



Dear Conference Committee,

On behalf of the UNA UK Board of Trustees, I am writing to thank you for the excellent Members' Conference this year, and the valuable report that you have produced as a result.

Your report was circulated to the Board, which discussed its recommendations. We were glad to do so with the participation of your chair, Hana Shono, whom we welcomed as a Trustee at that meeting. I am writing to respond to the four key recommendations based on the discussions at the Conference. I am happy that I was able to listen to the discussions there, along with a number of other Trustees and our new Chief Executive, Jane Kinninmont, even before she had taken up her appointment.

Firstly, we hear and appreciate your request for enhanced communications between members, the staff team and the Board, and we will be happy to work on this through a variety of channels:

- A new UNA-UK website will be launched later this year which will provide more visibility and updates on the activities of UNA Groups as well as on staff activities.
- We will encourage the participation of the Chair, Vice-Chair and other Board members besides the elected Trustees, as well as the Chief Executive and staff team, in quarterly Groups' meetings.
- We will also review the format of our newsletters to see where improvements may be made.
- We will encourage those members who are active on social media to follow UNA-UK on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and our relatively new Bluesky account.

Secondly, we discussed positively your call for an annual conference rather than a bi-annual one, and to provide funding for this. We will consider this as we develop the strategy and budget for the 2026-2030 period.

Thirdly, we welcome the good work done by the UNA-LASER group working on the Accountable Veto Resolution, which we were glad to see that David Cheesman recently presented at a Basel Peace Office event. The Trustees are now developing the next UNA-UK strategy with our new Chief Executive, and will consult further on how we can take forward issues of reform of the Security Council, including the veto. In the meantime, the staff team will continue to follow the progress of this particular area of advocacy, offering support where capacity allows.

Fourthly, we strongly agree with your recommendation that UNA-UK should develop a clear and compelling youth engagement strategy. It is central to the UN's mandate to protect the interests of future generations, and we will ensure that youth engagement is a central part of the organisational strategy that we are developing for the coming years.

We will be seeking the views of UNA groups and members as part of the process of developing our strategy. Thank you for the thoughtful contributions and ideas, which are very helpful.

With best wishes,

Ian Martin
Chair, Board of Trustees.