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## **FAITH AND PUBLIC LIFE UPDATES**

### **Integration**

*Government Green Paper on Integrated Communities Strategy*

On 14 March Communities Secretary Sajid Javid announced the publication of a Green Paper consulting on the Government's proposed Integrated Communities Strategy.

The Green Paper invites views on the Government's vision for building strong integrated communities "where people – whatever their background – live, work, learn and socialise together, based on shared rights, responsibilities and opportunities". It sets out a programme of actions that it is proposed to take across Government to deliver this vision at the local and national level.

Key proposals in the Green Paper include:

- identifying priority policies and services to review across government to determine how they can drive integration;
- testing a package of information for recent migrants to support them to integrate into their communities and to build understanding of life in Britain;
- addressing the segregation of schools along ethnic or faith lines that exists in some places, even where the local population is very diverse, for example by promoting mixing and twinning arrangements between schools in areas of high segregation;
- developing a new strategy for English Language in England, to improve the coordination of provision to learners and help improve their outcomes;
- trialling new approaches through Jobcentre Plus to break down the barriers to employment and support people from isolated communities into work; and
- empowering marginalised women, including exploring the legal and practical challenges of limited reform of the law on marriage so that civil marriages are conducted before or at the same time as religious ceremonies.

The Green Paper also sets out "a new localised approach to delivering these policy priorities". It says that this approach recognises that integration challenges are not uniform throughout the country so tailored local plans and interventions are needed to address the issues that are specific to a particular place. This local approach will be trialled initially in five Integration Areas: Blackburn with Darwen, Bradford, Peterborough, Walsall and Waltham Forest.

In the Paper, the Government says that it will "engage directly with individuals, communities, businesses, voluntary and faith organisations and local government" to "shape and deliver" its proposals. It notes that "Religion has played an important role in our society for many hundreds of years and has contributed to the formation of many of our shared values. The government is firmly committed to the principle of freedom of religion and belief. More than this, we understand that faith communities make a valuable contribution to our society by creating strong social networks, supporting vulnerable people, undertaking charitable work, and providing education". Faith communities religious organisations and inter faith engagement are mentioned at a number of points in relation to such issues as community cohesion, schools, marriage law and balance between freedom to practise religion and the rights and freedom of others.

The document makes reference to inter faith engagement, saying "We support interfaith work as a means of breaking down barriers between communities, building greater trust and understanding, and removing the conditions which can allow intolerance and unequal treatment to flourish" and gives a number examples of inter faith engagement, including the Inter Faith Network for the UK

The strategy is for England and the majority of the policy proposals set out in the Green Paper are in areas where responsibility is devolved to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. There are some proposals on the immigration system, which are reserved matters. The Government has said that it will work closely with the devolved administrations to share learning about the integration challenges and our learning of what works in tackling them

The Green Paper can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/integrated-communities-strategy-green-paper>. The consultation period will end on Tuesday 5 June.

### *Mayor of London's Social Integration Strategy*

On 16 March Mayor of London Sadiq Khan launched a new social integration strategy for London. He emphasised the need to tackle divisions along lines of social class, age, gender, sexuality and employment status.

The strategy focuses on a number of areas, including bringing together families from different backgrounds through the London Family Fund; incentivising volunteering; using sport to build relationships between different communities; addressing the underrepresentation of different groups in the workforce; improving accessibility to English for Speakers of Other Languages courses; and exploring new ways of measuring social integration in the capital.

The full press release is available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/sadiq-launches-the-london-family-fund>.

## *MCB report on Muslims and integration in the UK*

On 14 March the Muslim Council of Britain launched a report entitled 'Our Shared British Future: Muslims and integration in the UK'. The report includes a collection of diverse voices on integration in Britain and sets out a number of expectations for the Government's approach to integration.

<http://www.mcb.org.uk/we-need-an-equal-integration-strategy-for-all-britons-muslim-council-of-britain/>

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## **Commonwealth**

During the week of 16 April, the UK Government will be holding the biggest meeting of Heads of Government the country has ever hosted. Up to 53 leaders from across the Commonwealth and thousands of people from across business and civil society will be attending the summit, which will be attended by the UK Prime Minister and members of The Royal Family. It will take place across a range of venues including Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. The week begins with four forum events - a Youth Forum, a Women's Forum, a People's Forum and a Business Forum - across three days, bringing together representatives from the worlds of business, civil society and government. The forums will offer an opportunity for Commonwealth dialogue and provide a platform for wider debate of some of the key issues and challenges, in advance of discussions by leaders during the summit.

The summit's overall theme is 'Towards a common future', which is focused on building on the strengths of the Commonwealth to ensure that the organisation is responsive to global challenges and can deliver "a more prosperous, secure, sustainable and fair future for all its citizens, particularly its young people".

Parliamentarians and religious leaders from around the Commonwealth will gather at Lambeth Palace to discuss ways to strengthen religious liberty. Details of the event were given by the Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff, during a debate in the House of Lords – on 22 March. <http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2018/03/lambeth-palace-gathering-to-strengthen-religious-liberty-as-commonwealth-leaders-meet.aspx>

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## **Hate crime and extremism**

Across the last month there have been a number of disturbing incidents and the level of reported hate incidents, more generally, continues to be high.

