

## **William Say 1952-2022**

William Say joined UNA as part of its youth council in the 1970s. He served as a member of UNA-UK Board and is a former LASER Vice Chair.

He believed passionately in the work of the United Nations and never lost his conviction that the ideals and principles on which the UN was founded would eventually prevail.

William was for many years Secretary of UNA's prestigious Economic and Social Advisory Committee (ECOSA) and worked closely, and could hold his own, with development experts such as Dame Judith Hart, Anila Graham, Prof Sir Hans Singer, Prof Richard Hiscocks, Gill MacKilligan, and Benny Dembitzer.

Well-travelled, he joined a WFUNA delegation to Moscow at the height of the Cold War, visited North Korea and, as one of his friends noted he was "the only person I know in Britain who had been to Inuvik, and the Mackenzie River delta – where that great river meets the Arctic Ocean."

A kind man with a big heart and a lot of fun to be with, William was a journalist by profession. He took a genuine interest in the world and we all benefited from his insights, knowledge and wisdom.

I am enormously grateful for William's loyal friendship over 35 years. He always kept busy and engaged. One of his last acts was to queue all night with his beloved wife Kirsten to witness the late Queen's lying in state.