



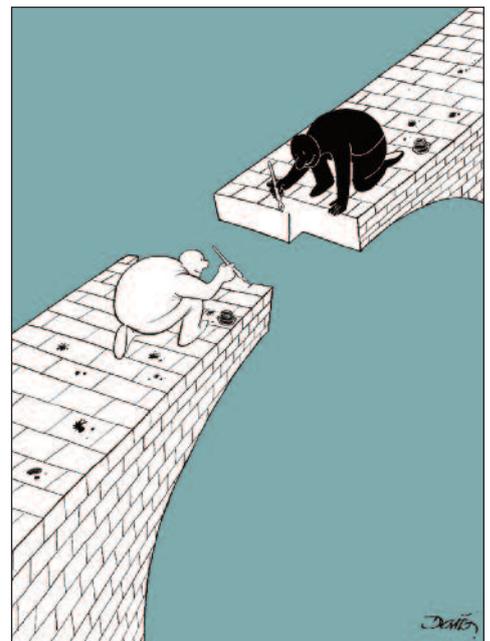
# UK Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum (FBFF)

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**Dear Friend,**

Another productive summer for the Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum saw the Cartooning in Conflict exhibition on display at the Edinburgh Festival. The exhibition was supported by the Scottish Palestinian Forum and Christian Aid, and accompanied by Seham Ikhlalay Abu Awwad and Robi Damelin. They gave a talk at St John's Church in Edinburgh, and at a joint event organised by the Orthodox and Liberal Jewish communities in the town.

We want to wish our Muslim friends Ramadam Kareem, and our Jewish friends a Happy New Year. We hope that the future will bring vision and energy that will lead us all closer to peace. In the meantime we are busy planning and preparing for another tour of members of the Forum to the UK in November (see below).



**We have a special request for you:**

Due to growth in the scope of our activities we are in the process of reorganising and formalising our contact database. As part of this process we would appreciate it if you could find the time to send the following details back to us by email so we can ensure our data is accurate. Thank you for your help in this.

Title

First name

Family name

Address (including postcode)

Preferred email address (if not the one we are using)

Home telephone

Mobile phone

If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. If you have any special skill to offer, please indicate this.

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## Events

At the beginning of November, a special ceremony will take place at the House of Lords, when the Parents Circle-Families Forum will receive the 2010 Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award, given annually to an outstanding organisation or individual for their work to promote peace and non-violence in the world. Robi Damelin and Ali Abu Awwad will receive the prize on behalf of the Forum.

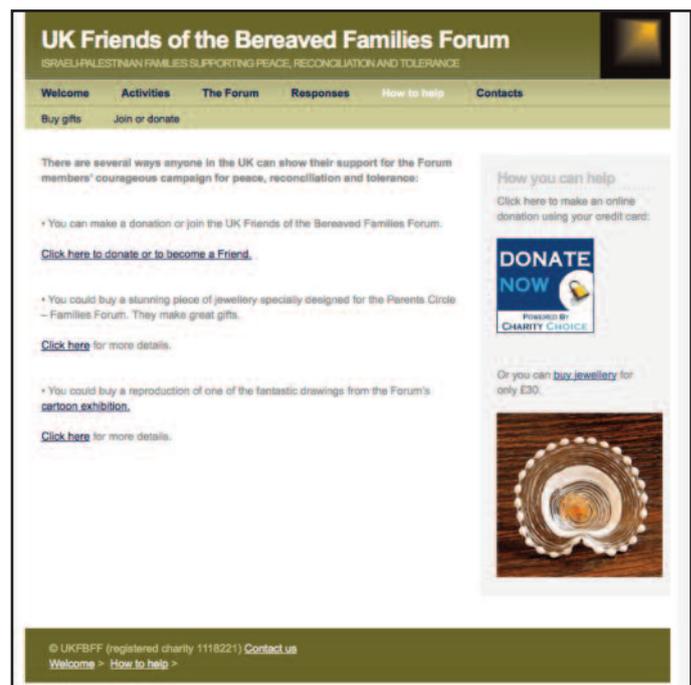
Some of the other events planned for that week include:

- ◆ A campus tour to Manchester, Nottingham and Birmingham, in response to students from those universities approaching FBFF to help counter extremism on campuses. Jewish and Muslim students are co-hosting and supporting those meetings.
- ◆ An exhibition at the South Bank Centre of poetry written on paper jointly produced by Palestinian and Israeli members of the Forum.
- ◆ A fund-raising dinner in a school in Salisbury – an initiative of two teenagers who met members of the Forum while on their school trip to the Middle-East.
- ◆ Meeting with Christian clergy in Manchester.
- ◆ Meeting with Muslim students in London.

Please look at our website for more details nearer the time

## You can help

You can help the Forum to continue its amazing work by supporting us through the website. You can purchase the new jewellery designed and produced specially for the Forum, make a donation on-line or become a member or renew your annual membership (which costs just £20): go to <http://www.familiesforum.co.uk/page9/page9.html>



Please catch up with the news of the Parents Circle-Families Forum by reading their website – <http://www.theparentscircle.org/News.asp>

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