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## **FAITH AND PUBLIC LIFE UPDATES**

### **Faith and inter faith responses to events in France and elsewhere**

Attacks in a number of places around the world have continued to reverberate here.

A copy of the statement made by IFN's Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs in response to the Bastille Day attack in Nice on 14 July can be seen at <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/statements-and-messages/387-bastille-day-attack-in-nice>. Many faith and inter faith groups in the UK responded to that attack and also to the murder of Fr Jacques Hamel, a Catholic Priest, during Mass in Normandy on 26 July. A number of the responses to the attack on Fr Hamel, including a message to member bodies from IFN's Co-Chairs, can be found at <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/news>.

In the context of such impacts and also other recent events, the All Party Parliamentary Group of Faith and Society issued, in July, a 'Statement of Hope'. This can be found at <http://www.faithandsociety.org/news/2016/07/statement-of-hope/>.

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### **Continuing work with refugees**

The Government has launched a new scheme under which community and faith groups will be able to sponsor Syrian refugee families who are being resettled in the UK. Further information about this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/community-sponsorship-scheme-launched-for-refugees-in-the-uk>. The scheme was launched by the Home Secretary and the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace in July. Guidance for prospective sponsors can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/538794/Full-Community-Sponsorship-guidance-for-prospective-sponsors.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/538794/Full-Community-Sponsorship-guidance-for-prospective-sponsors.pdf).

An online service has also been set up by the Government at <https://www.gov.uk/help-refugees>. This enables people to note any support that they are able to provide to refugees, such as housing, fostering or donations of goods such as clothes and toys. It is initially being piloted in 9 local authorities and has been designed to enable local

authorities to specify the type of donations they most require to support refugees in their area.

Faith and inter faith groups around the country are continuing to work to support refugees through projects, such as the Cooking Together initiative in Nottingham. This is a programme of the Rainbow Project, funded by a grant from Near Neighbours, which is aimed at improving self-confidence, employability and health and wellbeing. The initiative provides refugees and asylum-seekers with Level 2 Food Safety training as well as healthy cooking skills and nutritional and healthy eating advice. Upon completion of the training, participants are offered work experience in preparing, cooking and facilitating weekly meals at various kitchens and communities across the city. More information can be found at <http://www.nottinghampost.com/cooking-up-a-future-for-nottingham-s-asylum-seekers-and-refugees/story-29655727-detail/story.html#AILRkJeeTFW6EUFr.99>

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### **New Communities Minister with responsibility for faith**

In July Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government, in place of Baroness Williams of Trafford who has now moved to a role in the Home Office.

Lord Bourne is now the Minister responsible for faith and integration and community cohesion. At the beginning of August he visited a number of places of worship in London including Acton Masjid, the Shree Ram Mandir in Southall, Hampstead Synagogue, St James' Church in Hampstead, Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Acton, the Buddhist Society, the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Southall, the Jain Temple at Potters Bar and the Zoroastrian Centre in Harrow. Lord Bourne wrote about these visits and the urgency of increasing religious understanding and respect on his blog at <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/my-faith-tour-day/>.

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### **Commission on RE**

The Religious Education Council for England and Wales launched an independent Commission on RE on 8 July.

The Commission has a remit to review the legal, education and policy frameworks for religious education in all primary schools, secondary schools and further education colleges in England. Its tasks are to:

- consider the nature, purposes, and scope of religious education;
- identify the enabling factors that currently promote high quality RE, and the barriers that currently limit it;

- identify what changes are needed to ensure the highest quality provision of RE; and
- ensure that recommendations focus on realistic and specific proposals aimed at both immediate and long-term implementation in the context of continuing educational reform.

Further information about the Commission, including its members, can be found at <http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/commission-on-re/news/2016-07-08/commission-on-re-press-release>.

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### **APPG report on Improving Religious Literacy**

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Religious Education published in July a report entitled 'Improving Religious Literacy: A Contribution to the Debate'. This was the fruit of its inquiry over 5 months which received evidence from teachers, academics, faith groups, faith leaders and other individuals.

The APPG's next event in the Autumn, entitled 'From Improving to Including: Mainstreaming Religious Literacy', will celebrate the launch of the report and will also seek to look forward by discussing the next steps for Parliament, Government, civil society and the RE community in improving religious literacy.

A digital copy of the full report and a summary can be accessed at [http://www.fionabruce.mp/resources/APPG-on-RE-%E2%80%93-Improving-Religious-Literacy-\(full-report\).pdf](http://www.fionabruce.mp/resources/APPG-on-RE-%E2%80%93-Improving-Religious-Literacy-(full-report).pdf) and [www.fionabruce.mp/resources/Summary.pdf](http://www.fionabruce.mp/resources/Summary.pdf).

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### **Report on Public Faith and Finance**

The Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship and Public Spirit, both at the University of Bristol, have, with the support of the Barrow Cadbury Trust, published a report entitled 'Public Faith and Finance: Faith Responses to the Financial Crisis'.

The report is based on research carried out by Dr Therese O'Toole and Dr Ekaterina Braginskaia. It considers how, in a context of welfare cuts and what it describes as increasing financial exclusion, faith organisations are plugging the gaps and also setting out alternative and often innovative approaches to welfare and economic justice.

The report can be downloaded at <http://www.publicspirit.org.uk/assets/PubFaithFin-Report-Final.pdf> and a summary at <http://www.publicspirit.org.uk/assets/PubFaithFin-Summary.pdf>.

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## **Home Affairs Committee inquiry into hate crime**

The Home Affairs Select Committee is accepting written submissions for its inquiry into ‘Hate crimes and its violent consequences’ until September 1, 2016. The inquiry will assess “how well the current system of prevention and prosecution is functioning, the influence of the internet and the role of community and mental health services.”

