



Inter Faith Network Newsletter

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This edition is an 'Extra'. The usual newsletter will be published in due course.

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF IFN ON LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE RT HON MICHAEL GOVE ON FUNDING FOR THE INTER FAITH NETWORK FOR THE UK

On Friday 19 January IFN received a letter from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, saying that he is 'minded' to withdraw the offer of fresh funding (for July 2023 to March 2024) that was made to IFN on 7 July 2023 because IFN has a Trustee who is a member of the Muslim Council of Britain and that this posed a reputational risk to Government. IFN was given until 26 January to respond.

A statement about this was issued, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Inter Faith Network for the UK, on 24 January. The statement includes the points from IFN's Co-Chairs' response to the Secretary of State. It can be found at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/news/statement-on-a-letter-received-by-ifns-co-chairs-from-secretary-of-state-levelling-up-housing-and-communities-rt-hon-michael-gove-mp>.

This potential non granting of the funds offered, subject to conditions, in July last year puts IFN's work and its very existence in jeopardy.

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