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Week**

Inter Faith Week Frequently Asked Questions

Everything you need to know about Inter Faith Week 2026

About Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week is an annual initiative that brings people and communities together across faith and belief.

1. What is Inter Faith Week?

Inter Faith Week is an annual initiative held in November that aims to strengthen interfaith relations across the UK. It aims to raise awareness of the diverse contributions of faith communities and promote understanding among people of different religious and non-religious beliefs. Since its launch in 2009, thousands of events have taken place during the Week. These have included discussions, dialogues, community walks, cultural festivals, and various educational activities.

Inter Faith Week 2026 will take place from Sunday 8 November to Sunday 15 November.

2. Why does interfaith work matter?

At a time when division, disinformation, antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred, and other forms of prejudice are causing many people to feel isolated or pressured to hide who they are, interfaith offers a hopeful alternative: a shared future in which everyone belongs, stands together against hate, and builds stronger, safer, more united communities rooted in solidarity, compassion, and shared action.

3. What is this year's theme, and what does it mean?

The theme for 2026 is "Lighting the Way for a Shared Future", a celebration of hope inspired by the symbolism of light across faiths and traditions, including the spirit of Diwali, which marks the beginning of Inter Faith Week this year. It reflects a shared belief that even in challenging times, communities can come together to build understanding, trust, and friendship.

4. Who organises Inter Faith Week?

Following the Inter Faith Network's closure in 2024, the Week is now organised by a National Steering Group of national and regional interfaith organisations, led by The Faith & Belief Forum and the United Religions Initiative (UK). Work is funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

5. Why does England have a dedicated Inter Faith Week?

Building good relationships between people of different faiths and beliefs is part of the year-round work of many people and organisations across England. Having a dedicated Week provides a focal point, helping to open up interfaith activity to a wider audience so more people become aware of this work and can take part.

Note: Scottish Interfaith Week takes place during the same period with its own dedicated programme led by Interfaith Scotland.

6. Who can take part / who is it for?

Inter Faith Week is for everyone. Organisations that have taken part in previous years include faith communities and places of worship, community and voluntary groups, interfaith bodies, youth groups, schools and SACRES, further and higher education institutions, local authorities and public agencies, sports organisations, museums, businesses and workplaces, and media outlets, among others.

7. How can I get in touch with the team?

If you have any questions about IFW or need support, please email contact@interfaithweek.org.

Getting Involved

Attending an Event

1. How do I find events and activities happening near me?

Events and activities for this year can be found on the Activity Map: www.interfaithweek.org/events/programme

2. Do I need to belong to a particular faith (or any faith) to take part?

No. Inter Faith Week is open to all people from all faith and belief backgrounds, as well as those with non-religious beliefs.

3. Are the events free to attend?

All events listed on the Activity Map are free to attend, unless stated otherwise.

Getting Involved

Running an Event

1. How do I or my organisation register an event?

You can register an event by completing the registration form here: www.interfaithweek.org/events/register

2. What kind of activity can be registered?

A wide range of events are registered each year, including interfaith services and vigils, panel discussions and lectures, singing and chanting workshops, craft activities (such as mosaic lamp-making), shared meals and community lunches, remembrance ceremonies, art competitions, litter picks and social action projects, and workplace-led "interfaith trails" to local places of worship. Events can be held in person or online, ranging from small local gatherings to large launch events.

3. Where can I find resources to help us run our activity?

Resources can be accessed here: www.interfaithweek.org/resources

They include practical guides (branding assets, book club and school toolkits, press and publicity tips), reports (such as the Inter Faith Week Report and past activity lists), and reflective content (including podcasts, panel discussions, and guidance on facilitating dialogue and evaluating impact).

A free Resource Pack containing a guidance booklet, badges, bunting, and other materials is being sent to local interfaith groups around England. If your group would like one of these, please email Communities@interfaithweek.org.

Dedicated resources for schools can be accessed here: www.ifw4schools.co.uk/resources-2026

This website includes assembly plans, classroom activities, discussion prompts on shared values, and guidance for holding interfaith panels or visits to local places of worship.

4. What accessibility factors should we consider when planning an event?

When choosing a venue or platform, ensure physical access (ramps, accessible toilets, hearing loops), offer hybrid or online options where possible, and provide clear information on parking and public transport links in advance. For online sessions, enable live captioning and provide downloadable materials in accessible formats.

5. How should dietary and cultural requirements be managed for food-based events?

If your activity involves sharing food, clearly label all options for Kosher, Halal, vegetarian, vegan, and allergen requirements. Ensure food preparation respects traditional guidelines or consider partnering with certified caterers or providing pre-packaged items where necessary.

6. What steps ensure a respectful and safe environment for all participants?

Schedule activities so they do not conflict with major prayer times or religious observances (e.g. Friday afternoon, Saturday, or Sunday morning depending on partner groups). Be mindful of modesty codes and personal space preferences regarding physical contact. Always obtain explicit consent before taking photos or recording participants.

7. How can schools, colleges and SACREs get involved?

Schools, colleges, and Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (SACREs) can use Inter Faith Week as a focal point to celebrate the faith and belief diversity of their pupils, strengthen belonging, and build connections with their local communities.

The dedicated InterFaithWeek4Schools website includes everything needed for schools and colleges to explore this year's theme. Developed with expert RE partners, our free, curriculum-linked resources and assemblies are tailored for every Key Stage and designed for specialists and non-specialists alike, whether you have an hour, a full drop-down day, or want to build activities across the week. Our National Pupil Poetry Competition also returns for 2026, inviting young people to creatively explore what a more hopeful, connected future could look like:

www.ifw4schools.co.uk

Social Media and Hashtags

1. How can I share our event on social media?

When posting about your activities on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, or X (Twitter), use the official campaign hashtags: #InterFaithWeek, #LightingTheWay, and #SharedFuture. Tagging the official channels allows the Inter Faith Week team to amplify and reshare your work across national channels.

2. Where can I find official branding assets and logos?

Downloadable logos, graphic templates, social media banners, and brand guidelines are available in the online resources section at www.interfaithweek.org/resources to help you create branded publicity materials for your activities.

3. How can I keep up to date?

You can sign up to our mailing list on the website: www.interfaithweek.org

You can also follow us on our official social media handles:

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/IFWeek/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ifweek/
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/@InterFaithWeek-p4o1o