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FOR INTER FAITH WEEK

A WEEK OF ACTION 8-15 NOVEMBER 2026

TOOLKIT



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What is Stronger Together for Inter Faith Week?

Stronger Together is a week of action coordinated by Together With Refugees, in partnership with Inter Faith Week, where communities and faiths across the country will come together to celebrate friendship, hope and connection.

While stories of division, hostility to refugees and scenes of far-right marches have dominated recent headlines, we know they do not reflect the reality in communities across the country.

Extraordinary connections are made across faiths and communities every day when local people join with refugees to form friendships, volunteer their time, stand up for fairness and support those seeking safety.

Whether you create a 'Wall of connection' to celebrate friendships formed through your work, host a meal, coordinate a walk or simply celebrate one of your regular activities that connects people - Stronger Together for Inter Faith Week is about making the friendships and connections built across communities every day visible.

Taking part in Stronger Together doesn't have to be loads of work or about putting on new events (unless you want to!). It's an opportunity to:

- Shine a light on, and celebrate, the work you are already doing
- Connect to a wider national moment celebrating the connections found in local communities
- Reach new people in your community, and build new local partnerships
- Be part of a visible, positive story about your community
- Help highlight to funders, partners and supporters the great work you're already doing

Webinars to find out more

We are hosting three webinars here you can find out more, hear what others are planning and ask questions. **Sign up for Webinar 2 [here](#).**

1. **8 September** (12-1pm): [Webinar 1 - How to get involved](#)
2. **30 September** (12-1pm): Webinar 2 - Spread the word
3. **14 October** (12-1pm): Webinar 3 - Final preparations

How to get involved

You can take part in Stronger Together for Inter Faith Week in whatever way works best for you – whether you celebrate the connections made through your existing activities or create new events.

We have developed four core ideas to inspire you. They are adaptable to be as simple and easy or more ambitious and exciting as you like! But whatever you do, make sure you do it with the orange heart – the symbol of hope and solidarity for refugees – and shout about it!

This is all about making the friendships formed across faiths and communities through welcoming refugees visible - to show we are more united than divided.

1. Celebrate every day friendship and connection
2. Create a display of friendship
3. Lead a friendship walk
4. Host a friendship festival or meal

Let us know what you're planning using this [form](#).

1. Celebrate every day friendship and connection

We know that friendships and connections across faiths and communities are made through your work welcoming refugees every day. Stronger Together is an important opportunity to celebrate and shout about them.

Existing activities

- Make one of your usual activities – such as an English class, craft session or drop-in session – a celebration of friendship across faiths and communities
- Include orange hearts – make it colourful, positive and visual
- Take a photo or video of people celebrating friendship and connection
- Post it on social media
- Use the hashtags #StrongerTogether #InterFaithWeek #TogetherWithRefugees

Celebrate friendships across faiths and communities

- Invite your colleagues, supporters, clients, partners and local community to celebrate a friendship made through your work
- This could be a friend or connection made through welcoming refugees that crosses faiths or difference to find common ground
- Write a message on an orange heart to celebrate the connection and common found
- Display the messages on a wall, somewhere public and/or on social media
- Local media might be interested to hear about these stories too

2. Create a display of friendship

To celebrate the friendships and connections made across faiths and communities in your area and your work every day, you can create a visual display to make sure as many people as possible feel the unity in their community. Your display could be in a prominent public place, such as a wall, a window, a fence or railing. It could even be on a tree! You can:

- Decorate the location of your display with orange hearts and a name, such as Friendship Wall, Wall of Connection or Friendship Tree
- Gather messages from your colleagues, volunteers, clients, friends and community members to display
- Write the messages on orange hearts
- The messages can be a celebration of a person from a different faith or community that they have met through welcoming refugees and common ground they have discovered
- Take a photo of the display and/or film it being created – include people smiling at the camera in the photo. Pictures are always more interesting with people, but don't forget to ask permission first!
- Put it on social media with the hashtags #StrongerTogether #InterFaithWeek #TogetherWithRefugees
- You can also send it to a local media outlet



3. Lead a friendship walk

From a stroll around your local area to holding a community event – you can walk with friendship to show others that there is more that unites us than divides us. Whatever you do, make sure you walk with big, colourful orange hearts. You could:

- Walk with colleagues, clients, volunteers and supporters in your local area
- Organise a walk where organisations and groups can join together and celebrate all the friendships and connections across faiths and communities in your area. You could join with your local foodbanks, youth clubs, faith groups, schools and more!
- You could organise a celebration at the end with music, food and speeches
- You can get creative about your walk and the stories you can tell, such as:
 - Friends who met as volunteers or refugee and asylum seekers through a befriending scheme
 - ESOL teachers and students walk together
- Don't forget to take a photo and/or footage and make sure people know about the unity where they live by posting on social media with the hashtags #StrongerTogether #InterFaithWeek #TogetherWithRefugees.
- You could send your photos with a press release to your local media or even invite them along to join the walk with you
- Remember to ask permission if you're taking and sharing people's photos



4. Host a friendship festival or meal

From tea and treats to a community party – you can celebrate friendships across faiths and communities to show others the unity in your area. Remember to display big, colourful orange hearts. You could:

- Host a tea party with treats and teas from across the world - inviting people from different faiths and communities to enjoy each others' traditions
- Organise a 'festival of friendship' where organisations and groups can join together and celebrate all the friendships and connections across faiths and communities in your area
- Your event can be as simple or ambitious as you choose - from a simple gathering to a party with music, food and speeches
- Don't forget to take a photo and/or footage and make sure people know about the unity where they live by posting on social media with the hashtags #StrongerTogether #InterFaithWeek #TogetherWithRefugees
- You could send your photos with a press release to your local media or even invite them along to join in the celebrations with you
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Spread the word

Holding an activity is only half the story! We need to show that the headlines of hate and division don't reflect the reality we see across the country every day.

To spread the word of the unity and connection in your area don't forget to take photos and/or videos of your activity and share it through social and local media.

We'll be providing tips and templates for social and local media in a link here from September. Don't forget to look out for the email, revisit this page to find the link and join our 'Spread the word' webinar (above).

Staying safe

We know that safety is an important factor – especially for refugees, asylum seekers and those working with them. You can check out the guidance below to do what you can to stay safe in person and online.

- City of Sanctuary [Speak Up for Sanctuary](#)
- Hope not Hate [Staying safe](#) and [Safety and security advice](#)
- IMIX [Media Safeguarding Toolkit](#) and [Countering Mis/Disinformation Toolkit](#)
- Refugee Week [Staying Safe](#)
- Global Dialogue [Safety and resilience](#)

Don't forget the basics!

However you choose to be part of Stronger Together for Inter Faith Week

- Do it between 8 and 15 November 2026
- Include orange hearts - whether you make them together as part of your activity, wear them on your clothes or carry them on placards
- Take photos and/or footage and post about it on your social media with the hashtags #StrongerTogether #InterFaithWeek #TogetherWithRefugees
- Send the photos with a press release about what you did
- Make sure you all stay safe and follow the safety advice as part of your planning
- Let us know what you're planning using this [form](#)

Useful contacts

If you have any questions or need some advice, here are some useful contacts.

Inter Faith Week	comms@interfaithweek.org
IMIX	media@imix.org.uk
City of Sanctuary	info@cityofsanctuary.org
Refugee Week	refugeeweek@counterpoints.org.uk
Together With Refugees	info@asylum-reform-initiative.org.uk

Other resources

[Inter Faith Week Resources](#)
[IMIX Social Media Content Guides](#)
[IMIX Working with the Media](#)
[IMIX Writing a Press Release](#)

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