IFN's Co-Chairs sent the message below to member bodies on 12 March:

*“The last few days have seen a number of disturbing incidents, from hate-filled letters to a number of Muslims headed 'Punish a Muslim Day', to a Sikh being asked by a venue in Nottingham to remove his turban or leave, and racist chanting outside a student's room at Nottingham Trent University. There was also recently a report of a Sikh having their turban dislodged while waiting for a meeting outside Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament, apparently by someone who thought the Sikh was Muslim. The level of reported hate incidents, more generally, continues to be high.*

*The climate is a disturbing one and responding to hate and religious illiteracy will be on the agendas of both the IFN local inter faith practitioner day in London next Monday and the Faith Communities Forum's meeting this week.*

*These circumstances underline the importance of effective prevention and response, including, very significantly, that of faith and inter faith bodies. You may wish to circulate or recirculate to your members the document Looking after One Another: The Safety and Security of our Faith Communities <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/looking-after-one-another-the-safety-and-security-of-our-faith-communities-2017>. If you are among the bodies which are working with their local authorities on protocols for preventing and responding to hate crime, or if you are involved in other faith-based or inter faith responses to this issue, it would be helpful if you could let the IFN office have details.”*

*Bishop Richard Atkinson and Jatinder Singh Birdi, Co-Chairs, Inter Faith Network for the UK*

The Punish a Muslim letters have been strongly condemned and police forces have been taking action to reassure communities in their areas. In some areas counter action is taking place, such as a solidarity gathering being organised by the North Kirklees Inter-Faith Council on Saturday 30 March outside Dewsbury Town Hall

<https://www.examiner.co.uk/news/people-faiths-stage-show-solidarity-14461731>

Hindu and Sikh communities and some Christian groups have expressed concern about attacks on members of their communities and their premises – in some cases due to mistaken identity. Conversation is ongoing between them and the Government about availability of relevant data.

The NSPCC noted on 20 March that: ‘Recent figures from UK police forces show 5,349 hate crimes were recorded against under-18s with a racial, religious or faith-based element, a 14% increase in 1 year’ and has launched a new programme in response.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/childline-discrimination-understand-me/>.

There has also been growing concern about the rise of extreme voices on the far right. Recently release figures to March 2017 show that while the majority of referrals to Prevent, continue to relate to Islamist extremism, the number of people referred to a UK government counter-extremism programme because of concerns about right wing extremism has risen by more than a quarter, official figures show. 968 such individuals were referred to Prevent, an increase of 28% from the previous year. The proportion of referrals for right wing extremism rose in the year to 16% of all referrals, up from 10% in the previous period. <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/27/far-right-referrals-prevent-programme-up-by-more-than-a-quarter-counter-extremism>.

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## **Anti-Semitism**

The Community Security Trust, a charity that protects British Jews from anti-Semitism and related threat, published last month its report on anti-Semitic incidents in 2017. The report notes that it recorded 1,382 anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, the highest annual total CST has ever recorded and a 3% increase on 2016. It also notes that there was a 34% increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents recorded in the category of Assaults. The full report can be found at <https://cst.org.uk/data/file/a/b/IR17.1517308734.pdf>.

On 26 March the Board of Deputies and the Jewish Leadership Council presented an open letter to the Parliamentary Labour Party Chair John Cryer, expressing their strong concerns about anti-Semitism within the Labour Party. A protest gathering took place on Parliament Green that evening to protest against the stance of the Labour Leader, Mr Jeremy Corbyn. The full text of the letter and Mr Corbyn's response can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-43540795>.

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## **Commission for Countering Extremism**

On 15 March the Lead Commissioner for Countering Extremism, Sara Khan, set out her plans to engage and consult, produce a comprehensive study and make recommendations to government. She will spend the coming weeks sharing her plans in a series of meetings, visits and roundtables.

Commission plan for 2018:

- The Commission will be seeking input to its work from the full range of voices required to tackle a problem that affects so much of society. This will include public consultation, discussions with government bodies, and insights from experts, academics and think tanks. The Commission will publish a regular update which will summarise its engagement activity.

- The Commission will produce a comprehensive study that exposes the scale and consequences of extremism in this country alongside the great work already being done to tackle it.
- The Commission will challenge the whole of society on what more can be done, and publish recommendations to the Home Secretary by the end of its first year on what the future structure and priorities of the Commission should be.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extremism-commissioner-confirms-plans-for-2018>

Also on 15 March, the Home Office published the Charter for the Commission which sets out the Government's commitment to the Commission for Countering Extremism including its purpose, priorities, accountabilities, and its outputs in its early months of operation. The Charter also confirms how the Government will work with the Commission. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charter-for-the-commission-for-countering-extremism/charter-for-the-commission-for-countering-extremism>

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## Safeguarding

Charities have responsibilities to ensure that they safeguard children and young people as well as vulnerable adults. Information from the government on how charities can protect children and adults at risk can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charities-how-to-protect-vulnerable-groups-including-children>. The Strengthening Faith Institutions programme, supported by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, provides training on this issue for faith communities: <http://faithsforum.com/strengthening-faith-institutions-3/>.

More widely, sexual abuse of young people continues to draw focus. The Truth Project was set up for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse to share their experiences in a supportive and confidential setting. It is part of the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#) (IICSA) which was set up in 2015 to investigate organisations and institutions that have failed to protect children from sexual abuse, see: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>. By sharing their experiences, victims and survivors make an important contribution to the work of the Inquiry and their experiences will feed into and influence IICSA's findings and recommendations.

