

A TASTER OF EVENTS BEING HELD FOR INTER FAITH WEEK 2016

The following are just a few examples of hundreds of events that will be taking place. For more information about these and other Inter Faith Week activities visit www.interfaithweek.org

- Many events will be taking place which are being held jointly for Inter Faith Week and Remembrance Sunday or linked to the present centenary commemoration of World War 1 <http://bit.ly/2fzRBko>. On the last weekend, there will be an Inter Faith Week World War I Centenary Commemoration event held by the Golden Tours Foundation and Zoroastrian Trusts Funds of Europe at the Zoroastrian Centre in London.
- Faith trails and open door days to explore different places of worship, such as churches, gurdwaras, mandirs, mosques, synagogues and viharas in places such as Bolton, Halifax, Medway, Newcastle, and Southampton.
- Week-long programmes in towns, cities and counties such as Burnley, Lancashire, Leicester, Norwich and York and institutions such as the University of Bradford Multifaith Chaplaincy and the Southampton and Solent Universities.
- Sporting activities, including a number of competitions and events held jointly between Sporting Equals, local faith communities and other partners in different localities.
- Themed assemblies, lessons and visits in many schools, such as a full week of activity at Watford Grammar School for Boys and a series of visits to places of worship for schools organised by Bolton Interfaith Council.
- A national photography competition, Faith Through a Lens, run by the Congregational and General Charitable Trust in association with the Inter Faith Network for the UK and Churches Together in England.
- Training, including on religious and cultural diversity, such as that in Irvinestown, Northern Ireland run by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Devon Faith and Belief Forum in Exeter.
- Exhibitions about different faiths and beliefs such as those in Eastbourne, Great Yarmouth, Lancaster and Leicester.
- Dialogues, such as 'Hope – a light in the darkness: reflections on Chanukah and Christmas' run by Corrymeela in Ballycastle, Northern Ireland; 'Conversations in Mercy' at Clifton Cathedral and 'The Common Good' held by County Durham Faiths Network.
- Social action projects, such as a multi faith tree planting led by Wakefield Interfaith Group and a number of events on responding to issues, such as 'Hospitality and Sanctuary: A Faith-Based Response to Refugees', run by Oxford Brookes University Multifaith Chaplaincy.
- A learning session held by the All Party Parliamentary Interfaith Group on local interfaith initiatives with presentations from Glasgow Interfaith, Faith Network 4 Manchester and Redbridge Faith Forum; and an All Party Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society reception with FaithAction at which Communities Secretary, Sajid Javid MP, will be speaking.
- Inter faith arts, cultural and music events such as 'Expressing our faith through music and the arts', run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in

Merthyr Tydfil and a special 'Touch Tour' at the Durham University Oriental Museum.

- Events which combine artistic celebration and discussion of serious issues, such as a youth-led Interfaith Summit run by 3FF (the Three Faiths Forum) in London and 'Have Faith in Your Community' run by Cherwell District Council in Bicester.
- Discussions and other events focussing on challenging issues, such as responses to climate change in Chelmsford and Manchester; support/ solidarity with refugees in Cambridge, Cheltenham and Plymouth; and faith and criminal justice in Worcestershire.
- Activities enabling school, college or university students to engage with questions about faiths and beliefs, including 'Hey God, You Out There?' – a Q&A panel organised by Wisbech Interfaith Group and 'Inter Faith Question Time' organised by Cardiff University Chaplaincy and Students' Union.
- Celebrations and festivals in places such as Leeds, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth and Stafford.
- A number of local events this year are supported through the Near Neighbours programme of the Church Urban Fund, with support of the Department for Communities and Local Government and through the Interfaith Youth Trust.

Contact details for these events and a full listing of known events can be found at www.interfaithweek.org/map and www.interfaithweek.org/list Scottish Interfaith Week is led by Interfaith Scotland, and events can be found on the listings linked to above or on the Interfaith Scotland website at <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/scottish-interfaith-week/programme-of-events-2016/> The theme for Scottish Interfaith Week is 'Religion and the Media'.

This 'taster' sheet accompanies a press release issued on 10 November about the Week by the Inter Faith Network for the UK. The text of the press release can be found at www.interfaithweek.org/press

Details of events in Scotland can be obtained from <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/scottish-interfaith-week>

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