



AMSS UK 2013 Building Bridges Award has been Awarded to **Rt Rev Bishop Desmond Tutu**

The Award is being presented in recognition of Bishop Tutu's

sustained and courageous efforts to promote peace, harmony and goodwill, both locally and internationally, for passionately championing the cause of human rights across the world, and for working tirelessly towards realizing a climate of reconciliation and social cohesion for all, uplifting the human spirit and infusing it with dignity and hope.

The AMSS UK presents two annual Awards which are given to either one or two recipients: the Building Bridges Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award was inaugurated in 2000 and the Building Bridges Award in 2002. These have been introduced to recognise and highlight the outstanding achievements of individuals/organizations who have made a significant contribution either to their field of expertise, or to the promotion of social harmony, to inter-cultural and interfaith dialogue or to Islamic thought.

Previous distinguished recipients of the Building Bridges Award:

Charles Le Gai Eaton (2002), Karen Armstrong (2003), the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams (2005), HE Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey and HE Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero of Spain (2006), A Common Word (2008), the British Council's 'Our Shared Europe' Project and '1001 Inventions: Muslim Heritage in Our World' (2009), Professor Jack Goody (2011), Professor Nabil Matar (2012).