IICSA is examining institutional failures in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches and considering whether to conduct a separate investigation into the Jehovah's Witnesses UK. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/mar/08/child-sex-abuse-inquiry-considers-separate-jehovahs-witnesses-uk-investigation>

The problem of grooming by gangs has been again in the news. Further arrests have recently been made as part of the National Crime Agency's investigation into [child sexual exploitation](#) in Rotherham. The investigation is continuing and IICSA will be holding



sessions in Telford in the next few months about abuse since the 1980s. These, and other similar, cases have caused great concern.

The different background of the victims (predominantly white working class) and of the majority of the male perpetrators (predominantly of Pakistani or Bangladeshi heritage) in the particular grooming cases mentioned has become the focus of at times Islamophobic material and campaigning in some quarters, including the far right. There has also been concern expressed within the Hindu and Sikh communities about young women from their communities and grooming.

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## **Sport and inter faith relations**

In November the Inter Faith Network for the UK, in partnership with Sporting Equals, held an Inter Faith Week event on 'Using the power of sport to build good inter faith relations'. The report on this has been published this month and can be found at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/publications>.

One of the projects that presented at the event was an inter faith sports programme for women in Manchester, linked to FODIP, and with early support from Near Neighbours and the Council of Christians and Jews, and this was the winner of the BEDSA Connecting Communities Award - Spirit of 2012 .

At the BEDSA awards BEDSA announced a £1.8 million programme Breaking Boundaries, set to bring together young people, their families and communities through regular engagement in cricket: as players, fans and volunteers. Breaking Boundaries is a three-year project (2018 – 2021) developed in partnership with the English Cricket Board, Professor Ted Cante and the Institute of Community Cohesion (iCoCo). The programme will be delivered by the Youth Sport Trust and Sporting Equals, and will make the most of cricket's potential to bring different ethnic and faith communities closer together, fostering mutual respect and friendships. <http://www.sportingequals.org.uk/news-blogs/launch-of-breaking-boundaries-project-at-the-2018-bedsa-awards.html>

The Mayor of London announced on 21 March a new flagship community sports programme, Sport Unites. This will invest in initiatives that use sport to bring people from different backgrounds together, strengthen local communities and improve the physical and mental health of all Londoners. For further information, visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/sports/sport-unites>.

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## Places of worship

In December, Historic England published the latest edition of Places of Worship Selected Listings Guide <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/dlsg-places-worship/>. This selection guide provides first a summary historical overview of the various Christian churches down to the end of the nineteenth century – Anglican (Church of England), Catholic and Nonconformist (Dissenting) – and collectively churches and chapels of the twentieth century. Then follows a section of the buildings of Judaism, the mosque in England and buildings of other faiths. A final section sets out some general principles guiding the listing of places of worship concerning - among others - group value, fixtures and fittings, alteration and degree of survival, churchyard structures and grading.

Historic England has been working with partners over recent years to develop and deepen an understanding of the landscape of faith buildings in 20th century England, including the long-standing traditions of Christianity and Judaism. An event this month focused on those faith groups which arrived in the UK in the late 19th and 20th centuries, and have since made a significant contribution to the heritage of a modern and multicultural historic environment. Historic England and Public Spirit brought together at that a new body of research on Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrian places of worship with heritage practitioners, researchers and theorists for a discussion on issues of heritage practice and heritage discourse in the field of multiculturalism, multiple identities and the historic environment. Talks from the day are available at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGOCpw7BaRwW8IgJAY4fCaxxH9FFIV-gx>.

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## Jewish Armed Forces chaplains with multi faith role

The Armed Forces all have multi faith chaplaincies and have developed this work across the last decade. Earlier this month the historic Bevis Marks Synagogue hosted the instalment of the Army's first Jewish commissioned Padres as Chaplains with a multi-faith role. The event coincided with the 350th anniversary of Jewish military service to the Crown and 126 years of Jewish Chaplaincy in the British Armed Forces.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Parliament of the World's Religions

The 7th international convening of the Parliament of the World's Religions will take place in Toronto, Ontario from 1-7 November 2018, to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the inaugural World Parliament of Religions. The theme of the conference will be 'The Promise of Inclusion, the Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation and

Change' and sub-themes include 'Women's Dignity Across the World's Wisdom Traditions and Society'; 'Interfaith Has No Age – Youth Voices for Change' and 'Peace and Love: Not War, Hate and Violence', among others. Further information is at <https://parliamentofreligions.org/>.

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## **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

Interfaith Glasgow received a prize in the awards for events held for the 2018 World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW). For more information about that and about WIHW more generally see: <http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/2018-winners/>.

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## **INTER FAITH NETWORK FOR THE UK NEWS**

### **Meeting of IFN's Faith Communities Forum**

A meeting of IFN's Faith Communities Forum was held on 15 March. On the agenda, as well as IFN matters, were:

- youth inter faith engagement, including:
  - an overview of the work of the National Citizens Service (NCS) programme and its significance for young people, inter faith engagement and faith communities' involvement by Naim Moukarzel of the NCS Trust;
  - a presentation by Padideh Sabeti of the Office of External Affairs of the UK Baha'i Community and Co-Facilitator of IFN's Youth Inter Faith Engagement Advisory Group on IFN's current work with young people, its member bodies and others to develop a new edition of the Connect youth inter faith guide and a discussion paper for the youth focused National Meeting;
- current issues of interest or concern to faith communities, including a discussion on hate crime in light of recent events; and
- the inter faith engagement of faith communities.