Further information and submission instructions can be found at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry7/>

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## **Equality and Human Rights Commission research reports**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has published two new research reports (numbers 101 and 102). The first, ‘Prejudice and Unlawful Behaviour: Exploring Levers for Change’, has chapters on each of the different protected characteristics, as well as a section on ‘intersectionalities’. The section on Religion and Belief (chapter 6) makes a number of observations about the nature of prejudice and its relationships with behaviour. It also notes that “interventions focusing on education through [inter-religion] contact may provide a means of reducing prejudice and discrimination based on religion.” The full report can be found at

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/research-report-101-prejudice-and-unlawful-behaviour.pdf>

The second, ‘Causes and Motivations of Hate Crime’, draws on evidence to explore the causes and motivations of Hate Crime linked to the five protected characteristics currently protected by hate crime law. It can be found at

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/research-report-102-causes-and-motivations-of-hate-crime.pdf>

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## **Race Equality Foundation report calling for national strategy on race and religious hate crime**

The Race Equality Foundation has published a report calling for a national strategy to address rising race and religious hate crime in the aftermath of hate crimes following the EU Referendum. The report can be found at

<http://www.raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/resources/downloads/calling-national-strategy-race-and-religious-hate-crime-england-wales> and a supporting infographic at [http://www.raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/Infographic%20-%20Racist%20and%20religiously%20motivated%20incidents%20and%20hate%20crimes\\_0.pdf](http://www.raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/Infographic%20-%20Racist%20and%20religiously%20motivated%20incidents%20and%20hate%20crimes_0.pdf)

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### **Home Affairs Committee report on radicalisation**

The House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee has published a report on ‘Radicalisation: the counter-narrative and identifying the tipping point’. The report, which awaits Government response, comes out of the Committee’s counter extremism inquiry. The Report makes wide-ranging recommendations concerning Government policy, policing and security services, the role of media and technology companies. It raises concerns about a number of specific policy areas, including Prevent. The report can be found at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/135/135.pdf>

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### **IFN meeting for local inter faith practitioners**

IFN held a day event for local inter faith practitioners in Coventry on 28 July. This event was for practitioners from local inter faith groups anywhere in the UK to share their experiences, discuss issues of common interest and concern and have focused learning opportunities about practical aspects of developing successful inter faith programmes.

Mehru Fitter MBE, of Coventry Multi Faith Forum, welcomed participants to Coventry. The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson OBE, Co-Chair of IFN, spoke about how local inter faith organisations are a vital resource in our communities; Narendra Waghela of Leicester Council of Faiths and an IFN Trustee gave a picture of how Leicester came together in the days following the EU Referendum outcome; Sally Sealey OBE, Senior Policy Adviser on Hate Crime, Integration and Faith Directorate, Department for Communities and Local Government, spoke about how local inter faith groups can respond to tensions and hate crime and encourage unity; Mohamed Omar, Project Officer at Interfaith Glasgow gave an overview of the Weekend Club set up by Interfaith Glasgow as their response to the social isolation experienced by asylum seekers, refugees and new migrants; and Rabbi Dr Robert Ash from Preston Faiths Forum talked about how the Forum had been using week long programmes for Inter Faith Week and other routes to expand involvement in inter faith activity in Preston. Reflections on themes of the day were offered by the Revd Andy

Williams of Faiths Network For Manchester, Sean Finlay of Wisbech Interfaith Forum and Jaskiran Kaur Mehmi of Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship.

Six workshops took place during the day, with participants each taking part in two of these. The workshop topics were 'Working for united communities - tackling prejudice, tensions and hate crime' with opening reflections from Alistair Beattie and Duncan Struthers of Bristol Multi Faith Forum; 'Working in partnership for the common good' with opening reflections from Dr Peter Rookes of Birmingham Council of Faiths; 'Religious literacy' with opening reflections from Jatinder Singh Birdi of Warwick District Faiths Forum and Pat Stevens of Harrow Interfaith; 'Change and opportunity' with opening reflections from Reynold Rosenberg and Valerie Skottowe of Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group and Canon Andrew Pratt of Lancashire Forum of Faiths. There were also workshops on Social Media run by Social B and on Funding and resourcing by Coventry Voluntary Action.

In 2015 IFN held two day events in Sheffield and London for local inter faith practitioners. Reports from those events can be found at <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/publications/all-publications/all-publications>. A report on the Coventry event is also being produced.

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## **Beaches – safety and attire**

This summer has seen a number of deaths and narrow escapes along Britain's coastline. People from faith groups in urban areas often go for day trips to the beach, either as faith groups or on inter faith outings. The responsibility for safety on individual beaches is devolved to local councils but the NHS has a page on beach safety on its website - <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Healthyholidays/Pages/Beachsafety.aspx> and there are other helpful short guidelines such as <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37152592>.

Beach attire has also been in the news recently with bans in some French cities of the 'burkini'. *The Telegraph* newspaper reported on 26 August that a spokesperson for the Government Equalities Office said: "The Government sees no need for measures restricting what people can wear in public places" and that "We support the rights of individuals in keeping with Britain's tradition of freedom and fairness." The full article can be found at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/26/britain-will-not-introduce-a-ban-on-women-wearing-burkinis-says/>.

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## INTER FAITH PROJECTS, PROGRAMMES AND DEVELOPMENTS

### Inter Faith Week and Scottish Interfaith Week

Inter Faith Week 2016 runs from Sunday 13 to Sunday 20 November.

The activity registration form is now live on the Inter Faith Week website. The map and other event lists will go live soon. If you are holding an activity linked to the Week, please do take a moment to register it on the website: [www.interfaithweek.org/submit](http://www.interfaithweek.org/submit). Registering and including detail about activities helps IFN to give them profile, and also to tell the story of the Week and continue to grow its impact.

