

GRESHMA PIOUS RAJU

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Interfaith dialogue and peacebuilding professional with over seven years of progressively responsible experience supporting multi-stakeholder engagement, community diplomacy, and international cooperation. Strong background in inter-faith and intercultural dialogue, global program coordination, conference organisation, and policy-relevant peacebuilding initiatives. Experienced in working across regions and cultures, aligning grassroots engagement with institutional and parliamentary priorities.

EDUCATION

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India, February 2020
Master of Arts in **English**

United Nations- Mandated University For Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica, July 2019
Master of Arts in **International Peace Studies**

University of Kerala, Kerala, India, April 2016
Bachelor of Arts in **English Language and Literature**

EXPERIENCE

Community and Fellowship Manager, Our Kids' Climate, July 2024- Present

- Coordinate and administer an international fellowship program, including monthly global meetings, training sessions, mentoring opportunities, and community-building activities.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for fellows, trainers, and partners across multiple regions.
- Facilitate cross-cultural dialogue and collaboration among participants from the Global South and Global North.
- Manage program records, coordination processes, and internal alignment within a small global team.

Founder and Director, Ecopeace Teen Cafe, Independent Project, January 2021 - Present

- Developed, and implemented multilingual climate and peace education programs in English, Spanish and French for young people in Asia, Latin America and Africa.
- Coordinated and administered the Ecopeace Training programs like Rivers for Future, Ecopeace Youth Talk, Ecopeace Open Cafe and Global Volunteer Programs, including planning and organizing monthly training sessions, check-in meetings, volunteer cafes and mentoring opportunities.
- Organized and facilitated in-person training programs on climate action for young people.
- Collaborated with international organisations, civil society organizations, faith-based communities, peace educators, artists and human rights activists.
- Implemented programs most cost-effectively and reached 500 beneficiaries directly.
- Hosted 100 global online events on peacebuilding, interfaith dialogues and environmental education.
- Coordinated outreach, and selection process of participants
- Proficient in writing proposals, budgets, minutes, reports, and monitoring and evaluation.
- Developed ecopeacecafe.com using WordPress.
- Prepared social media branding and handled communication.
- Maintaining regular communication with volunteers and project partners using Zoom meetings and emails
- Associated with Religions for Peace UK and implemented **Project UKIYN EcoPeace Cafe**
- Organised, coordinated and facilitated 16 training sessions for young people in the UK.
- Prepared toolkit and information kit on how to lead a sustainable lifestyle.
- Designed peace education programs for young people consists of 16 webinars.
- Prepared videos, and communication materials for the UKIYN EcoPeace Cafe program.
- Strengthened monitoring and evaluation interviews and surveys to track progress and learning.

VOLUNTEERING

Global Council Trustee, United Religions Initiative, USA, September 2024 - Present

- Serve as a **member of the Global Council**, the organisation's governing body, providing strategic, fiduciary, and policy oversight in line with organisational bylaws and principles.
- Act as **Secretary to the Regional Support and Coordination Committee (RSCC)**, supporting coordination and oversight across multiple regional governance functions.
- Coordinate meetings, prepare agendas, document proceedings, and track decisions and follow-up actions to ensure effective governance and accountability.
- Facilitate communication and alignment between regional leadership, subcommittees, and global governance structures.
- Maintain official governance records, reports, and documentation in accordance with organisational policies and compliance standards.
- Serve as a member of the **Financial Committee**, contributing to financial oversight, budget-related discussions, and institutional accountability.
- Serve as a member of the **HR Compliance Committee**, supporting adherence to human resources policies, ethical standards, and organisational compliance requirements.
- Contribute to cross-committee collaboration to strengthen organisational effectiveness, transparency, and policy coherence across regions.

PRESENTATIONS

FAITH PAVILION, UAE COP 28, *Dubai*, December 8, 2023

[Religion, Youth and Environment: A Global Response through Local Action](#)

G20 INTERFAITH FORUM 2023, Pune, India, September 7, 2023

[Climate Change](#)

G20 INTERFAITH FORUM 2023, Pune, India, September 7, 2023

[World Youth Peace Dialogue](#)

UBIQUITY UNIVERSITY, HUMANITY RISING, USA, July 24, 2023

[Ecopeace Teen Cafe: Towards Peace through Climate Action](#)

RELIGION FOR PEACE AND MANRESA CITY COUNCIL, *Spain*, November 27-30, 2022

[At a Crossroads: An Intergenerational and Multireligious Response to the Social and Environmental Crises](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, *Australia*, November 18, 2021

Environmental Peacebuilding: Prospects for Asia-Pacific Region (Online)

WORKS FEATURED ON

Small Acts of Compassion Lead to Big Changes - Euphrates Institute

<https://www.euphrates.org/peace-leaders/2022/5/24/small-acts-of-compassion-lead-to-big-change>

Religion for Peace Interfaith Youth Climate Forum

<https://rfp-iyfc.blogspot.com/2023/02/ecopeace-teen-cafe-inclusive-dialogue.html>

A Compassionate Dialogue to Change the World for Generations to Come - The Pollination Project

<https://thepollinationproject.org/a-compassionate-dialogue-to-change-the-world-for-generations-to-come/>

Interview at Workmob

<https://stories.workmob.com/greshma-raju-social-work>