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### **Day event for local inter faith practitioners**

On 19 March IFN held a day event in London for local inter faith practitioners from inter faith groups across the UK to share their experiences, discuss issues of common interest and concern, and provide focused learning opportunities about practical aspects of developing successful inter faith programmes. This followed on from similar meetings held in Bristol, Coventry, Manchester and Sheffield in recent years.

The day opened with a presentation from Jatinder Singh Birdi, Co-Chair of IFN, followed by reflections on the importance of local inter faith organisations and local authorities working in partnership by the Revd Alan Green, Chair of Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum and George Ballantyne, Voluntary and Community Sector Engagement Manager at Leicester City Council. During the rest of the morning session there were presentations by Santosh Kundi of Warwick District Faiths Forum about the Forum's religious literacy work and Ryad Khodabocus of Luton Council of Faiths with a focus on that Council's work with schools. Speakers in the afternoon included Elliot Steinberg, Policy Officer at the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, who talked about the work of the Faith and Integration Team at MHCLG on tackling hatred and tensions and its Hate Crime Action Plan, Sister Elizabeth O'Donohoe of Islington Faiths Forum, who spoke about the response of the Forum to the attack at Finsbury Park Mosque and the importance of building local links and Chris Wood of Norwich InterFaith Link who spoke about the Link's Inter Faith Week activities. Closing reflections were offered by Narendra Waghela, IFN Trustee and member of Leicester Council of Faiths, and Dr Harriet Crabtree, IFN's Executive Director.

There was an opportunity to take part in discussion groups on working with schools to enhance the learning and inter faith experience of students; using social media to increase the impact of local inter faith work; developing successful programmes and widening the circle of engagement; initiating new local inter faith bodies and reviewing the work and direction of existing ones in changing times; increasing engagement with and by young people; and partnership working with other bodies such as local authorities in pursuit of common aims such as inter faith understanding, cooperation and integration.

Reports from previous IFN Day Events for Local Inter Faith Practitioners can be found at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/publications>.

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### **Local inter faith Twitter campaign**

IFN is running a short Twitter campaign across the end of March and early April, with an #localinterfaith hashtag. The aim is to raise the profile of local inter faith organisations, highlight positive stories about local inter faith initiatives and share good practice and ideas.

If you are a member of a multi faith local inter faith organisation which is undertaking activity such as meetings, dialogues, festival celebrations or school visits during one of the weeks, or which has current projects that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please email [ifnet@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:ifnet@interfaith.org.uk) with 'Local inter faith tweets' in the subject line. Please include information up to 240 characters including spaces and up to 3 photographs that you think would be good to use.

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## Young people and inter faith engagement

IFN is continuing its programme of work on youth inter faith engagement, entitled 'Connect: the inter faith engagement of young people'. This will lead to publication of a new edition of IFN's youth inter faith action guide *Connect: Different Faiths, Shared Values* <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/connect> and also feed into a special youth-focused National Meeting of IFN in July. The programme is being carried out with the help of an Advisory Group, co-facilitated by IFN Trustee Padideh Sabeti and youth co-facilitator, Jaskiran Kaur Mehmi.

IFN has been consulting in a number of ways. Key to the programme is hearing the views of young people. IFN has therefore held focus group sessions in Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leeds and London for young people aged 16-25 across February and March. For further information about the project, please contact Ashley Beck at the IFN office ([Ashley.beck@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:Ashley.beck@interfaith.org.uk)).

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## Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week 2018 will take place from 11 – 18 November. It will be the 10th Inter Faith Week.

Inter Faith Week begins on Remembrance Sunday each year and runs until the following Sunday. The Week begins on Remembrance Sunday and many people of different faiths and beliefs will be marking that in some way. The additional Sunday provides the opportunity for other weekend events to take place.

Civic remembrance activities are often held on a multi faith basis, recognising the contributions made by people of all faiths and beliefs during armed conflicts – whether through military service or work for peace. This year, Remembrance Sunday will also be Armistice Day, and the centenary of the end of World War One.

Inter Faith Week is a week about respect, understanding, relationship building and genuine discussion about issues - about 'living well together'. It is a tremendous opportunity to reach out, learn, make new connections and develop friendships and working partnerships which help make for greater neighbourliness and more integrated and cohesive communities. It is also a great platform for all who want to increase religious literacy and understanding of diversity.

Last year for the first time, IFN made available Inter Faith Week branded pin badges to buy via the Inter Faith Week website. These proved to be very popular, and it is planned to do this again in 2018. If there are other items which you think would be particularly helpful in spreading the word and raising awareness about the Week, please let the IFN office know and we will explore these.

Scottish Interfaith Week's dates will also be 11 to 18 November. Further information from [admin@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:admin@interfaithscotland.org).

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## **INTER FAITH PROJECTS, PROGRAMMES AND DEVELOPMENTS**

### **3FF LGBT+ Faith programme**

3FF has launched a new LGBT+ faith programme, inviting LGBT+ organisations to join them for tailored training and support. The aim of the project is to help LGBT+ groups be more confident, skilled and inclusive in their work with people from different belief backgrounds. Participants will be offered a one-day training session and follow-up coaching and support meeting a month later, to ensure the training has been implemented and to discuss any challenges specific to particular organisations or groups. For more information and to register interest, visit <http://www.3ff.org.uk/blog/lgbt-faith/>.

