

# The Inter Faith Network

for the  
United Kingdom



Working for  
inter faith  
cooperation and  
understanding

Our vision is of a society where there is understanding of the diversity and richness of the faith communities in the UK and the contribution that they make; and where we live and work together with mutual respect and shared commitment to the common good



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The Inter Faith Network promotes good relations between people of different faiths. It works with its member bodies and others to deepen and extend the inter faith understanding, respect and cooperation that is ever more important in the UK today.

To do so it:

- encourages and supports the growth and development of inter faith initiatives at all levels, from grassroots to national;
- produces practical resources for inter faith engagement and shares good practice;
- works for greater public knowledge and mutual understanding of the teachings, traditions and practices of the different faith communities in Britain;
- provides a forum for national faith community bodies to come together in focused dialogue;
- facilitates engagement between faith communities and Government and public agencies;
- runs a trusted information and advice service;
- leads on national Inter Faith Week; and
- runs special focus programmes highlighting key topics, such as young people’s inter faith engagement.

A list of IFN member bodies can be seen at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/members/list>

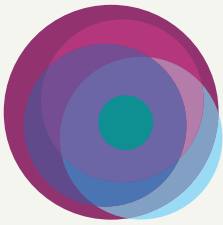


**“The Inter Faith Network’s work makes a vital contribution to inter faith understanding and cooperation for the common good.” – Canon Hilary Barber and Narendra Waghela, IFN Co-Chairs**



**“The Inter Faith Network for the UK provides a uniquely important forum in which religious communities and inter faith groups can both meet together and engage with wider society.” – The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**

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# Inter Faith Week

The Inter Faith Network for the UK leads on Inter Faith Week which takes place each November; this is its biggest work programme.

Inter Faith Week brings learning about and between different faiths and beliefs and inter faith encounter into the mainstream of everyday life – faith groups, schools, colleges and universities, workplaces, hospitals, sports clubs, local community organisations, police, youth organisations and many more get involved.

The aims of Inter Faith Week are to:

- strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels;
- increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK; and
- increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

The Week is a fantastic opportunity for people to mix, learn and make new links and friendships. Thousands of people of all ages take part in activities ranging from dialogues to social action projects and arts and cultural festivals. IFN runs a dedicated website for Inter Faith Week: [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org).

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Scottish Interfaith Week, which inspired the Week, is led by Interfaith Scotland [www.scottishinterfaithweek.org](http://www.scottishinterfaithweek.org).



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# Help strengthen inter faith understanding and cooperation

Interested to get involved and make a difference? You could join your nearest local inter faith organisation (list at: [www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/groups](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/groups)) or national inter faith initiative; take part through your faith group, if you are part of one; or take part in other ways that the IFN office will be happy to let you know about.

## IFN membership

IFN links in membership a wide range of national faith community representative bodies; national, regional and local inter faith organisations; and educational and academic bodies with an inter faith interest. Membership of IFN is a way for organisations to play an active role in its work and to benefit from being part of this major network. For more information visit [www.interfaith.org.uk/membership](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/membership).

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## Support our vital work

Please consider a gift to support our vital work to strengthen and develop good inter faith relations in the UK: [www.interfaith.org.uk/donate](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/donate).

The gift of time is also very welcome. For information about volunteering, see [www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/vacancies/volunteering](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/vacancies/volunteering).

*Thank you!*

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8. Plymouth Mayor, councillors and faith leaders
9. St Mary the Virgin Church/Merchant Seafarers Association/Muslim friends, Cardiff
10. Laxton Junior, Oundle, Mandir visit
11. York Interfaith tree planting

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