

Newsletter

Hello Readers,

And a very warm welcome to the Summer edition of the Onyx Link Foundation's quarterly newsletter.

Editor's Note...

There's something about Summer that I absolutely love. Maybe it's the feelings of optimism and hope that it seems to bring. In this newsletter, we'd like to share our positive, feel good Summer vibes with you.

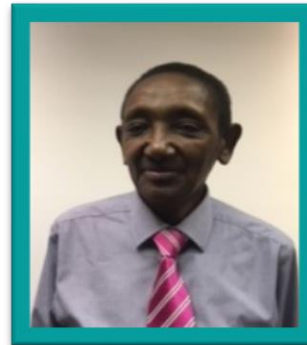


'What's in this edition?' Well, for the most part, this issue is dedicated to the OLF Conference that we held on the 10th May. However, we'll also be introducing you to the newest member of the Onyx team, as well as meeting Hager Jacka, our Volunteer, who will be 'Under the spotlight'. So, slather on the sunscreen, sit back in your sandals and relax with our Summer edition.

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Jen Buss
Editor

We'd like to give a very warm welcome to our newest member of the OLF, Professor Asim Ahmed.



Professor Asim joins the OLF as our Research Manager.

Professor Asim graduated from the University of Khartoum gaining a B.Sc. (Honours) in Statistics. He

then went on to study in the University of London, gaining a M.Sc. in Operational Research. He finally concluded his studies by completing a Ph.D. in Computer Simulation.

Following on from his studies, Professor Asim has held several highly regarded professions, such as University Professor, Dean of Faculty and Dean of Scientific Research. He is reputable author, having written several researches & publications.

We would just like to say, 'Welcome to the team Professor Asim'.



Wales Interfaith Conference

We've been talking about plans for our Wales Interfaith Conference since last year.



Well, on the 10th May, it finally happened and what a great success!

It was the first interfaith conference we had to organise, thanks to the Awards for All Wales Lottery fund. Our plans came together, the delegates turned up, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We've had some wonderful feedback from both speakers and delegates alike.



The conference was hosted by our Chair and Operations Director, Dr Abdalla Yassin Mohamed, OBE. The conference opened with a message of support from the First Minister of Wales, Rt. Hon Carwyn Jones AM, which was kindly delivered by Mr Paul Dear, Head of Equality, Welsh Government. It was such an honour and a delight to have received such generous words of support from the First Minister.

We also had the honour and pleasure of being joined by 7 faith leaders who gave their perspectives on one Humanity, Morality, and our home Earth, thus making the conference a great success. Not only that but they also verified their commitment to the Interfaith work of the OLF by signing the Declaration of the 'Wales Interfaith Conference'. We'd like to give a special thanks and appreciation to the faith representatives.



We'd especially like to thank our conference volunteers who worked really hard on the day. They made everyone feel welcome and comfortable - They all deserve a gold star!

We're excited to tell you more about the conference, so we'll be issuing a special Conference Publication (and it's free!). Can't wait until then? Why not watch the conference by visiting <http://tiny.cc/onyxlinkfoundation>

Under the Spotlight in this edition is our volunteer, Hager Jacksa. Hager always brings a bit of sunshine to our office.

Q. How long have you been volunteering at the OLF?

A. I have been volunteering with Onyx for more than a year now and find the work fascinating.

Q. What's your favourite thing about volunteering with Onyx?

A. My favourite experience as a volunteer with Onyx is being part of a wider community which includes diversity in religions, cultures, and beliefs.



Q. If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why?

A. If I could be an animal for one day I would be a dolphin. I would try to save human life when they were in danger. Dolphins are extremely intelligent and have their own language. They are amazing animals.

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