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Orchards for Peace and Prosperity

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This conference will look at how trees have come to influence the fundamentals of social process and how controlling trees that provide people with a living affects survival, empowerment and political participation.

In Israel and Palestine, the olive tree symbolises both the potential for reconciliation and the means to control livelihoods. In India, experience shows that making sure the people retain control of seeds, biodiversity and traditional knowledge generates livelihoods and promotes economic and social independence. In Africa, trees are used in conflict resolution and reconciliation processes and are integral to livelihoods through the reversal of deforestation and desertification. In Afghanistan, farmers are replacing poppy growing with pomegranate cultivation as a means of recreating the legal economic self-sufficiency taken from them by war and conflict.

Speakers:

Dr Vandana Shiva

Navdanya/RFSTE, India

Keynote Address: *Defending nature's rights and people's rights*

Matthew Taylor

Chief Executive of the RSA

Chair

Professor Andrew Rigby

Centre for Peace and Reconciliation,
Coventry University

Trees and movements for non-violent change

Professor Shaul Cohen

Peace Studies Program,
University of Oregon, USA

The Politics of Planting: *The Palestinian-Israeli example*

Dr Mark Johnston MBE

Myerscough College

&

Lia Shimada

University College London

Trees and the Troubles

James Brett

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Recreating self-sufficiency after the devastation of war and conflict: *The case of the Afghan pomegranate*

Dr Carol Rank

Centre for Peace and Reconciliation,
Coventry University

African Peace Trees

Dr Marwan Darweish

Centre for Peace and Reconciliation,
Coventry University

Trees and the peace process: *Symbols of social and economic control in Palestine*

Speakers and order may vary