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### **Interfaith Food Justice Network**

Interfaith Glasgow, in partnership with Faith in Community Scotland's Transformation Team is supporting the Interfaith Food Justice Network to create opportunities for networking, collaboration, and sharing of best practice between diverse religious and non-religious groups in Glasgow who work in the area of food justice. The network is a growing group of local groups and organisations in and around Glasgow who are tackling food poverty. More information about the Network can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/interfaithfoodjustice/>. For more information or to get involved, email Magdalen Lambkin at [development@interfaithglasgow.org](mailto:development@interfaithglasgow.org).

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## **RESOURCES AND STUDY/TRAINING**

### **IFN publications**

The report of IFN's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Meeting is available at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/moving-forward-together-report-of-the-30th-anniversary-national-meeting-of->.

The report of the IFN Day Event for Local Inter Faith Practitioners held in October in Manchester is available at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/ifn-day-event-for-local-inter-faith-practitioners-a-short-report-manchester>

The report of the Inter Faith Week event that IFN held in partnership with Sporting Equals UK on 'Using the power of sport to build good inter faith relations' is available at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/publications>

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## Religious festivals and calendars

The pattern of religious festivals in different faith communities changes throughout the year. A number have recently taken place such as Naw Ruz (Baha'i) and NoRuz (Zoroastrian), and Rama Navami (Hindu). Others are taking place now or shortly, including Mahavira Jayanti (Jain); Good Friday and Easter (Christian) and Pesach/Passover (Jewish).

The Shap Working Party on World Religions in Education, an IFN member body, produces a calendar of religious festivals, which is available in electronic format, and also a wallchart which can be purchased in hard copy.

<http://www.shapworkingparty.org.uk/calendar.html>

A number of local inter faith organisations produce calendars each year. Examples include Warwick District Faiths Forum (<http://www.wdfaithsforum.org.uk/faiths-calendar/faiths-calendar-2017-2/>) which produces a desk top calendar, Islington Faiths Forum ([http://www.islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk/?page\\_id=132](http://www.islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk/?page_id=132)) which produces a wall calendar populated with artwork created by schoolchildren, and the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames Inter-Faith Forum which has supported Kingston Race Equalities Council in producing a wall calendar.

IFN has also produced, in consultation with its Faith Communities Forum, guidance on greetings for different religious festivals. Each faith community chose two festivals on which it would be pleased to receive greetings. A list of the dates and greetings for these is available at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/faith-festivals-guidance-on-sending-greetings>.

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## General Data Protection Regulation

Data protection legislation will be changing with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which takes effect from 25 May.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations has produced guidance for charities on how to prepare for GDPR. This can be found at

<https://knowhownonprofit.org/organisation/operations/dataprotection>.

The Inter Faith Network has been writing to individuals on its database to check whether they are content for their details to be held by IFN and to receive IFN mailings. Anyone receiving this e-bulletin who wishes to have their details deleted from IFN's database should contact [ifnet@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:ifnet@interfaith.org.uk).

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### **Interfaith Scotland training – Tackling Hate Speech in Youth Work**

Interfaith Scotland is holding a number of free one-day training courses on tackling hate speech in a youth setting. The training aims to equip those working with young people in a professional or voluntary capacity with tools for identifying hate speech, managing a situation when it occurs, and supporting transformation of the beliefs and attitudes that underpin the behaviour. The next courses will take place on 12 April, 8 May and 21 June in Glasgow, and on 17 July in Edinburgh. For further information or to discuss arranging an in-house training session for staff, visit <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/what-we-do/outside-in-free-training-on-tackling-hate-speech-in-youth-work/> or contact Jamie Spurway at [jamie@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:jamie@interfaithscotland.org) or on 07921 439 952.

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

### **World Congress of Faiths Essay Award**

Submissions are now open for the World Congress of Faiths Essay Award 2018. Undergraduate and postgraduate students at UK universities are invited to submit a maximum of 3,000 words on the question 'Can inter faith dialogue achieve any lasting value for society?' by 28 August. The winner will receive £300 and have their essay published in *Interreligious Insight*. All entrants will receive free membership to World Congress of Faiths for a year. For further details, visit <http://www.worldfaiths.org/2018-essay-award/>.

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### **FaithAction Faith and Health Award**

FaithAction has launched the FaithAction Health Award, to highlight work undertaken by faith groups to improve health and care. It is looking for nominations of projects that have a clear purpose, can show how they benefit local people, work in partnership with other health or care organisations and will inspire others to action. The first prize is a short film promoting the winner's work and a new laptop, and the second and third prize winners will receive a tablet computer and an hour's consultancy with a senior mentor of the FaithAction team. Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 29 March. For further details



and information on how to enter, visit <http://www.faihaction.net/news/2018/02/08/celebrating-your-work/>.

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## **JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING**

IFN's website lists job and internship opportunities with a significant inter faith dimension with IFN member organisations at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/vacancies/jobs>.

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### **St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace – various roles**

St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace is recruiting for three paid positions:

- Youth Leadership Projects & Events Coordinator: Spiritual Activism - this role is for 3 days per week and the deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 9 April.
- Programme Manager: Christian Reconciliation Programmes – this is a full-time role and the deadline for applications is Friday 6 April.
- Venue hire assistants – these are part-time, casual roles paid on an hourly basis.

They are also looking for a Communications and Design Intern.

For more details about each of the roles and how to apply, visit <https://stethelburgas.org/get-involved/vacancies-and-volunteering/>.