You can also connect with the Week on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/IFWeek](http://www.twitter.com/IFWeek) and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IFWeek](http://www.facebook.com/IFWeek). We will be using the hashtag #IFWeek again.

If you are looking for activity ideas, the Inter Faith Week toolkit can be downloaded from [www.interfaithweek.org/toolkit](http://www.interfaithweek.org/toolkit) and hard copies are available on request.

Scottish Interfaith Week will also run from 13 to 20 November. It is led by Interfaith Scotland. Scottish Interfaith Week events will also be listed on the Inter Faith Week website this year. For further information, visit <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/scottish-interfaith-week/>.

As noted [below](#), grants are available for Inter Faith Week projects from the Inter Faith Youth Trust.

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### More Tea Less Hate

Faith and inter faith groups are among those joining in a 'More Tea Less Hate' tea party across the August Bank Holiday Weekend - <https://worryingsigns.com/moretealessate/your-tea-party/>.

Worrying Signs is a group that was set up following the rise in hate crime after the outcome of the EU Referendum. Further information about its work is at <https://worryingsigns.com/>.

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### One World Week

The theme for this year's One World Week is 'Including You – Acting Together for One World in Peace'. It was conceived in response to reactions to terrorist attacks and to the arrival of refugees in Europe over the last couple of years.

The OWW website already has some useful ideas and resources including guidelines for interpreting the theme and ideas on involving some different organisations. There are also copies of the 2016 leaflet and poster.

Further information can be found at [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org) or by emailing [oww@oneworldweek.org](mailto:oww@oneworldweek.org).

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### **FoodCycle faith partners**

FoodCycle is a national charity which takes surplus food from supermarkets and cooks healthy, three-course meals for vulnerable people. For example, it currently runs seven projects in London which have served over 5,000 meals in the last six months to some of London's most vulnerable individuals: those who are homeless, who have mental health issues, are living with HIV or who have disabilities.

A number of its projects are run at or in collaboration with centres of faith. For further information, visit <http://foodcycle.org.uk/get-stuck-in/partner-with-us/> or contact [franchise@foodcycle.org.uk](mailto:franchise@foodcycle.org.uk) or 020 7729 2775.

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### **Big Lunch Extras Community Camp**

Many faith communities and inter faith groups took part in this year's Big Lunch in June. The organisers behind the Lunch know that afterwards many people involved start thinking more about projects or initiatives for helping their local communities or their environment. The Big Lunch is therefore running a Big Lunch Extras Community Camp for three days in Cornwall from 23 to 26 September for people at the start of their journey in setting up a community initiative, and for those who want to take existing projects to the next level. The Camp offers a mix of practical activities, facilitated sessions and networking opportunities with like-minded people.

Applications are currently open for this year's camp. The focus this year will be on food and community. For further information, visit <http://www.biglunchextras.com/events/feeding-community-spirit-future-food-community-0%20>.

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## **Nisa-Nashim**

Nisa-Nashim is a Jewish-Muslim Women's national network, focusing on projects in 4 key areas - business, culture, social action and sports and well-being. Since it began last year, branches have begun in different parts of the UK - <http://www.nisanashim.org/get-involved/local-groups/>.

Events across the Summer have included family picnics, sports tournaments, garden parties and evening walks. As well as the local groups, it is also in the process of launching a group of young professionals in the City of London and a book group. It will be holding its first National Conference on 11 December. The day will feature a range of speakers and workshops and aims to create connections, build confidence and encourage more women to take part. The organisers would be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas for the day or who would like to get involved. For further information, contact [leah.warren@bod.org.uk](mailto:leah.warren@bod.org.uk).

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## **Young Ambassadors for RE**

The Religious Education Council for England and Wales brought together six teams of Young Ambassadors for RE in July to present to a conference on different worldviews they had been researching. A full write-up on the day can be found at <http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/young-ambassadors/news/2016-06-14/young-ambassadors-conference-report-by-amery-hill-school>

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## **Remembering World War One soldiers of all faiths**

Soldiers from many faith backgrounds fought during World War One and a number of initiatives have been set up to profile these during the centenary commemorations.

The India 1914 website is part of the 'Remembering Indian Soldiers' project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the GoldenTours Foundation. The project is looking at Indian soldiers from all communities and regions regardless of their race or religion. One of its primary aims is to share the heritage with the various ethnic communities, in particular with Buddhist, Hindu, Jain and Zoroastrian communities in the UK. In September a symposium took place in the Houses of Parliament entitled 'The Meeting of the Minds – Reconnect', which was attended by academics, presenters, and historians. A further symposium is planned for October. More information about the project can be found at <http://www.india1914.com/>.

The Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental, non-political, non-religious organisation, which "hopes to foster dialogues which are truly transnational, multicultural and interfaith, between peoples of different nations, religions, languages

and identities, with the aim of finding a common humanity based on universal values”. The Foundation has been researching how soldiers from different religious backgrounds fought united, side-by-side during World War One; sharing their experiences in accommodating each other’s cultures, music, gastronomy and religious practices, despite the difficult conditions in the trenches. Further information is at <https://forgottenheroes1419.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/FHF1419/>.

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## RESOURCES AND STUDY/TRAINING

### Religious Literacy

IFN has added a new section to its website, entitled ‘Learning together’, which includes information about the contours of Religious Education provision in the UK, including information about different types of schools and about SACREs. It can be found at <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/uk-activity/learning-together>.

Information about a Religious Literacy Partnership, which was founded last year “to meet the increasing demand for better understanding of religion in the private and public sector and society at large”, can be found at <https://religiousliteracy.org/>.

