



RISING GLOBAL PEACE FORUM

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**RISING - from a once war-torn city, a
commitment to build a global peace**

Inspired and supported by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, RISING Global Peace Forum began in 2015 through a founding partnership between Coventry University, Coventry Cathedral and Coventry City Council. As the UK's city of Peace and Reconciliation, Coventry is uniquely placed to demonstrate both the catastrophic consequences of conflict and also the transformative power of peace.



In January, RISING - through the University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations - nominated Angela Merkel for the Nobel Peace Prize.

It was the first time the city had been partner to a nomination, which was made all the more significant as the ceremony took place in a building damaged during the Second World War.

“The world should come to Coventry and see what you have achieved”

Rt Hon Gordon Brown



Honest. Open. Impactful.

RISING's aim is to create a space 'where great minds inform and inspire to promote a more peaceful, hopeful world.' Central to this aim is the commitment to build an environment where great minds - from active global citizens and peace practitioners to professional diplomats and academics right through to world leaders - can come together around a common cause: provoking peace.

Coventry has repeatedly flown in the face of supposed self-interest and has a track record of taking in refugees. From sheltering European children during the Second World War to providing sanctuary for more Syrian refugees than the rest of the country combined - as well as the Yazidi schoolgirl who spoke at RISING 15 and who now calls Coventry 'home' - the city prides itself on welcoming those fleeing violence and RISING has become the embodiment of that spirit.

**Complex stories,
simply told**

RISING Global Peace Forum will grow, just as the city has from its legacy, and become the truly global forum that can combine great ideas and inspiration for peace: The Davos for Peace.

By bringing in voices of experience from conflict zones and enabling members of the public to learn about the issues from first-hand survivors, RISING Global Peace Forum ignites debate, challenges assumptions and lends moral authority to calls to action. There is no other forum that combines the personal with the political to identify positive, practical solutions.

At a time when global security dominates the political agenda, public concerns mount and nations risk looking ever inward, there has never been a more critical moment for a global peace forum that unites great minds to rise up and provoke peace.

**Join us at RISING 16 on 15-16
November and help us build
that movement.**



**Archbishop
Desmond Tutu**
Our patron



Rozin Hanjool
Yazidi schoolgirl
Escaped ISIS



Terry Waite CBE
British captive
held in Lebanon

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RISING 16

15 - 16 November 2016

Blowback - exploring the consequences of action and inaction in responding to violence and conflict

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