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### **Joseph Interfaith Foundation - Project Coordinator**

The Joseph Interfaith Foundation ([www.josephinterfaithfoundation.org](http://www.josephinterfaithfoundation.org)), a national Muslim-Jewish inter faith organisation, is seeking a new Muslim Project Coordinator to start work in May. It is interested to hear from Muslim first or second year undergraduates with close connections to Isocs and the Muslim community. The role will be an opportunity to learn about inter faith and social action.

It is a paid role for 3 hours per week. For full details, send an email to Mehri Niknam, Executive Director, at [info@josephinterfaithfoundation.org](mailto:info@josephinterfaithfoundation.org), including a short CV in the body of the email.

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## **Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Schools' Peace Education Resource - Volunteers**

Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Schools' Peace Education Resource (Whisper) is seeking volunteers to support RE lessons in Welwyn and Hatfield, to enable children to meet people from the different faiths they study and to see peace between faiths in action. Volunteers may talk about a festival or day-to-day faith practices, tell religious stories and answer children's questions. The opportunity is open to anyone who is actively practising their faith or has a strong understanding of their faith heritage. Expenses are paid. For more information, google 'Whisper Interfaith' or contact Wendy on 07904 517 384 or [Wendy.Lidgate@outlook.com](mailto:Wendy.Lidgate@outlook.com).

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

IFN has a new volunteering opportunity beginning in April for 4 to 8 hours per week to help on projects such as national Inter Faith Week ([www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)). If you have good organisational, social media and communications skills and would like to know more, please email Hannah Cassidy at [ifnet@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:ifnet@interfaith.org.uk) with a copy of your CV, marking it 'volunteering' and we will let you have further information.

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Building a Stronger Britain Together programme**

The Home Office programme Building a Stronger Britain Together closed its latest call for grants on 16 February. However, the programme is continuing to offer in-kind support such as social media training, technical assistance to help a group improve their website, or capacity building work to help a group protect more vulnerable individuals. It is open to bodies in England and Wales. Applications for in-kind support can be submitted at any time.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-a-stronger-britain-together>.

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### **Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund**

Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund continues to be open for applications to its rolling small grants scheme. Small grants of up to £750 are available to faith based anti - poverty projects with an annual turnover of £30,000 or less and can be applied for at any

time. For more information call 0141 221 4576 or visit <https://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/our-grants/smallgrants/>.

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### **Supermarket grant schemes**

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag levy in Tesco stores is being used to fund community projects across the UK. The projects must meet the criteria of promoting community participation in the development and use of outdoor spaces. Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork in England and Wales and supported in Scotland by Greenspace Scotland. (It is not available in Northern Ireland where carrier bag money is managed centrally.) Further information is at <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/the-tesco-bags-of-help-programme-tes2>.

Waitrose supports charities through its Community Matters scheme. Local branches are each given £1,000 to share out between three local good causes each month such as welfare organisations, community groups and schools. To apply, fill in a Community Matters form at a local branch or contact the branch champion for community giving at a local branch, using their branch finder tool at <http://www.waitrose.com/branches/index.aspx>.

Sainsbury's stores each partner with a Local Charity of the Year voted on by the local people. To apply, fill in a nomination form at your local store. More information is at <https://www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk/>.

The Asda Foundation offers grants for local community projects which will "make a real long term difference, benefitting the wider community with [its] vision to 'Transform Communities, improving lives locally.'" Further details are at <https://www.asdafoundation.org/applying-for-funding/significant-local-community-projects>.

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### **Comic Relief's Core Strength Grants Programme**

This programme offers grants to help cover the day to day costs of small locally led and based voluntary and community sector groups that are doing 'much needed' work in their local communities. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 or between £1,000 and £10,000 (depending on the local community foundation) are to be used to support groups that can evidence a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged. The guidance notes "We recognise that faith-based organisations undertake valuable work in supporting disadvantaged and marginalised communities both in the UK and internationally, and we are able to support their work. We would expect

these organisations to be able to evidence the practical implementation of their diversity policy, so that people from all faiths or none can become a member of staff, board member, volunteer, or benefit from the work.” For further information, visit <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/core-strength-local-communities>.

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## **Funding websites**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) offers advice on fundraising and grants on its Knowhow Nonprofit site at <https://knowhownonprofit.org/funding>.

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 £4million of funding available for communities to 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 as grants are considered on a monthly basis up to 2019.

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 46 community foundations in the UK, covering Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and most of England. A map of community foundations across the UK and how to contact them, can be found at <http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network>.

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## Website and Facebook grants

The Transform Foundation is offering funding to charities to help with new website builds. Grants of £18,000 are available. It is also offering grants towards Facebook advertising of £5,000. For further information and to apply, visit [www.transformfoundation.org.uk](http://www.transformfoundation.org.uk).

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## Google and charities

The internet search engine Google is offering a service to registered charities which brings: Google Ad Grants: Free AdWords advertising to promote your website on Google through keyword targeting; YouTube Nonprofit Programme: Access exclusive resources, features and programs designed to maximise your organisation's impact on YouTube; and Google Apps for Non-profit: Free version of the Google Apps business productivity suite, including Gmail, Docs, Calendar and more. For further information, visit [www.google.co.uk/intl/en/nonprofits/join](http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en/nonprofits/join).

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## Subsidised fundraising workshops

The Foundation for Social Improvement offers heavily subsidised training programmes for small charities across the UK. The courses cover a wide range of subjects from event planning to leadership but the majority of their training courses are focused on helping charities learn the skills to raise and earn income. Further information can be found at <http://www.thefsi.org/services/training>. Upcoming courses are in Ipswich, Liverpool and Leeds in April and May.

