

## Peace Education Program Offered to all Londoners Over 14 Years Old to Help Tackle Violent Crime



### Press Release

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- Prem Rawat's [Peace Education Program](#), currently used in prisons in the UK and across the world, offered to Londoners over 14 years of age for first time
- Announcement comes as Prem Rawat, Pastor Lorraine Jones and Dwaynatics host event in Lambeth Community College as part of #peaceispossible campaign
- Last week, street artist Eine painted Prem Rawat's timeless message *Peace is Possible* in Shoreditch, E1

The [Peace Education Program](#), developed by the global peace ambassador Prem Rawat, will be made available to all Londoners over the age of 14 as a way of helping tackle the rise of violent crime across the capital. The program, first devised to help rehabilitate convicted prisoners, will be rolled out in partnership with London community centres, activists, schools and youth clubs.



Prem Rawat's [Peace Education Program](#) is currently in use in UK prisons, including HM Prison Leeds, Doncaster and Thameside, helping prisoners discover inner resources and access to personal peace and to reduce the chances of reoffending. The program has also run successfully in post-conflict zones such as [Colombia](#), [Soweto in South Africa](#), and [East Timor](#).

In addition to prisons, the Peace Education Program has been rolled out in schools, community centres and hospitals across the world. In Colombia, the Vice-President of the country has asked for the roll out of the peace program to be extended to all military and police personnel, their families, and to all ex-combatants on both sides of one of the longest civil wars in history.



Prem Rawat's announcement comes as London experiences a surge in violent crime. In 2018 alone, 37 people have died from stabbings to date, with a total of 62 murders reported. In the

previous year, Metropolitan Police records revealed 37,443 recorded knife offences and 6,694 recorded gun offences across the UK up to September 2017.

The Peace Education Program rollout was announced at an event on Sunday evening at Lambeth Community College with Prem Rawat and Pastor Lorraine Jones, whose son Dwayne Simpson was stabbed to death in 2014. The evening was organised by Dwaynamics (a fitness and boxing club founded by Pastor Lorraine Jones in Angell Town, Lambeth) and Celebrate Life Events, in collaboration with Lambeth Police Community Partnerships.

Guests including the Jamaican High Commissioner and the Mayor of Lambeth, were treated to a range of entertainment from local young talent through music, dance and the spoken word. The evening was part of Prem Rawat's #peaceispossible campaign and followed famous graffiti artist, Ben Eine, painting Prem Rawat's timeless message across the walls of Shoreditch



House on Ebor Street, Shoreditch last weekend.

**Prem Rawat, global peace ambassador, said:** *"I'd like to thank Pastor Jones for inviting me to her Seeds of Peace event. Bringing together communities affected by youth violence is an important part of the healing process that comes with experiencing violent crime. That's why I've decided to make my Peace Education Program available to all young Londoners and remind them that peace is possible. If the initiative is able to make a difference in post-conflict zones such as Colombia and South Africa, then I have hope that it can have a positive impact on the streets of London too."*



**Pastor Lorraine Jones, founder of Dwaynemics and community campaigner, said:** *“We have to work together to stop our kids being killed. It’s very easy to abandon hope. But there is hope, and the good work that we’ve been able to do through Dwaynemics is evidence of that. The rippling effects of knife-crime on a community are devastating. With #peaceispossible and the Peace Education Program, we hope to turn that pain into power, healing communities who are blighted by youth violence and inspiring the next generation with messages of peace and positivity.”*

**About [Prem Rawat](#):**

Prem Rawat, 60, began addressing audiences as a young child in his native India over 50 years ago. Since then he has addressed over 15 million people at live events all around the world and his peace programme is taught in over 80 countries. He has dedicated his life to spreading a message of peace and self-discovery; a journey that has led to him speaking at the European Parliament, the United Nations, the UK Parliament, and the Italian Senate, as well as leading Universities and business forums.

In 2012, he was awarded the Asia Pacific Brands Foundation’s Brand Laureate Lifetime Achievement award, awarded to only four others including Nelson Mandela and Hillary Clinton.