

Ruth Scott is a facilitator, mediator and broadcaster. She works primarily in the field of conflict transformation. Her third book, *Give a Boy a Gun*, written with its subject, Alistair Little, a Loyalist ex-paramilitary, explores the factors drawing a person into violence, and from violence into peace-building. She continues to work with different groups dealing with the legacy of violent conflict in Northern Ireland, including cross-community women's groups in the interface areas, and ex-combatants.



She runs a workshop, *Women Together, Standing Tall* for survivors of sexual violence, most recently in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for women raped as a weapon of war, and is regularly in Egypt. As a Churchill Fellow, Ruth spent time in 2009 in Israel and the West Bank researching transformative relationships across that conflict divide.

She was on the Design and Facilitator Teams running the series of Shared Conversations across the Church of England around issues of human sexuality, and works as a mediator in a variety of conflicts, within and beyond the Church.

She presented Pause for Thought on Radio 2's *Wake up to Wogan* show for 15 years and continues with his successor, Chris Evans. She is a regular contributor to Radio 2's *Good Morning Sunday*. She has written material for BBC Radios 2, 4 and World Service for many years, including drama.

Her fourth, and most recent book is called, *The Power of Imperfection*. She runs workshops for hospices and members of the Armed Forces on living and working with human failure.

She was among the first women ordained as priests in the Church of England in 1994, and has an MA in Systematic Theology. She became a member of the Quakers in 2014.

She leads retreats around the UK, using silence, words, music, art, and meditative liturgy to explore various aspects of faith and spirituality.

She is a consultant at Wellington College, Berkshire, and has worked in the state school system as a Chaplain.

She does after-dinner talks and lectures on a number of subjects. She is a Fellow of the RSA.

She loves swimming, cycling and running, going to the theatre, reading and listening to the radio. She is married to Chris and has two children, Freya and Tian. In her spare time she eats fire.