The Religious Literacy Leadership Programme is a partnership between the Faiths & Civil Society Unit at Goldsmiths, University of London and the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme at the University of Cambridge. It is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Further information can be found at <http://religiousliteracyhe.org/about/#.V3PpfdlrLGI>.

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### Faith Network for Manchester Report

The Faith Network for Manchester (FN4M) has launched a report entitled ‘Understanding Needs and Improving Services for Minority Communities in Manchester’.

The findings of the report covered the following 5 themes: Demographics; Worries and Needs; Demographic Change; Racism; and Barriers to Accessing Services. It concludes with 24 recommendations for Statutory Services, Training and Development, Faith and Voluntary Sector Innovation, FN4M and Further Research. The report is based on the responses of 312 people in to a questionnaire survey carried out last year in partnership with two other organisations, the Women’s Solidarity Forum and Saheli, as part of research towards which FN4M received funding from the Equalities Programme of the City Council. It presents a picture of needs of different communities in Manchester; views on

the City's changing demographic make-up; an understanding of the issues that impact on different groups; and perspectives on why BME women do, or do not, access specialist services. The latter issue will be covered in more detail in a separate report being developed by research partners. It also makes recommendations on improving community relations, with a view to influencing service design and delivery in Manchester City.

Electronic copies of the full report are available on request from Faith Network for Manchester. For further information contact [mail@fn4m.org](mailto:mail@fn4m.org) or telephone 0161 833 8822.

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### **Faith at the end of Life**

Public Health England's resource on 'Faith at the end of Life' aims to help frontline professionals and providers working in community settings and commissioners maintain a holistic approach to the people dying, caring or bereaved.

It provides information to help ensure that commissioning and delivery of services and practice takes account of spiritual needs of six faith groups in England and remains appropriate to the community setting in which they work. The resource can be downloaded at

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/496231/Faith\\_at\\_end\\_of\\_life\\_-\\_a\\_resource.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/496231/Faith_at_end_of_life_-_a_resource.pdf)

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### **Senior Faith Leadership Programme**

The Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme is now accepting applications for its next Senior Faith Leadership Programme, taking place in January 2017. Further information about the programme can be found at

<http://www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/publiceducationprojects/SFLP/sflp>.

The closing date for registrations is 1 November. Guidelines on how to apply can be found at <http://www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/publiceducationprojects/SFLP/Howtoapplyforsflp>.

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### **Prevent Training**

The Multi Faith Centre at the University of Derby is running a series of one day training workshops on the 'Prevent' policy. The workshops are designed for those involved in education, statutory bodies or community and voluntary sector groups. They will explore

questions of risk and threat, vulnerability, susceptibility, safeguarding and the process of radicalisation. There is now a statutory duty attached to Prevent which the training will examine for the benefit of public, private and community and voluntary sectors.

Bookings are now being taken for dates from September through to March. For further information, contact [mfc@derby.ac.uk](mailto:mfc@derby.ac.uk).

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## **CALLS FOR INFORMATION, COMPETITIONS, AND NOMINATIONS**

### **House of Lords Call for Evidence on charity sector sustainability**

In May this year a House of Lords Select Committee on Charities was established to consider issues relating to sustaining the charity sector and the challenges of charity governance. The Select Committee has now published a Call for Evidence.

The Committee is looking to understand the pressures faced across the sector by charities. Recommendations will be made to the UK Government, and to others, which the Committee hopes will help ease these pressures, and make sure that the charitable sector in England and Wales is sustainable for many years to come. The Committee considers sustainability to be charities having the appropriate resources available to them to meet their charitable purposes. As the regulation of charities is a devolved matter in Northern Ireland and Scotland, the Committee will be focusing its inquiry on the experiences of charities in England and Wales. It also, however, wants to learn about the experience of charities in Northern Ireland and Scotland, as well as in other countries.

The inquiry is intended to be an opportunity to engage positively with charities and the voluntary sector. The Committee is looking for examples of best practice, innovation and ideas to bring the sector together to make sure that it can thrive. Further information on the Call for Evidence, including how to respond, can be found at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/charities-committee/news-parliament-2015/call-for-evidence/>. The deadline for responses is 5 September.

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### **FaithAction survey on out of hospital care**

FaithAction is researching the role that the faith sector plays in what the health system calls 'out of hospital care'. This includes every kind of care that takes place outside of hospitals. In particular this means social care or support that takes pressure off hospitals – either because it prevents people from needing hospital care in the first place, or because it supports their transition from hospital to the community. This could be formal

types of care such as residential social care or very informal types of care such as befriending, ‘dementia cafés’ and help with shopping.

For further information and to complete the short survey, contact Faith Action on 0845 094 6350, or email [rodie.garlan@faithaction.net](mailto:rodie.garlan@faithaction.net).

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### **Westminster Community Cohesion Commission**

Westminster City Council has launched a Community Cohesion Commission to better understand cohesion in Westminster and how to address the possible root causes of radicalisation and other related issues. The Commission will be conducting a review of Westminster City Council's and partners' policies and practices relating to community cohesion and a full report on the commission's findings will be published in November.

There is a dedicated public page where anyone can contribute their thoughts and views on community cohesion. This includes space to include stories or examples of work which support community cohesion. This can be found at <https://openforum.westminster.gov.uk/community-cohesion-commission>.

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### **Faith Through a Lens photography competition**

Faith Through a Lens is an annual photography competition, linked to Inter Faith Week, held by Congregational and General Insurance with the Inter Faith Network for the UK and Churches Together in England. It aims to profile the positive effects of faith within a diverse range of communities. The competition encourages amateur photographers from across the UK to capture what faith means to them

The closing date for this year’s entries is 3 October. Entry is only open to amateur photographers and will be judged based on emotional connection, creativity and originality. For further information, visit [www.faiththroughalens.co.uk](http://www.faiththroughalens.co.uk).

