



## **Partnerships for UNA Branches**

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UNA branches have a remarkable asset, the UN symbol, respected everywhere. Those we approach to cooperate in projects welcome that opportunity. So, feel confident in your own proposals.

For Westminster UNA, all successes have depended on partnerships. Our annual ceremony to mark the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, a UN initiative that surely none have ever questioned, has gathered strength through others wanting to associate with it. We now work closely with the government, the military and police and many embassies, all grown from a simple idea, one that can be followed by any UNA branch. Start just with a prayer at the war memorial. Lay a wreath, either supplied by the Royal British Legion (RBL) or, better, one without poppies as peacekeeping has no link with Flanders fields. Invite the RBL, the church and the local council, all then comprising the partnership you need.

And rather than holding another branch meeting, consider initiating a different type of event, maybe an annual lecture, held jointly with a university, VI Form college or similar. By sharing the decision-making process, the job is made easier and others truly welcome their link with the UN symbol with pride.

Westminster UNA has been financially fortunate, able to risk ambitious projects. These are all chronicled on our news pages going back a decade. But all UNA branches have their own history, in reports and in the minutes. Looking back should make you feel proud. It is a noble role we have all chosen to take up. Whatever the news on the day, that UN symbol we carry with us is universally respected. Carry it with pride and encourage others to join you.