



MMM England

MMM England, as yet a small association, is the UK branch of MMM. The President is Nicola Crierie and the Treasurer is Jill Donnelly (MMM Vice-President).

MMM England is run by volunteers who believe that Mothers have the greatest influence in the earliest years of a child's life: they shape in their children the values and attitudes the child takes into adolescence and adulthood, the values and attitudes which become those of their community, of society as a whole and which ultimately affect the way in which our country is judged by the world. There is no 'job' which has more impact on the future – but it is a demanding 'job'!

In an ideal world, mother and father work together to bring up their children, but the reality for many mothers is that they alone take on the responsibility for the family, often while having a full-time commitment in the workplace – MMM England aims to enable mothers to cope better with all their responsibilities, for the benefit of the family and society as a whole.

Aims

- Educate mothers – and future mothers - to recognise and understand the importance of their role in shaping the values and attitudes of their children
- Enable mothers to develop their skills, to realise their aspirations and to fulfil more effectively all their responsibilities: family, professional, social and civic
- Enable mothers to work for peace and human security – in the home and in the community
- Raise awareness of the social and economic importance and value of a mother's role in the family, in her community and in society as a whole
- Fight against all forms of violence, exclusion, discrimination and exploitation towards mothers and children

Activities

- Develop an English-language version of the MMM Mothers' Workshops to:
 - ✓ Build the confidence, awareness and skills of mothers so that they may deal more effectively with the everyday issues of raising their children and ensure the wellbeing of all family members in a happy, stable home
 - ✓ Educate mothers and future mothers to enable them to ensure peace in their home and in their community
 - ✓ Create a support network to benefit mothers in need



MMM England founder member, Danielle, combines motherhood with her work for our association – attending MMM 60th Anniversary Congress, Paris and working on awareness- and fund-raising activities, too!

- Conferences, presentations, dinners and discussion groups to raise awareness of the importance of a mother’s social and economic role and to – hopefully – encourage improvements to policies affecting families. A mother’s unpaid work in the home – including care of children, the disabled and the elderly – is undervalued and underestimated. On a social level, children brought up with respect for themselves and others become well-balanced adults who benefit society by preventing violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination both in the home and in the community. On an economic level, one way of estimating the monetary value of unpaid work in the home is as a saving in government expenditure on, for example:
 - Childcare, institutional care and care in later life
 - Policing and prison costs incurred through delinquency, violence and criminality
 - Health care - physical and mental – for those abused, addicted and vulnerable to exploitation.



MMM England hosts the seminar:



Powerpoint presentation to the U3A - Jill Donnelly

A Secure Society for the 21st century – Why Mothers Matter - UK Defence Academy - MMM AGM 2008

- Attending relevant conferences and actively supporting MMM International and its work for mothers
- Research – members of MMM England undertake research/studies leading to recommendations in response to requests from mothers (bullying in schools), MMM International and members or partner organisations (The Institute for Statecraft) on issues, such as, ways of preventing violent extremism, projects to ensure mothers have a voice in future discussions for peace in Syria, or mothers have an input into reforms in Ukraine....



NATO-funded 4-day Advanced Research Workshop organised by Jill Donnelly of MMM England with MMM members brought together specialists from 19 countries to identify ways to help children overcome trauma caused by the violence of terrorism and armed conflict – as the result of a request from MMM Serbia - outcome publication available on main MMM website. Slovak Republic (Photo MMM France)

- Encouraging policies and practices to give women a free choice of fulltime motherhood or full- or part-time work outside the home
- Translating MMM international documents, members' information etc. from the original French as our contribution to the MMM Members' Network and to informing and educating mothers
- Practical activities for partner organisations (Active Change Foundation, Lotus Life, El Khoei Foundation – the aim of these activities is to enable young Muslim women – future mothers - to build their confidence and broaden their outlook with a view to preventing violent extremism in their communities) – presentations, 'adventure activities'



ACF – on top of the world in the Lake District



Al Khoei Foundation at the Kendal Climbing Wall – building confidence and broadening the outlook of future mothers