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### **The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service**

In 2002, to celebrate HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) was established. The Award acknowledges outstanding work undertaken by voluntary groups in their own communities, recognising commitment, dedication and

unselfishness, resulting in public service for the benefit of others, normally of a social, welfare, economic or environmental nature.

Any UK based group, consisting of two or more volunteers, can be nominated, so long as they have been in existence, carrying out the same voluntary work, for at least three years. The group must be nominated by an external person who has first-hand knowledge of the voluntary organisation and of the beneficial work undertaken; and two other people prepared to support the nomination in writing.

Award recipients are entitled to use the Queen's Award emblem on their website, stationary and other printed material. It is a benchmark of outstanding achievement in the voluntary sector.

Nominations must be submitted online by 30 September in any year for consideration at the next meeting of the Awards Panel. Details, including how to register in order to proceed, can be found at <https://qavs.direct.gov.uk/>.

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## **JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING**

### **Inter Faith Network for the UK - Volunteers and interns**

The Inter Faith Network for the UK has regular volunteering opportunities and occasional internships. Further information about these can be found on IFN's website.

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### **3FF - Internships**

3FF is seeking to recruit six people to its Internship Programme for the following roles: Admin, Operations and Volunteer Management; Intercultural Arts; Education and Schools; Fundraising and Development; Political Leadership (Parliamentors); and Media and Communications.

Further information including how to apply can be found at <http://www.3ff.org.uk/interns/>. The closing time for applications is 9am on 29 August.

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## University of Aberdeen – Student Inter-faith Co-ordinator

The University of Aberdeen is seeking to recruit a part time Student Inter-faith Co-ordinator to work as part of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team. The Student Inter-faith Co-ordinator will work with the different faith societies and faiths represented within the University of Aberdeen community, helping the Multi-faith Chaplaincy to promote and develop good relationships and dialogue between the different faith groups.

Further information including how to apply can be found at <https://www.abdnjobs.co.uk/vacancy/interfaith-coordinator-part-time-273531.html>. The closing date for applications is 7 September.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Inter Faith Week grants

The Interfaith Youth Trust has announced that it will again be making available a special programme of grants for Inter Faith Week this year.

Grants are awarded for proposals “for inter faith activities by children and young people from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and other faiths and those of no formal faith in understanding and co-operation”. The age range for young people is 11-25 years. Priority will be given to projects which:

- Actively involve young people in planning, running, and evaluation of the project.
- Promote positive action, ie young people from different backgrounds coming together to address shared problems like improving green spaces.
- Are run by non-statutory organisations, such as youth clubs, scout/guide groups, local voluntary and community organisations.

Completed applications must be received by email by 9 September.

Further information on eligibility and the application form are online at <http://www.ifyouthtrust.org.uk/>.

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### Near Neighbours grants programme

The Near Neighbours programme offers small grants of between £250 and £5,000, as seed funding for local groups and organisations working to bring together neighbours, and to develop relationships across diverse faiths and ethnicities to improve their communities.

As part of the criteria, projects should:

- Bring together peoples of two or more different faiths and/or ethnicities, to build friendships and develop relationships of trust.
- Work locally. We want to see people who are living very locally (ie in the same street, estate or neighbourhood) come together.
- Work sustainably. We want to see long term and natural relationships grow, that will last beyond the period of funding.
- Work to improve the community. We want to see people working to make their communities a better place to live.
- Involve diverse people in planning and implementation. People from more than one faith group and/or ethnicity are involved in planning and implementing the proposal.

The full criteria, information on areas in which the grants are available and information on how to apply can be found at <http://www.cuf.org.uk/near-neighbours-grants>. For general enquiries, contact [near.neighbours@cuf.org.uk](mailto:near.neighbours@cuf.org.uk).

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## Funding websites

Funding Central - <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx> - is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises in England that provides access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, together with tools and resources for supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

Similar websites for funding in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can be found at Funding Scotland - <http://www.fundingscotland.com/> - Wales Council for Voluntary Action - <http://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/search> - and Grant Tracker for Northern Ireland - <https://www.grant-tracker.org/>.

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## Heritage Lottery Fund grants to commemorate First World War

The Heritage Lottery Fund has made an additional £4million of funding available so that more communities can get involved in projects marking the Centenary of the First World War. Projects applying for funding must be able to meet one of a number of successful outcomes based on heritage, people and communities. Grants can be given between £3,000 and £10,000. There is no current deadline for applications.

Further information can be found at <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/first-world-war-then-and-now>.

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## **Community foundations**

Community foundations are local, grant-making organisations to which local community organisations can apply for funding. There are 48 community foundations in the UK, covering Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England. They provide donors with information about local needs, what groups are tackling which issues, and how donations can be strategic and best support the community. A map of community foundations across the UK and how to contact them, can be found at [http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/community\\_foundations/map](http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/community_foundations/map).

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## **Small Charities Fundraising Training Programme**

The Foundation for Social Improvement is providing free delegate places at fundraising training events for charities throughout 2016. Events are being held in London, Glasgow, Nottingham, Preston and Sheffield. The programme is supported by the Cabinet Office Small Charities Fundraising Training Programme and will provide training opportunities for small charities, from face-to-face training, to intensive one-to-one advice sessions, skilled volunteering matches and webinars. For further information and to sign up for any events, visit <http://www.thefsi.org/services/training/>.

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## **Comic Relief Stronger Communities grants**

Comic Relief's grants programme now has five themes, one of which is 'Stronger Communities'. Grants for the Stronger Communities theme are managed by Local Community Foundations and range in size from £1,000 to £10,000 per year. Priority is given to small, locally-based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs. Anyone wishing to apply for a Local Communities grant should contact their local community foundation. Further details can be found online at [http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/programmes/comic\\_relief/](http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/programmes/comic_relief/).

