



# Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Onyx Link Foundation's quarterly newsletter.

## Editors Note



After being hunkered down in hibernation for the last few months, the promise of Spring inspires me to get my hands dirty in the garden and my hair swept in the sea breeze.

We can't stop those April showers from pouring, but we can provide you with some fresh

and exciting news. In this edition, our Research Manager will be under the spotlight, we'll introduce you to the newest member of the IT department and we'll be sharing some BIG news with you! So, stop doing your spring cleaning and put your feet up with our Spring edition.

*Jen Bass*

Editor

# BIG NEWS!

## Faith & Citizenship Conference 2019

We are **ticked pink** (delighted) to confirm that we're hosting another conference and we're really excited to tell you all about it! Taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, the conference theme this year is 'Faith & Citizenship - From our shared values to our shared citizenship'.

The research department of the OLF conducted a theoretical survey on citizenship as a concept and its implementation in the relationship between the state and people.

Here are the most important conclusions of this survey: Citizenship is a partnership between the State and the Citizens; but the definitions of the partners, their duties, and responsibilities are not yet common knowledge. However, throughout history, citizenship has maintained strong ethical links to justice, democracy, and liberty, which are, in part, established and regulated by the constitution and law of the state. This may raise a question about the basis of the person's commitment to be a 'good citizen'.



Above, a reminder of how successful our 2018 conference was. Seven faith leaders came together to share their views on 'One Humanity, Morality and Home; Earth.'

This conference may facilitate the above debate from a faith perspective: How the concepts of justice, democracy, and liberty may be redefined/reformed to facilitate peaceful coexistence, equality, and engagement for all communities across Wales and how a person's faith or morality may shape their conduct as good citizens in society. This will be discussed on faith-based contributions by faith leaders/experts.



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## Do you want to know more about our Research Manager? Professor Asim Ahmed goes under the spotlight...

**Q.** What's the best part of your job?

**A.** Knowing that I am working towards making this world a happier place for all of its inhabitants.

**Q.** What are your hopes for the future of the Onyx Link Foundation?

**A.** I am sure that the OLF will have a positive visible influence on the future of this world through its world view and the hard work that is being carried out to achieve its aspirations.

**Q.** What makes you happy?

**A.** Feeling that I am working to bring happiness to others



## Faith & Citizenship Conference - Behind the scenes

### Speakers Pre-Conference Meeting



As part of the Faith & Citizenship Conference plans, we met with some of the faith representatives who spoke at our previous conference.

Last year's conference was a great success and we recognised that it was our honorable

speakers and representatives that made it so.

During our meeting, it was clear that the speakers were onboard with the conference theme and they shared their thoughts and contributed some great ideas about what should be included in our plans.

It's a great feeling to know that a whole year has passed, and the faith leaders are still participating and supporting the work that we do. We really appreciate everything that they are doing to help us find unity between faith and non-faith communities.

We're on the lookout for some feedback from our readers about the content of our newsletters.



Do you have a question or a view you would like to share with our readers? Would you like to see a different layout? Let us know about what you'd like to see more of by emailing your ideas to [info@onyxlinkfoundation.org](mailto:info@onyxlinkfoundation.org) We'd really love to hear from you.

## Our volunteer steps onto the employment ladder.



Mohamed Yousif has been volunteering with us in the IT department since last year. He has proven himself as a great asset to our team and now joins us as one of our IT Advisors.

Mohamed (or Nero as he's also known) graduated with a BSc in Networks and Information Security in 2018.

He is now in the process of completing a Masters in information Technology Management.



You could say that Mohamed knows a thing or two about computers, which is good news for us, as the next few months are looking really busy!

We're lucky that Mohamed is able to work with us in between his studies and we wish him well with both!

