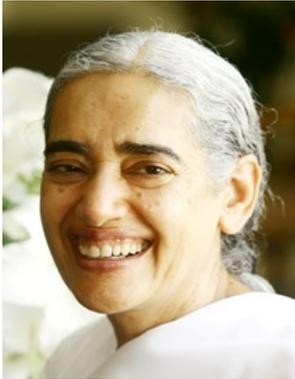


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Sister Jayanti Kirpalani, UK

Additional Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris

Main representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UN, Geneva

Sister Jayanti is also the Director of Brahma Kumaris activities in Europe and the Middle East. As a spiritual teacher for over 50 years, she has dedicated her life to self-transformation and service to humanity. Since 2009, she has led the Brahma Kumaris delegation to the UN Climate Change Conferences and spoken on many international platforms about spiritual perspectives on the environmental crisis. She continues to champion the co-operative role of spiritual organisations in creating a just and peaceful world, bringing spiritual principles to the discussion tables of nearly every stakeholder of our times. Sister Jayanti sees the erosion of spiritual values as the underlying cause of the crises the world is facing today.



Golo J. Pilz, Germany/India

Advisor on Renewable Energy

Golo Pilz of German origin has practised Raja Yoga meditation since 1984. He lives most of the year at the main campus of the Brahma Kumaris in Mount Abu, India. Since the early 90s, he has established the Brahma Kumaris as one of the major users of renewable energies in India. Recently, Golo has directed the construction of India One, a 1MW solar thermal power plant. This innovative R&D project was partly sponsored by the German (BMUB/GIZ) and Indian Governments (MNRE). Golo advocates sustainable solutions through an ethical and value-based approach. He is an experienced presenter and participates regularly in UN Climate Conferences.



Sonja Ohlsson, Denmark

Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC

International Coordinator BK Environment Initiative

Sonja is the director of Brahma Kumaris in Denmark and has practised raja yoga meditation since 1986. She is a meditation teacher with the Prison service in Copenhagen. In 2009 she was instrumental in developing BK Environment initiative in order to meet the need for a higher environmental awareness within the international BK community and to add the inner dimension to the discussions at the UN climate change and biodiversity conferences, plus to the UN Environment Assembly.



Valérie Bernard, Switzerland/France

NGO Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UN, Geneva

As an NGO Representative of the Brahma Kumaris to the UN, Geneva, Valérie has had an interest in spirituality all her life and has been practising Raja Yoga meditation since 1986. She is actively involved, in raising public awareness about climate change within the interfaith movement at the COPs being part of the Interfaith Liaison Committee with the UNFCCC and at the United Nations in Geneva. She has been involved in the ecological movement since Rio 1992, promoting sustainable development and the ethical and human rights aspects of climate change. She is dedicated to raising awareness to advance the standing of women, promote sustaining practices with the environment and through interfaith gatherings, broaden cultural understanding. She has lived and worked in over six countries, including Costa Rica, France, Switzerland and Chile and continues to build bridges of understanding between cultures.

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Carolin Fraude, Germany **Coordinator of Brahma Kumaris Center in Berlin**

Carolin works for the transdisciplinary research group AMA (A Mindset for the Anthropocene) at the IASS Potsdam. She holds a Diploma in Education Science and studied philosophy, social science and psychology at the FU Berlin. Her research interests include design of processes and spaces engaging with people's beliefs, values, worldviews, emotions and motivations, understood as leverage points for transformation towards a sustainable society. Since 1998 Carolin has taught Raja Yoga meditation. She co-leads the BK Center in Berlin and coordinates BK activities nationally. Since 2013 she has been part of delegations to the UNFCCC and the Commission on the Status of Women.



Shantanu Mandal, India **Youth representative of the BK to UN Environment Program** **Major Group for Children and Youth**

Shantanu lives within the community of Brahma Kumaris Spiritual headquarters, Mt. Abu, India and has practiced Raja Yoga for 20 years. He has a background in fashion design and holds a second bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. He has been part of the Conference of Youth(COY) conferences since 2015 and is member of YOUNGO, the official youth constituency of UNFCCC. Additionally he was a key member in the Youth Forum at the UN Convention on Combating Desertification in 2019 and is a mentor in the Climate Ambassadors Program of Care about Climate organisation. His main interest lies in exploring how the values of benevolence and compassion can reflect in the environmental work and holistic activism. *"Simplicity is Kindness"*.



Maureen Goodman, UK **Programme Director for the Brahma Kumaris, UK** **BK representative at the UN, Vienna**

Maureen has a deep interest in exploring the spiritual and ethical dimensions of climate change, the nature of harmony, and the connection between our inner state of being and the state of our Earth. She has presented at major environmental events including on 'The Ethical Dimension' as part of 'A Negotiator's tool-kit' at the COP Conference in Bonn. She has a long term involvement in inter-religious dialogue nationally and internationally and currently represents the Brahma Kumaris on the Board of Religious Leaders of the Elijah Interfaith Institute and The Peace Pledge to Live Loving-Kindness & Compassion. Maureen is part of the Strategic Circle of the Spirit of Humanity Forum. Hosted by the City of Reykjavik, the Forum creates a safe space for self-exploration and dialogue among leaders to discover new ways to move forward, based on deep human values.

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Maria Faundez, UK
Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

Maria Faundez, a British citizen of Chilean origin, is the coordinator of Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative in London, which aims to create greater environmental awareness in the Brahma Kumaris community. In 2019 she attended the Bonn Climate Change Conference and participated in the COP25 Civil Society events in Chile. Maria works with local and international environment groups contributing to environmental events and networking with faith-based communities.



Ruth Liddle, UK
Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

Ruth is a professional educator with experience teaching in schools and universities in UK, Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea. As a trainer for Living Values Education, she promoted the development of values-based learning communities leading trainings for parents, caregivers and educators in Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Ruth attended COP17, the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban and COP11, the 2012 Hyderabad Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Her interest is in building the capacity of people, especially women, to thrive in the face of the climate crisis and serve their families and communities as leaders of change.

Brahma Kumaris Glasgow COP26 Team

Inner Space Glasgow has organised a series of events for Glasgow's Green Year 2015 to promote its drive to become one of the most sustainable cities in Europe and help make Glasgow a Dear Greener Place. Now active for COP26.



Rose Goodenough co-ordinates Inner Space Meditation Centre in Glasgow and has been practising and teaching meditation since the early 1980s. She has a wealth of wisdom and a talent for sharing practical empowering insights in an accessible manner. Rose is a self-trained artist who has designed many visionary images of hope to inspire action to create a cleaner, greener and kinder world.



Marilyn Gordon organises and facilitates events at Inner Space Meditation Centre in Glasgow. She has been practising and teaching meditation since 1996. Marilyn works as a Leader of Learning with Glasgow City Council Education Services & is a trained school teacher. Her role as an educator enables her to promote wellbeing at all ages and she believes this is crucial to ensuring a more positive sustainable future.



Barry Jareckyj is retired and lives in Linlithgow and has practised meditation since 1988. He taught Positive Thinking for many years and was invited to participate in the Future of Power event in Nepal. During his military and civilian working career Barry taught Avionics in the airforce, and held management and senior management positions in Retail, Leisure, Jewellery and a Charity for disabled children.