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## **Transform Foundation**

The Transform Foundation is offering funding to charities to help with new website builds. Grants of £18,000 are available. For further information and to apply, visit [www.transformfoundation.org.uk](http://www.transformfoundation.org.uk).

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## **SUPPORT THE INTER FAITH NETWORK'S WORK TO INCREASE INTER FAITH UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SUPPORT**

We need your help to ensure that the Inter Faith Network for the UK's work to promote inter faith understanding and cooperation continues and grows, helping people of all backgrounds to live and work together with mutual respect and shared commitment to the common good.

Please consider making a gift today to support the work of the Inter Faith Network. Gifts at all levels are valued and make a difference. You can donate by credit card or PayPal online at [www.interfaith.org.uk/donate](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/donate) or by sending a cheque to The Inter Faith Network for the UK, 2 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH.

### **REMEMBERING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND**

From time to time we receive an 'in memoriam' gift after an individual has passed away, funded from a collection following their death or through a donation from their heirs. Such gifts provide a living memorial to a loved one, supporting inter faith understanding in this country – for now and for the future. If you would like to make a gift in memory of a loved one, please get in touch by emailing [remember@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:remember@interfaith.org.uk) or call us on 0207 730 0410.

### **A GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

By leaving a gift in your will to the Inter Faith Network for the UK, you can leave a living inheritance to help deepen and strengthen inter faith understanding and cooperation in this country – for now and for the future. If you are thinking about making a will, the best thing to do is to get in touch with a professional will writer, such as a solicitor or advocate; they can help to ensure it is legally correct and that your wishes are met. If you have already made a will, you can still make an addition or amendment in the form of a codicil. If you would like to pledge a gift, please provide our name and address, along with our registered charity number 1068934.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries. You can call Hannah Cassidy, on 0207 730 0410 or contact us at [remember@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:remember@interfaith.org.uk).

*Thank you!*

## SPECIAL WEEKS/DAYS

**Peace One Day** will take place on 21 September [www.peaceoneday.org](http://www.peaceoneday.org)

**National Hate Crime Awareness Week** will take place from 8 to 15 October  
<http://www.stophateuk.org/hate-crime-awareness-week/>

**Sewa Day** will take place on 16 October [www.sewaday.org](http://www.sewaday.org)

**Week of Prayer for World Peace** will take place from 16 to 23 October  
<http://www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com/>

**One World Week** will take place from Sunday 23 to Sunday 30 October  
[www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

**National Inter Faith Week** in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be an '8 day week' this year taking place from Sunday 13 to Sunday 20 November. See more [above](#).  
[www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)

**Scottish Interfaith Week** will also take place from Sunday 13 to Sunday 20 November  
[www.interfaithscotland.org/scottish-interfaith-week/](http://www.interfaithscotland.org/scottish-interfaith-week/)

**Mitzvah Day** will take place on Sunday 27 November [www.mitzvahday.org.uk/](http://www.mitzvahday.org.uk/)

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## DIARY DATES

This section includes some of the events taking place around the UK. IFN includes information on diary dates between e-bulletins on its website at <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/take-part/events>.

**Barnet Multi Faith Forum** is holding a celebration event with **Barnet Council, Community Barnet, The Unity of Faiths Foundation, Saracens, JVN** and **Groundwork** on Monday 29 August. The event entitled 'Celebration Barnet Unity in the Community' will take place from 12pm to 6pm. There will be a festival of music, dance, sport, food and culture to promote the positive nature of faith organisation belief and practices and an enhanced understanding of Faith in the Community. This will be held at the Allianz Stadium, Greenlands Lane, Hendon, London NW4 1RL. For further information, visit [www.theunityoffaiths.org](http://www.theunityoffaiths.org) or email [info@barnetmultifaithforum.org](mailto:info@barnetmultifaithforum.org).

**South East England Faiths Forum** is holding its AGM and a conference entitled 'Living with Difference – Religion in a Diverse Society' on Thursday 1 September from 10am to 5pm. The conference will be looking at the implications of the Butler-Sloss report on Living with Difference: Community, Diversity and the Common Good. There is a fee to attend. A vegan buffet lunch and refreshments during the day will be provided. For further

information or to register, email [seeffchair@gmail.com](mailto:seeffchair@gmail.com), or call on 01865512126, or visit [www.se-faithforum.net](http://www.se-faithforum.net).

**Interfaith Glasgow** is holding an event on Wednesday 7 September entitled 'Flourishing into the Future'. It will be an evening of inter faith networking, including discussion on the shaping the future of Interfaith Glasgow and brainstorming for Inter Faith Week events. It takes place from 6.00pm to 8.30pm at Flemington House, 2nd Floor, 110 Flemington Street, Glasgow G21 4BF. For further information, contact [development@interfaithglasgow.org](mailto:development@interfaithglasgow.org) or ring 0141 558 0778. Booking is essential at <http://flourishingfuture.eventbrite.com>.

**Norwich InterFaith Link** is holding a talk entitled 'The Kindertransport' on Tuesday 13 September at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Phyllida Scrivens, a Biographer and Freelance writer, who wrote the biography 'Escaping Hitler: A Jewish Boy's Quest for Freedom and His Future'. There is a fee to attend. This is being held at the Martineau Memorial Hall, 21 Colegate, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1BN. For further information, contact Chris on 01603 667314 or visit <http://norwichinterfaith.co.uk/contact.php>.

