

**A TASTER OF EVENTS BEING HELD FOR INTER FAITH WEEK
11-18 November 2018**

The following are just a few examples of hundreds of events that will be taking place. They are being held by a wide variety of bodies from faith communities to local authorities, schools and colleges, museums and libraries, sports bodies, emergency services, employers and others. For more information about these and other Inter Faith Week activities visit www.interfaithweek.org

- **Armistice 100/Remembrance** A number of events will be taking place which are being held jointly for Inter Faith Week and Remembrance Sunday or linked to Armistice 100. Solihull's different faith communities will be coming together at Solihull Methodist Church to commemorate #Armistice100 with an event entitled: "From Battles to Brotherhood: Commemorating Peace One Hundred Years On." Leeds Museums have worked with local inter faith and faith groups to create 'Light for Leeds' at Kirkstall Abbey, a multi faith event focusing on peace. This features artwork by BBC's Big Painting Challenge winner 2017, Suman Kaur which commemorates the Armistice and is curated around the portraits of four key figures of the First World War representing different parts of the globe, each chosen by people of different faiths in the local community. A largescale commemorative event will be taking place at the Neasden Temple "honouring the contribution of India and the Commonwealth" during World War One
- **Week long programmes of events for Inter Faith Week** such as those in Birmingham, Leicester and York.
- **Faith trails and open door days to explore different places of worship** such as in Banbury, Bolton, Coventry, Leicester, Preston, Sheffield, Sunderland and Watford as well as a Diverse Open Doors event arranged by Kent County Council. A special lamp-lit walk is taking place in Cardiff, arranged by Inter-Faith Council for Wales and supported by the Welsh Government: "Cyd-gerdded gyda'n cymuned" / 'Walking alongside our community.'
- **Social action focused activities**, many being held jointly for the Week and Mitzvah Day. Examples include tree planting in Wakefield; a sponsored 'sleepout' by Muslim and Christian women and friends organised by Touchstone in Bradford to raise money for War Child.; A number of days showcasing faith and social action projects, such as those being held by Brighton and Hove Faith in Action and by Barnet Multi Faith Forum with Middlesex University.
- **Inter faith arts, cultural and music events** such as the Kahyaal Theatre's Multi Faith Stories production in Wolverhampton which takes a collection of four wisdom tales from Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam and explores humanitarian values common to those traditions; poetry events from Batley

Poets, Derby City Council and from Hillingdon Network and the Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House; and a coffee and art project morning in Kendal.

- **Dialogues and debates** such as one on Faith and Youth identity, arranged by Islington Faiths Forum and led by young people, the Interfaith Summit of the Faith and Belief Forum and an evening of dialogue in Newcastle on Peace and Reconciliation: Reflections on the Genocide In Bosnia.
- **Discussions around challenging issues**, such as a an event looking at responding to homelessness, arranged by Cambridge Faiths Partnership, Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council; Faiths and Sustainability: Taking Responsibility for our Planet (Warwick District Faiths Forum); and Faiths Forum for London focus groups, for young people on the question of ‘How can we overcome the rise of hate and extremism?’ as part of the Mayor of London’s Countering Violent Extremism programme.
- **Events in workplaces or on workplace issues**, held by such employers as the UK Civil Service and ISS UK
- **Themed assemblies, lessons and visits in many schools**, such as a full week of activity at St Anne’s RC Primary in Sunderland and Beauchamps High School in Wickford, Essex
- **University events** with many Students’ Unions and chaplaincies holding events, for example at Anglia Ruskin, Leeds University, Swansea and UCL. Student leaders who are part of the CCJ Campus Interfaith Leadership programme are arranging a number of events.
- **Exhibitions** such as one of artefacts from the faiths in Great Yarmouth organised by the Greater Yarmouth Interfaith and Belief Network; and “Our Shared History, Our Shared Heritage” an exhibition at Dewsbury Minster exploring the contribution of the British Indian Army during the World Wars.
- **Museum and library events** such as Open House at the Jewish Museum, London, for Inter Faith Week and Mitzvah Day; and, Durham University Oriental Museum’s ‘Meet a Sikh’ day to chat to members of the local Sikh community and get hands-on with Sikh objects, and to find out about the religions of the world with its new gallery trail
- **Conferences** on issues such as perspectives from different faiths and beliefs on death and dying held by Devon Faith and Belief Forum and Devon County Council.
- **Special training sessions**, such as those on different faiths and beliefs being run by Dor Kemmyn at the Cornwall Royal Hospital; and that being run by Leicester City Council, and facilitated by staff from Free-VA to enable

participants from different faiths to become faith community champions to support people affected by domestic violence

- **Competitions and Award ceremonies** such as Bristol Multi Faith Forum's 'Love your Neighbour' awards; and Surrey Heath Faith Forum's awards to local school children who have taken part in a 'Peace competition' on the theme: What does peace look like to you?
- **Locally focused consultations and discussions** such as an event held by Trafford Council with the Near Neighbours programme of the Church of England to bring together the community to share ideas and build networks to contribute towards a cohesive neighbourhood.
- **Sport's activities** such as an Arsenal in the Community youth programme with school pupils of different faiths; and a multicultural women's swim in Carlisle.
- **Events** arranged by police and other emergency services such as an inter faith panel being held by the Hampshire Constabulary Support and Training Headquarters near Southampton.
- **Services** such as those being held by Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum and in Exeter by the Corrymeela Community.

Contact details for these events and a full listing of known events can be found at www.interfaithweek.org/list and www.interfaithweek.org/map