

Zoya Phan - Campaigns Manager - Burma Campaign UK

Zoya is one of the leading Burmese democracy activists in Europe. She has met with former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, several senior government ministers, the leader of the Conservative Party, now Prime Minister, David Cameron, and other senior politicians from around the world, to urge them to take action on Burma. She regularly features in national and international media including BBC, CNN, Sky, ABC and Al Jazeera.

Zoya is from the Karen ethnic group in Burma. When she was 14 Burmese army soldiers attacked her village, and she and her family were forced to flee. They hid in the jungle for weeks before finding their way to a refugee camp in Thailand. She is now a refugee living in London.

In 2008 Zoya Phan and her family founded the Phan Foundation, which provides aid for the Karen people, protects Karen culture and promotes human rights.

She is also chair of the European Karen Network, which brings together Karen people across Europe, and she is also on the board of Austria Burma Center, and advisor of the Karen Community Association UK. She is a fellow of TEDGlobal 2009, Rising Talent for Women's Forum 2009 and a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Her autobiography is published as 'Undaunted' in the USA, and 'Little Daughter' in the rest of the world.

You can view Zoya Phan's speech to the Conservative Party on the Burma Campaign UK YouTube Channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WW4fd8pUbIM>
There is also a short documentary about Zoya made by Al Jazeera at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8anTN3D0xY&feature=related>

Mark Farmaner – Director – Burma Campaign UK

Mark Farmaner has been involved in advocacy for human rights, development and the environment for twenty-four years.

He is Director of Burma Campaign UK, where he has worked for 13 years. He has visited Burma thirteen times, including ethnic border areas such as Kachin, Karen and Shan states, which are conflict zones.

Mark is an acknowledged expert on Burma, invited by governments, universities and NGOs to speak at conferences and seminars worldwide. He has held meetings on Burma with Prime Ministers, Foreign Ministers or diplomats from more than 20 countries, and has given evidence on Burma to the British, Swedish, Estonian, Italian, Greek and European Parliaments.

He is also a regular media commentator on Burma, appearing on the BBC, CNN, Al Jazeera, ABC, France 24 and many others. His photographs on Burma have been published in The Independent, Sunday Times, and BBC among others.