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## SPECIAL WEEKS/DAYS

**The Big Lunch** 10th anniversary will be held on Sunday 3 June. Across the years millions of people from different faith backgrounds have joined together to take part through street parties, BBQs, iftars and picnics.

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>

**Refugee Week** is taking place from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 June. It will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/refugee-week-2018-celebrating-20-years/>

**The Great Get Together**, inspired by the late Jo Cox MP, is taking place from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June. <https://www.greatgettogether.org/>

**Remembering Srebrenica** Memorial Week will be held between 8 and 15 July. The theme this year is 'Acts of Courage'. <https://www.srebrenica.org.uk/>

The **European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage**, run by B'nai B'rith UK, will be on Sunday 2 September and from Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 October. The theme for this year will be 'Storytelling'. <http://bnaibrithuk.org/heritage-days/>

**Sewa Day** will take place this year on Sunday 14 October. It is an annual day of faith-based social action led by the Hindu community. <http://www.sewaday.org/>

**One World Week** takes place from Sunday 21 to Sunday 28 October. This year is its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its theme is 'The World is Changing – How about us?'. [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

**Inter Faith Week** in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will take place from Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 November. It is led by the Inter Faith Network for the UK [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org) See more [above](#).

**Scottish Interfaith Week** will take place from Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 November. It is led by Interfaith Scotland. <http://scottishinterfaithweek.org/>

**Mitzvah Day** will take place on Sunday 18 November. It is an annual day of faith-based social action led by the Jewish community. On Mitzvah Day, people give their time, not their money, to make a difference to the community around them. Many events and projects held for the day have an inter faith focus. [www.mitzvahday.org.uk/](http://www.mitzvahday.org.uk/)

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

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.

Gifts at all levels are much valued and make a real difference. You can donate directly at [www.interfaith.org.uk/donate](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/donate) or via PayPal or JustGiving at <https://www.justgiving.com/interfaithnetwork-uk>

Donations can also be made by sending a cheque to The Inter Faith Network for the UK, 2 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH.

### REMEMBERING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

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 us on 0207 730 0410 or contact us at [remember@interfaith.org.uk](mailto:remember@interfaith.org.uk)

*Thank you!*

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### DIARY DATES

This section includes some of the events taking place around the UK during April. We also include information on diary dates between e-bulletins on the IFN website at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/events>.

**Interfaith MK** is holding its next event on Thursday 5 April. This will include a talk on ‘Hajj - journey of a lifetime - my personal perspective!’ by Kurshida Mirza. It will take place from 7:30pm to 9:30 pm at The Church of St James, , Church Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK13 0DA. Teas and refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. For further information, contact the Convener of Interfaith MK at [interfaithmk@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithmk@gmail.com).

**Warwick District Faiths Forum** is organising a Faiths Trail on Saturday 7 April. The meeting point is Leamington and Warwick Gurdwara Sahib on Tachbrook Park Drive, Warwick, CV34 6RH at 9am. From there a coach will take attendees to St Michael’s House at Coventry Cathedral for a session entitled ‘Together for Hope’, a tour of the Cathedral and Litany of Reconciliation, before returning to the Gurdwara Sahib for a tour and vegetarian lunch (langar). Attendees will be required to cover their heads whilst inside the Gurdwara Sahib. The event is free and it is possible to join at any venue, but registration is

required at [wdfaitsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:wdfaitsforum@yahoo.com). For further information, contact Jatinder Singh Birdi on 07958 589 464.

**Building Bridges in Burnley's** (BBB's) Men's Fellowship of Faith will be holding its next meeting on Sunday 8 April at 7.30pm. This will be the meeting postponed from Sunday 4 March due to adverse weather. The group will be discussing the activities it wants to carry out in 2018 and how it might support the BBB programme for the year. For further information, email [colin@wills77.plus.com](mailto:colin@wills77.plus.com).

**The Multifaith Chapel and Library at Burngreave Ashram** is hosting monthly informal sharing, lunch and seminar events on the first (occasionally second) Monday of the month. On Monday 9 April Dr Vithal Patel will be speaking on the theme of the seminars, which is 'My difficulties with faiths and cultures'. The programme is: 12 Noon informal sharing; 12.30pm bring and share lunch; 1.15pm Seminar. The Chapel is at 86 Spital Hill, Sheffield, S4 7LG. For further information contact 07932 017 929 or 0114 243 6688 or email [BAMCL@outlook.com](mailto:BAMCL@outlook.com).

**Glasgow Women of Faith and Community** is holding a discussion on Faith Schools on Monday 9 April from 9.30am to 12pm at 39 Napiers Hall Street, G20 6EZ. All women are welcome.

**Epsom and Ewell Inter Faith Forum** is organising a visit to Epsom Methodist Church on Tuesday 10 April from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information or to confirm attendance, email [lynescholefield@gmail.com](mailto:lynescholefield@gmail.com).

**Newcastle Council of Faiths** is holding an open meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 10 April at The Hindu Temple, West Road, Newcastle (downstairs in the hall). Smajo Beso will be speaking about the Srebrenica Genocide. Members of the open meeting are invited to stay and join the Hindu Community for a meal after they have finished prayers. For more information, email Carol Hepple at [c.hepple@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:c.hepple@newcastle.anglican.org).

