

Inauguration - Unity in Diversity Peace Garden Nashville, TN, USA



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The inauguration of the Unity in Diversity Peace Garden at Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville last week brought a deep sense of satisfaction and reward as it acknowledged the efforts of a hard-working community moving towards greater intercultural and interfaith understanding.

The youth-lead project spearheaded by Kiran Thawardas and co-organising partner Marie Campbell, adds hope for a better world, builds bridges across cultures and religions, and stands to strengthen grassroots community engagement and capacity.

“The journey towards the inauguration of this Unity in Diversity Peace Garden has been incredible; the reception and support of Unity in Diversity’s mission on our local scale has brought me great optimism towards a better future where different cultures can thrive together internationally.”

GDF's CEO remarked, "When I first met Kiran in India several years ago, he said, "Mr. Gorgievski I'm interested in Unity in Diversity. I'd like to help the Global Dialogue Foundation and also my community in Nashville, TN. Today, we are not only celebrating a beautiful Peace Garden, but also celebrating youth like Kiran taking on leadership and responsibility for improving the world."

Working in the framework of activities connected to the UN Alliance of Civilizations, civil society in Nashville joins efforts to anchor the mission of the Alliance in communities around the world.

As the rate of migration and cultural diversification continues to increase, community projects such as Unity in Diversity Peace Gardens and others, are increasingly regarded as essential for building inclusive and sustainable societies. They are vital for the last stretch towards the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) and the post 2015 development agenda.

The Global Dialogue Foundation expresses its appreciation to the Thawardas family, SAGE Foundation, Franklin Road Academy Centre of Philanthropy, the Scarritt Bennett Centre, all donors, volunteers and everyone involved in creating a beautiful inaugural Unity in Diversity Peace Garden.

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