**Belfast Council of Christians and Jews** is hosting the Fr Gerry Reynolds Memorial Lecture on Wednesday 14 September. The Revd Dr Ken Newell, Bishop Noel Treanor and Rabbi David Singer will be speaking on the theme of 'Reconciliation and Forgiveness'. For details of the timing and location, email [cj.belfast@gmail.com](mailto:cj.belfast@gmail.com).

**Nottingham Inter Faith Council** is holding its AGM on Thursday 15 September. This will be followed by a talk and discussion on 'Faith in Education'. It is being held at 7.15pm at Nottingham Mechanics Institute, South Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. For further information, email [office@interfaithnottingham.org.uk](mailto:office@interfaithnottingham.org.uk).

The **Multi Faith Centre at the University of Derby** is leading a Faith Walk on Saturday 17 September. This will be a morning guided tour of some of the places of worship in Normanton. It begins at 9.45am at the St James's Centre, Malcolm Street, Derby DE23 8LU and ends at 1pm. Places are limited. For further information and to book, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-walk-tickets-26897773966](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-walk-tickets-26897773966).

**St Philip's Centre** is holding a seminar on Saturday 17 September from 9.30am to 4pm on Islam & Christian-Muslim Engagement. The seminar is being led by The Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director of St Philip's Centre, and Mr Dilwar Hussain, Chair of New Horizons in British Islam. Booking is essential as numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are invited to bring in their own lunch. This is being held at St Philip's Centre, 2A Stoughton Drive North, Leicester LE5 5UB. For further information or to register, email [admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk](mailto:admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk) or call 0116 2733459.

**Hertsmere Forum of Faiths** is hosting a Celebration of Faith event on Sunday 18 September. The theme of the event is 'Travelling together in peace' and during the afternoon local faith groups will tell of their religious and spiritual journeys then meet over

refreshments. It takes place from 3pm to 5pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood WD6 1WA.

**Elmbridge Multi Faith Forum** and **Surrey Faith Links** are holding an event entitled 'Faith and Inner Peace' on Monday 19 September at 7pm. The event aims to enable people to learn about faith perspectives on mental health and how faith communities help people suffering from mental health. The speakers are Suzette Jones, Ujala Ilyas, Kruawan Sookcharoen, Jennifer Jankel and Dr Phil Ferreira-Lay. Charities working with people suffering from mental health illnesses who would like a stall are suggested to get in touch. For further information, contact Kauser Akhtar on [Kauser.Akhtar@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Kauser.Akhtar@cofeguildford.org.uk).

**Waltham Forest Faith Communities Forum** is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 September. The Meeting will include guest speakers, Laura Harrison and Hannagh Calpin, who will speak on the theme of 'Resilience'. It takes place from 7.15pm to 9.15pm in the Council Chambers at Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Row, London E17 4JF. For further information, contact the Chair, Canon Steven Saxby, at [chair@faithcommunities.org.uk](mailto:chair@faithcommunities.org.uk).

**Inter Faith North/West** is holding the next in its series of 'Listening and Learning' Open Meeting on Wednesday 21 September. The topic for the meeting is 'The Freedom of Openness: A South African Story of Encountering 'The Other'' and the speakers will be Weiers and Simone Coetser. It takes place from 7pm at The Playhouse, Artillery Street, Londonderry, Northern Ireland BT48 6RG. For further information, contact [info@interfaith-nw.org.uk](mailto:info@interfaith-nw.org.uk).

**Interfaith Wolverhampton** is holding its next AGM on Wednesday 21 September. The speaker will be the Rt Reverend Clive Gregory. This is being held at the Ravidassi Temple and Centre, Dudley Road, Wolverhampton, WV2 3DR. For further information, contact on [admin@ifwton.org.uk](mailto:admin@ifwton.org.uk) or call on 01902 427601.

The **Women's Interfaith Network** is holding a Writer's event on Wednesday 21 September from 6pm to 9pm. The event will open up a conversation facilitated by Shami Chakrabarti, followed by questions from the audience. There are going to be three writers - Bahiyyig Nakhjanvani, an Iranian writer, Elif Safak, a Turkish writer, and Saurav Dutt, a young man born in England but from Bangladeshi parents. The focus of the event will be on the role of women in trying to end conflict and change society. There is a fee to attend and is a ticket only event. This is being held at Berwin Leighton Paisner, Adelaide House, London, EC4R 9HA. To book a ticket, or for further information, visit <https://billetto.co.uk/women-in-conflict-from-a-writers-perspective>.

**Balham and Tooting Community Association** is holding its annual Multi-faith Peace Ceremony on Thursday 22 September from 6pm to 7pm. At the peace prayers, faith and civic leaders gather to pray for peace in the local community and the wider world. The event brings together people from many faiths, civic leaders and the general public in a demonstration of the values of peace and community. It is being held outside Tooting Broadway tube station, Tooting High St, London SW17 0SU. For further information,

contact Andrew Davey on [ap.davey@btinternet.com](mailto:ap.davey@btinternet.com) or Kate Allan on [kateallan00@gmail.com](mailto:kateallan00@gmail.com) or call on 07966 690308.

The **World Congress of Faiths** is marking its 80th Anniversary with an academic conference on 'Religious pluralism and interfaith: learning for the future' to be held on Friday 23 September in Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Discussion will cover themes including the variety of responses to the growth of religious pluralism in the UK and the role of inter faith dialogue in society; and will be led by a range of speakers including: Professor Chris Baker, William Temple Professor of Religion and Public Life, University of Chester; Dr Ankur Barua, Director of Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme; Rabbi Tony Bayfield, Professor of Jewish Theology, Leo Baeck College; Professor Ursula King, interfaith scholar and feminist theologian; and Revd Dr Alan Race, author, theologian and Chair of WCF. For booking forms and enquiries email [jenny@worldfaiths.org](mailto:jenny@worldfaiths.org) or call on 01223 781781; or visit [www.worldfaiths.org/conference-2016](http://www.worldfaiths.org/conference-2016).