**Woking People of Faith**, in partnership with **Surrey Faith Links**, **Woking Action for Peace** and others, is organising the 'Woking Debates 2018'. A debate will be held on the theme of 'What is the future of work?' on Saturday 14 April from 11am to 12.30pm. The debates are held at Christ Church, Jubilee Square, Woking, GU21 6YG. For further information, email Keith Scott at [keithsc\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:keithsc_2000@yahoo.com).

**Norwich InterFaith Link** is organising a talk by Chris Wood at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17 April entitled 'St George: Does a well-travelled dragon-slayer still have spiritual meaning in a multi-faith England?'. There is a charge to attend which includes refreshments. The talk will be held at Martineau Hall, Colegate, Norwich. For more information, contact Chris on 01603 667314.

The **Woolf Institute** is holding an interdisciplinary conference on 'Emergent Religious Pluralism(s)' on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 April at the Woolf Institute, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0UB. The keynote speaker is Professor Nasar Meer of the University



of Edinburgh and the conference is convened by John Fahy, Jan-Jonathan Bock and Sami Everett. For more information visit <http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/events/emergent-religious-pluralisms> or email Jan at [jjb71@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jjb71@cam.ac.uk).

**Interfaith Scotland** is holding its annual National Interfaith Youth Conference on Saturday 21 April from 10.45am to 4.30pm, in partnership with the **Coexist Initiative at the University of St Andrews**. The theme of this year's conference is 'Radicalisation and Reconciliation'. It will feature a wide range of speakers from around the UK. The conference is free and there is some financial help available for transport costs. For more information visit <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/events/> and to book a place, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/radicalisation-and-reconciliation-scottish-interfaith-youth-conference-tickets-43161500209>.

The **Ammerdown Centre** is holding a day long workshop entitled 'Scriptural Reasoning: Exploring Christianity and Islam together through Sacred Scriptures' on Saturday 21 April from 9.30am to 4pm at The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath, BA3 5SW. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr Hilary Marlow, Trustee of the Rose Castle Foundation, and Ms Nadiya Takolia, former manager of Scriptural Reasoning for the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme. It is open to people of any faith and none, and participants will learn about the ways the two faith traditions approach their scriptures, then spend time in grounds reading texts, discussing and learning from each other. There is a cost to attend, which includes coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. For more information or to book a place, contact the centre on 01761 433 709, [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org), or visit <http://www.ammerdown.org/Scriptural-Reasoning-Workshop-with-Hilary-Marlow-2018?date=2018-04-21>.

**Nisa-Nashim** is holding its annual conference on Sunday 22 April from 10.30am to 4.30pm in central London on the theme of 'Change Makers'. Speakers and further details are to be announced shortly. Tickets include access for the full day and lunch, and are available now from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nisa-nashim-annual-conference-2018-change-makers-tickets-42077422704?aff=estw>.

**Interfaith Glasgow** and **St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art** are holding their next 'Faith to Faith' event on Sunday 22 April from 2pm to 4pm at St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0RH. The title of the event is "Where Angels Fear to Tread", The Controversial Origins of St Mungo Museum'. To mark 25 years since the opening of the museum, there will be a range of speakers from diverse backgrounds, who were part of the beginnings of the museum and who worked against much opposition to convince people of its value and importance. There will be time for questions and dialogue as well as tea and cake. All are welcome. For more information and to book a place, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/where-angels-fear-to-tread-the-controversial-origins-of-st-mungos-tickets-42676889726>.

**3FF** is holding a free one-day workshop on Faith, Identity and Security on Sunday 22 April from 11am to 6pm at its office at Star House, 104 Grafton Road, London, NW4 5BA. The event will be facilitated by Phil Champain of 3FF and Diana Francis of ReThinking Security,

and will provide the opportunity to explore what security means to people of different faiths and beliefs and how it can be improved both in the UK and globally. Places are free but limited and a short application is necessary; places will be allocated based on people's interest in the issues and the ability to commit to the whole day (no prior knowledge or experience is needed). The deadline for applications is Friday 6 April but they will be considered on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.3ff.org.uk/blog/faith-identity-security-conversation-3ff/>.

**Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship** is hosting the Peter Bell Memorial lecture on the theme of 'Interfaith – A Beacon of Hope' on Wednesday 25 April at 7.30pm. The lecture will be delivered by the Revd Dr Marcus Braybrooke, President of the World Congress of Faiths. The lecture is being held in the Banqueting Room at Leeds Civic Hall, Calverley St, Leeds LS1 1UR. For more information contact John Summerwill on 01132697895 or email [chair@concord-leeds.org.uk](mailto:chair@concord-leeds.org.uk).

**Crawley Interfaith Network** is holding a talk entitled 'Why Interfaith? A Muslim's Perspective' on Wednesday 25 April from 7pm to 9pm. Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid, who has extensive experience in interfaith work at local, national and international levels, will be speaking. The event will take place at The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD. For further details email or call Iyad Daoud on [iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:iyadhdaoud@yahoo.co.uk) or 01293 883 372.

**Herefordshire Interfaith Group** is organising an Inter Faith Spiritual Day on Saturday 28 April. This will be held at Adhithana Buddhist Centre and will include meditations, chants from around the world, spiritual dance and philosophical discussion. There is a suggested donation to attend and participants are asked to bring vegetarian food to share for lunch. Advance booking can be made through Venerable Choesang on 01568 750082 or at [choesang@the-hermit-online-co.uk](mailto:choesang@the-hermit-online-co.uk). Further details are at [www.facebook.com/pg/herefordshireInterfaith/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/herefordshireInterfaith/events).

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### **More information on events and projects in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales:**

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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