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Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala
 former UN Under-Secretary General

**“Connecting Inconvenient Truths:
 The Urgency of Nuclear Disarmament
 in a World of Pressing Problems”**

Royal Society, Tuesday, 1 December 2009
 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



The event was chaired by Baroness Williams of Crosby
 A special advisor to the Prime Minister

With a welcome from Lord Rees of Ludlow
 President of the Royal Society

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Dhanapala linked the need to free resources for environmental and humanitarian challenges with the urgency of a nuclear-weapons-free world. He discussed the need to build dialogue across political, economic and religious divides as preconditions for creating a more peaceful and prosperous world community.

The event was sponsored by the President of the Royal Society and Trustees of the Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation, with the support of the Association of Charitable Foundations



*Bevis Gillett, Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation and John Finney, British Pugwash
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