**The Nehru Centre** will be holding an event at 6.30pm on Friday 23 September entitled 'Drawing the circles of unity together'. This will be an inter faith discussion about faith, dialogue and the betterment of society and the programme will feature an interactive panel discussion between the Reverend Rana Khan, Dr Wendi Momen, Mr Jasvir Singh and Acharya Modgala Duguid. The Sacred Sounds, an inter faith choir, will perform during the event, which will be presented by poet and playwright Lord Mereworth. The session will be introduced and moderated by Dr Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief at the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. For further information, visit <http://www.nehrucentre.org.uk/events/details/article/drawing-the-circles-of-unity-together-an-interfaith-discussion-about-faith-dialogue-and-the-betterment.html>.

**Crawley Interfaith Network** is holding a talk entitled 'My Faith as a Christian Jew' on Friday 23 September from 7pm to 9pm. The speaker will be Canon Doris Staniford, the first female Church of England priest in Crawley, Chaplain at the Crawley Hospital and St Catherine's Hospice, and Priest at St Albans Church, Gossops Green till 2012. For further information, contact Iyad Daoud on [contact@crawleyinterfaith.net](mailto:contact@crawleyinterfaith.net) or call on 01293 883372.

**Woking People of Faith** is holding an Annual International Day of Peace event on Saturday 24 September from 11am to 12pm. Primary school children will be taking part in a poster or poem competition. This is being held at Mercia Walk, Woking, Surrey GU21 6XS. For further information, contact Garry Shore on [coordinator@wpof.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@wpof.org.uk) or visit [www.wpof.org.uk](http://www.wpof.org.uk).

**Choir of the 21st Century** is holding a concert entitled 'Karuna - an oratorio of our time' on Saturday 24 September at 7.30pm. The multi-faith oratorio, Karuna, by Andrew Wilson-Dickson, is described as "an ardent and sometimes fierce call for compassion – the broad meaning of the Sanskrit title – in a world rife with injustice and atrocities of all kinds". The concert is being held at St John's Church, Waterloo, SE1 8TY. To book a place, visit



<http://www.cadoganhall.com/event/choir-of-the-21st-century-160924/> or call on 020 7730 4500 or at the door. For further information, visit <http://www.cc21.org.uk/contact/>.

**Herefordshire Interfaith Group** is holding an International Peace Day Service on Sunday 25 September. This will be held at the Hereford Cathedral, 5 College Cloisters, Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG. For further information, contact the Chairman, Venerable Tenzin Choesang on 01568 750082 or email [June@the-hermit-online.co.uk](mailto:June@the-hermit-online.co.uk).

**Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship** is holding a talk on 'Pagan and Interfaith' on Monday 26 September at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Prudence Jones, Interfaith Liaison Officer of the Pagan Federation, and co-author of 'A History of Pagan Europe'. This is being held at the Friends' Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9DX. For further information, contact John Summerwill on 01132697895 or email on [membership@concord-leeds.org.uk](mailto:membership@concord-leeds.org.uk).

**Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter** is holding a series of talks exploring Jewish Feasts throughout the year. The next talk on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, led by Jonathan Gorsky, Lecturer in Judaism at Heythrop College, will be on Tuesday 27 September from 10am to 3.15pm at 34 Chepstow Villas, London W11 1QZ. There is a suggested donation. For further information, email [sioncentrefordialogue@gmail.com](mailto:sioncentrefordialogue@gmail.com) or visit [www.sioncentre.org](http://www.sioncentre.org).

**Bristol Multi-Faith Forum** is holding its next Open Forum meeting on Tuesday 27 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. This is being held at the Barton Hill Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX. For further information or to book a place, contact Lily Khandker on [info@bristolmultifaithforum.org.uk](mailto:info@bristolmultifaithforum.org.uk) or call on 07789040267.

**Leeds Council of Christians and Jews** is holding an event, in partnership with **Near Neighbours**, on Thursday 29 September on 'Tackling Antisemitism and Islamophobia'. This will be a panel discussion on how to build communities and tackle growing antisemitism and islamophobia locally and nationally. The event takes place at Leeds Makka Mosque, 36 Thornville Road, Leeds LS6 1JY. Admission is by pre-booking only. To register, email [cjrelations@ccj.org.uk](mailto:cjrelations@ccj.org.uk).

**National Association of Teachers Religious Education** is holding a joint conference with **Association of University Lecturers in Religion and Education** and **Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants** on Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 October. The conference entitled 'Words beyond Words: Inspiring Religious Literacy' is designed to bring together the wider RE community. There will be an exploration of religious literacy, good practice in RE, and address subject knowledge needs for all key stages. This is being held at the Mercure Blackburn Dunkenhalgh Hotel and Spa, Blackburn Rd, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 5JP. There is cost to attend. Booking is essential. For further information, visit <http://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/upcoming-courses-events/words-beyond-words-inspiring-religious-literacy-conference/>.

**Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group** is considering during 2016 Laudato Si' Our care for our common home by Pope Francis. Its next meeting will be on Wednesday 19 October and will be led by Farhan Mayer, Senior Researcher in Islamic Studies, Quilliam Foundation. The group meets from 4pm to 5pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, London SW1P 1EP. For further information, contact John Woodhouse by text on 07908 888586 or at [woodhouseopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhouseopten@btinternet.com).

**For more information on events and projects in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales see:**

Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum: [www.niinterfaithforum.org](http://www.niinterfaithforum.org)

Interfaith Scotland: [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org)

Inter-faith Council for Wales: [www.interfaithwales.org.uk](http://www.interfaithwales.org.uk)

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