

WFWP Birmingham, UK: Healing Our Broken World - *The Voice of Faith*

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How moving to have over 7 different faiths represented in one gathering in the name of bringing healing to this world.

We had a full house of about 90 people gathered this weekend to hear several talks on the topic of 'Healing our Broken World - The Voice of Faith,' recognising the importance of Interfaith Harmony Week at a time of great challenge in our troubled world.



The interfaith speakers were: Nila (Hindu) a social worker, Shari (Christian) working with refugees and asylum seekers, Rev. Marcia (Christian) a Prison Chaplain, and finally Reem (Muslim) from Gaza who spoke about the resilience of the people there, and how their faith in God allows so many of them to deal with the terrible reality of their desperate circumstances.

One theme throughout all the talks was the need for us to be HEALED in order to become healers ourselves, and to find our true value through the love we receive - from God as a person of faith or from our family and friends.

There was time for sharing from the floor, a beautiful song, prayers from seven different faith traditions, and then a poignant few minutes of candle-lit silent reflection.

Afterwards, we enjoyed food and refreshments together, making and renewing friendships, and everyone left with a positive feeling of hope for the future.

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