

Announcement

We are delighted to announce the election of the following individuals to:

UWC Red Cross Nordic's Board:



Jan Björkman is a social democratic politician from Sweden. He was Member of the Swedish Parliament from 1988 to 2010, representing the County of Blekinge. For most of these years, Jan was a central member of the Education Committee. From 2006 to 2010, he was First Vice Speaker of the Swedish Parliament. He has been a member of the UWC RCN's Council from 2012 to 2016 and now takes up the position of Swedish representative on the College's Board.



Laila Bokhari has been State Secretary for the Prime Minister of Norway since October 2013. Her portfolio includes foreign and security policy, justice and emergency preparedness. Laila is a political scientist and a researcher on political violence, terrorism and radicalization; she was a member of the 22 July Commission of Norway. She has held a diplomatic posting at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, and completed the senior management course at the Norwegian Defence Academy in spring 2013. Born in the UK of a Norwegian mother and Pakistani father, her childhood was spent between Norway, Pakistan and the UK. Laila and her brother also oversee the running of a school for girls in Pakistan - this school is something she cares deeply about and provides a strong link with one of her most valued causes, the global right to education.

UWC Red Cross Nordic's Council:



Teresita Alvares Bjelland: having been the President of the Harvard Alumni Association, Teresita has a unique experience when it comes to networking and alumni fundraising, a new strategic area for UWC RCN. Teresita has taken interest in our alumni at occasions such as Partnership for Change and knows the College well through interviewing our students who have applied to Harvard. She is currently a member of the Harvard Global Advisory Council. She has an international background (Cuba born and a naturalized US citizen) and has been based in Norway for 25 years – she has lived and worked in Spain, Denmark and England in addition to Norway and the US. She will bring much relevant competence and experience for our Council.



Zhe Wang Gresvig is an alumna (SOS Children's Villages in China) of UWC RCN. She currently lives in London, working for an NGO (Save the Children). Her husband Haakon is the son of Tom Gresvig, one of the founders of UWC RCN. With her skills, affinity to the College and the Gresvig heritage, Zhe will be a definite asset to our Council.

Arne Osland / Larry Lamont

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