ireland in the job's 60 year history.

The eldest of nine children, McAleese grew up in Belfast through the violent times that have come to be known as 'The Troubles'.

Her family was one of many that were adversely affected by the conflict.

Her father, who hails from County Roscommon in the Republic, ran a famous pub in the Falls Road area of Catholic west Belfast but was forced to give up his business and home when sectarian violence broke out in the early 1970s.

Mary, her parents and eight brothers and sisters, moved to the village of Rostrevor in rural County Down but she eventually returned to Belfast to study law at Queen's University.

She graduated with honours in 1973, at the height of the troubles, and was called to the bar the following year, practising criminal and family practice law.

McAleese has said that the theme of her presiden-

PROFILE by LILLIAN NALUMANSI

cy is 'building bridges'.

President McAleese remains a regular visitor to Northern Ireland, where she has on the whole been warmly welcomed by both communities, confounding the critics who had believed she would be a divisive figure.

In March 1998, McAleese a Catholic, announced that she would officially celebrate the 12th of July as well as Saint Patrick's Day, recognising the day's importance among Ulster Protestants.

Mrs McAleese has in the past courted some controversy.

In 1997, during her first term in office, she stirred up an unholy row by taking communion at Dublin's Anglican Cathedral. The city's Catholic Archbishop, Desmond Connell, described it as a sham.

Mrs McAleese's speaking date at the Big Hope is titled *Conflict Resolution and Peace Building* and marks the annual civic lecture at Liverpool Hope's Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies.

She married Martin McAleese, a dentist in 1976. They have three children, Emma, and twins Saramai and Justin.



PRESIDENT MARY McALEESE'S CIVIC ADDRESS @ SPORTS HALL BEGINS @ 1.30PM

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Hope charity hosts Malawi guests

LIVERPOOL Hope's One World charity are sponsoring two delegates from the 'warm heart of Africa', Malawi. They are head-teacher, Mr Ephraim Chinyama and his colleague Mr Kingstone Zolowere, from the primary school at the SOS Children's Village in Lilongwe with whom the charity has strong links. During many years working there the charity has discovered that music and dance is integral to communicating issues.

FORWARD

Dr Lorna Bourke said: "Once you understand this you are some way on the road to being able to deliver effective educational workshops in this particular country." Lorna is looking forward to the charity's partners experiencing different aspects of the performing arts that are important for Hope. Lorna said: "I think they will be looking forward to seeing for themselves the place in the UK they have heard so much about and we are looking forward to enjoying their sense of humour which is very much like Liverpool's."

WORSHIP AT CHAPLAINCY

ALL DELEGATES ARE WARMLY invited to worship and prayer events during the Big Hope.

The university's Anglican chaplain Steven Shakespeare says that morning prayer will happen each day of the week from today, Thursday 5th to Wednesday 11th (excepting Sunday), at 8.30am in the Vice Chancellor's Dining Room in the FML building.

He says: "Join us for 20 minutes of song, scripture and reflection or any of the other events that are happening through the week."

THURSDAY 5th Iona Community Service, 7.30pm, in the Student Union. Worship in the lively and international style of the Iona community, with its characteristic emphasis on peace and justice. The preacher will be Kathy Galloway, leader of the community, and the service will also include Iona music, drama and reflection.

FRIDAY 6th Taize Service, 7.30pm, at All Saints' Childwall. A meditative evening of prayer, song and reflection in the style of the ecumenical Taizé community. The preacher will be Bráulio Ribeiro, leader of Youth With A Mission Brazil. Join us at All Saints

Church, Childwall, either to experience Taize worship for the first time, or to return to this popular contemplative style of prayer.

SATURDAY 7th Fiesta, 7.30pm, in the Derwent building. Christian bands Kairos and Soulstream will be joined by Hope College Michigan's jazz band for a lively evening of music, food and celebration.

SUNDAY 8th Sung Compline, 8.30pm, the Senate Room in the HCA building. A choir drawn from Liverpool's two cathedrals and conducted by Hope's organ scholar, Shean Bowers, will sing a traditional night prayer service. All are welcome to join us for what is always a beautiful and moving liturgy. The preacher will be the Bishop of Peshawar, the Rt Rev Mano Rumlshah.

MONDAY 9th Contemporary Worship, 7.30pm, the Derwent building. Inspiring praise and worship led by Christian worship band, Soulstream.

The Chaplaincy base in the Warrington building will be the venue for 24/7 prayer throughout the congress. Drop by to relax, pray and be still. Any questions on faith aspects of the conference can be directed to the Chaplaincy team by ringing 0151-291 3545/6.

● LASZLO KARTALI

is a second-year BA student of English at the University of Pécs, Hungary.

He has been introduced to numerous exciting and intriguing fields of study like intercultural communication and linguistics.

He says: "I believe this congress will be a great opportunity to meet people from all over the world, and get a deeper insight into the life of another university."

● BECKY TURNER

is currently studying at the Open University on an enjoyable and rather eclectic course covering politics, economics, and environmental change, with a special focus on globalization.

She says: "At the Big Hope I am really looking forward to widening my awareness of issues as well as meeting other people with similar interests."

Meet the delegates

MY NAME IS RAZAN GELSKY, I am a 19 year old Palestinian girl, I am majoring in English Literature and Translation at Bethlehem University.

I want to be a journalist when I graduate.

I like listening to music, collecting stamps and I also like to be part of the cultural get-together gatherings because it helps me to understand the world better.

I like to work hard to make the world know more about Palestine and understand our story, and how Palestinians suffer because of the Israeli occupation.

I am very ambitious and I have many dreams, 'if you don't have dreams then you don't have a life,' that's my philosophy.



● SHPRESA SADIKU WAS BORN on the 15th of January 1990 in Mitrovica, Kosova. and is a student at the gymnasium "Frang Bardhi" in Mitrovica. Among her classes is English.

She says: "The Big Hope has offered me a great chance to visit England and to meet people from all around the world.

"I hope it will help me in my profession because I am going to study diplomacy and attending the Congress is very useful because it offers many themes which have to do with diplomacy and politics.

"I will always be grateful for the opportunity to visit England."

● RAWAN KAJO, 27, IS FROM Jordan and gained Bachelor degree in pharmacy from The University of Jordan in 2003. She has worked at King Hussein Cancer Centre as a hospital pharmacist. In 2007 she graduated with an MSC from the University of London and now works as a lecturer and also as a HIV/AIDS worker in Jordan.

She has been an active member of the Focolare movement since 1998.

She says: "Politics is one of my passions due to the Middle East crisis but my other great passion is Tango dancing which I am learning!"

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