



## Religious Tolerance through Arts

She Makes Everything Beautiful by Wagma Feroz (Pakistan) was **awarded the grand prize in the 2021 Religious Freedom Film Competition.**

In She Makes Everything Beautiful, Wagma, a Muslim, tells the true story of Sonia, a Christian, who has found employment and acceptance in a multi-faith salon in Swat, Pakistan. The Muslim owner of the salon intentionally hires religious minority women knowing they are discriminated against and often cannot find work. This thriving salon dares to overcome cultural and religious divides to make all things beautiful.

Watch This <https://vimeo.com/571625818>

## Call for Inputs: The place of the human rights of minorities in the institutions, structures and initiatives of the United Nations

The APPG has prepared a submission for the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Dr. Fernand de Varennes report to be presented to the 77th session of the General Assembly. The deadline for submissions is 24 June.

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/calls-input/call-inputs-place-human-rights-minorities-institutions-structures-and>



## Unequal Citizens – Fact Finding Report Ministers.

An excellent report was lunched recently by the National Commission for Human Rights,...

...highlighting the massively disproportionate number of minority members working in the sewers or as lavatory cleaners, and sweepers. It was further pointed out that nearly half of the posts reserved for religious minorities in government jobs remain vacant and even with the posts that are filled, 80 per cent of non-Muslims are employed to carry out jobs for which they are paid less.

The APPG has raised parliamentary questions and brought it to the attention of the FCDO Ministers. <https://www.nchr.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Minority-Report-compressed.pdf>

## APPG Members Meeting with Education Experts in Pakistan

Mr. Peter Jacob, Chairperson Centre for Social Justice, Professor Anjum James Paul, Chairperson Pakistan Minorities Teachers Association and Col (R) Azim Ilyas, Chairperson, Education Board, Lahore Diocese, Church of Pakistan, held an online meeting on 14 June with the APPG members, to brief them about the latest minorities education issues in Pakistan. The APPG Secretariat will produce a paper highlighting the concerns raised, for discussion with the FCDO Ministers.



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