



All-Party Parliamentary Group for  
the Pakistani Minorities



## APPG for Pakistani Minorities AGM

The following officers were elected:

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| Chair:      | Jim Shannon | Co-Chair:   | Lord Alton  |
| Vice Chair: | Steve Reed  | Vice-Chair: | Lord Singh  |
| Secretary:  | Martyn Day  | Treasurer:  | Fiona Bruce |

A huge thank you to all the parliamentary officers from both Houses and different political parties, who voluntarily give their time and efforts to help and be a voice for the marginalised and poor minorities of Pakistan. Without their commitment and passion, the APPG will cease to exist.

## Annual Report 2021

It was mentioned that despite the Covid-19 restrictions, quite a few activities were still undertaken including holding the APPG Inquiry into forced conversions and forced marriages of minority girls and women in Pakistan. Some meetings were also held including a meeting with the Governor of Punjab.

## Plan of Work 2022

The plans for the year were discussed including:

- a visit to Pakistan by the parliamentarians,
- the Jinnah Award for Religious Tolerance,
- APPG plans for the 2022 Ministerial conference on FoRB, regular meetings with the British and Pakistani officials.
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The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office will host the international Ministerial Conference to promote freedom of religion or belief this summer (5 -6 July) in London

The 2022 Ministerial is a forum for world leaders, ministers and policymakers of governments around the world, that will be hosted by the UK in July 2022. Leading up to the Ministerial, organisations in the FoRB sector will run 100 FoRB focussed events across the UK, as part of FoRB Fringe. These fringe events and the Ministerial Conference will have a special focus on protecting at-risk religious or belief communities.

The APPG is planning to hold two side events at the QE Conference Hall.

1. Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages of Young Minority Girls in Pakistan
2. Discrimination and Challenges Faced by the Minorities Students and Teachers in the education system in Pakistan

The events in QE Conference hall will not be open to general public but it will provide the APPG with a golden opportunity to lobby and influence the policy makers, from around the world.