

Inter Faith Week – get support for your activity

Support comes in many forms, from funding and in-kind support, to advice and information, to taking part and helping to raise the profile of your event. This sheet gives just a few possible sources of these kinds of support. It should be noted that many of the types of person and organisation mentioned below – such as mayors, faith communities and local authorities – organise and champion activities themselves.

Local faith communities

Ask faith groups in your area to support your activity and see if they may be willing to make space or other resources available as a gift in kind, as well as taking part and encouraging their members to do so.

Contact your councillors, Mayor and MP

You can contact your councillors and Mayor through the local authority and your MP by visiting www.theyworkforyou.com

Encouraging elected officials to take part can help to raise awareness of your activity and reach people who may not otherwise have heard about it. It may also help to get the interest of a local newspaper or radio station.

Local businesses

See if your local shops and other businesses might like to support you – invite them to sponsor the event or the publicity material, or ask if they may be willing to make resources available as a gift in kind.

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To download that and other resources, visit www.interfaithweek.org

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Your local authority and other public bodies

Contact your local authority and ask if they might be willing to support with a small grant or through a gift in kind of venue space or some administrative support.

Other public bodies and services, such as the Police or Fire Service, may also be interested in supporting your activity, and may help broaden its reach.

Trusts

You could apply to Trusts for grants towards your event, particularly if you are aware of Trusts which have an interest in your local area or region.

Media

You could consider inviting local TV, radio and newspaper journalists along to your activities, either to cover these or as guests. See also the sheet on 'publicising your activity' for more.

Contact Inter Faith Week at IFN

Inter Faith Week is a programme of the Inter Faith Network for the UK (IFN). The IFN website (www.interfaith.org.uk) contains a wide range of free publications and resources about different aspects of inter faith activity, and its office team is always happy to speak with people who are planning activities or would like to learn more! IFN also runs the Inter Faith Week website, www.interfaithweek.org, which contains information and resources about the Week, as well as a map showing all of the activities taking place.

If you are in Scotland, contact Interfaith Scotland (www.interfaithscotland.org) about Scottish Interfaith Week (www.scottishinterfaithweek.org).