

Press Release

**CHARITY CAMPAIGNING TO MAKE JULY 7TH “NATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE”**

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With the approach of Easter which celebrates the overcoming of loss, Tolerance International-UK has launched a petition to persuade the government to commemorate July 7th as the “National Day of Tolerance.”

In commemoration of the 52 people who lost their lives and the hundreds of victims of the July 7th bombings, the petition aims to endorse a message of hope for the future, a fitting memorial to all victims of extremism and as a step to turn the worst into the best.

The charity is supported by members of parliament, academics and religious communities. As part of this campaign Tolerance International-UK is holding an event on the 7th of July 2007 entitled ‘The Silent Voice of Islam: A message of Peace and Tolerance,’ celebrating the positive aspects of Islam. This event will also be the official launch of the new direction of the charity in its engagement programme with the young. The pilot scheme for this programme began at a school in the Tower Hamlets borough which is set to conclude on Wednesday the 23rd April.

The charity’s efforts in promoting peaceful co-existence and providing practical support is hoped to be marked by July 7th when it is made National Tolerance Day.

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Notes to editors

The petition can be found at [www.toleranceinternational.org.uk](http://www.toleranceinternational.org.uk)

Tolerance International-UK is a registered charity set up to provide relief to victims of intolerance and extremism worldwide. Its community programs in the UK are directed towards the young by engaging with them on issues which might prompt extremism.

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