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- **forthcoming inter faith events likely to be of interest to people across the UK**
- **inter faith and multi faith projects where you are seeking input**
- **resources which you have recently developed which you think may be helpful to those working in the inter faith field**
- **brief information about any jobs you are advertising within inter faith organisations or for inter faith posts (eg local inter faith development worker; national faith community inter faith officer)**

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UK/NATIONAL UPDATES

Inter Faith Week 20–26 November – register your event!

Inter Faith Week (see www.interfaithweek.org.uk) takes place in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from Sunday 20 November until Saturday 26 November. Its aims are:

- strengthening good inter faith relations at all levels
- increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

More information and resources are available at www.interfaithweek.org.uk. The website now carries listings for national, regional and local events in England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Just a few examples of events already registered are: a multi faith exhibition at Central Manchester University Hospitals Foundation Trust; a Shared Values GCSE ethics conference in South Bromsgrove; a multi faith celebration of the Week in Guildford; Living Library events in Birmingham; a panel discussion at the Parliament Buildings with members of the Northern Ireland Assembly on issues relating to faith diversity in Northern Ireland; an arts event, 'Hands together for Inter Faith Week' in Cheltenham; a celebration event in Wisbech; an inter faith fair in Leicester; a networking opportunity for local inter faith groups in the East of England; a Cheshire-wide event: 'Bridging the Gap - public services and faith communities working together'; an inter faith arts exhibition in London; and a special 'mock tribunal' arranged by the Employers' Forum on Belief which will be a unique opportunity to hear from a lawyer, tribunal judge and barrister in a simulated hearing focussed on discrimination on grounds of religion or belief where, guided by legal experts Lewis Silkin, participants will learn the proceedings, the evidence required, the possible objective justifications and potential questions, who might be called and what they may be asked and have a chance to cast their verdict.

If you are running a local, regional or national event in England, Northern Ireland or Wales to mark Inter Faith Week, please register it as soon as possible online at www.interfaithweek.org.uk to let the media, the general public and the IFN office know what is happening and raise the profile of the Week.

If you do not have an event planned and might like to create one, visit the Inter Faith Week website www.interfaithweek.org.uk for ideas. Some are specially designed to take from planning to execution within three weeks.

For details on Scottish Inter Faith Week, see the [Special Days and Weeks Section on page 18](#).

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IFN Faith Communities Forum

The Faith Communities Forum, which brings together for discussion the national faith community bodies in membership of the Inter Faith Network, met on 27 September. It discussed: the review of the Equality and Human Rights Commission; preparations for Inter Faith Week 2011; the Government's integration policy; faith and dietary practice; and other public policy issues.

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Meeting of national and regional inter faith bodies

On 17 October, there was an IFN meeting of national and regional inter faith bodies (other than umbrella/linking bodies). As well as sharing news of current projects they discussed Inter Faith Week; aspects of the Government's policy which touch on their work; use of multi media; and issues of how to monitor and evaluate inter faith work.

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Equality and Human Rights Commission consultation

On 12 October the Equality and Human Rights Commission launched a 60 day consultation to help it develop its next three-year strategic plan, which is due to be laid before Parliament in April 2012. The consultation provides an opportunity to comment on the Commission's proposed mission and roles and the key equality and human rights issues for 2012-15 and the final phase of consultation will take place for 30 days in early 2012.

Information on the consultation can be found online at www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/vision-and-mission/our-strategic-plan/consultation-on-our-strategic-plan-2009-12 and responses are requested by 12 December.

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Equality and Human Rights Commission submission to European Court of Human Rights

On 28 September the EHRC published its submission to the European Court of Human Rights on four cases related to alleged religious discrimination in the workplace. A summary of the more than 500 responses which it had received to its consultation was also published.

The submission and the consultation response summary can be found at www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/human-rights-legal-powers/legal-intervention-on-religion-or-belief-rights.

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Expansion of National Citizen Service programme

Prime Minister David Cameron announced on 5 October that National Citizen Service (NCS) for 16-year-olds will be tripled in size to offer 90,000 places by 2014. NCS is a voluntary programme that gives 16-year-olds the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and make a difference in their communities. Young people from very different backgrounds are brought together into a team, with a common objective, to achieve something of which they can all be proud. Activities include outdoor team-based challenges; structured tasks to develop personal skills; visiting and helping groups in the local neighbourhood; and designing and delivering a social action project in consultation with local communities. Following the first pilot this summer, up to 30,000 places will be offered in 2012 and 90,000 by 2014.

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Riots Communities and Victims Panel open meetings

The Riots Communities and Victims Panel set up by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, in September to examine the causes of London riots in August is holding a series of consultation meetings. While many are closed, a series of public meetings is providing members of affected communities with the opportunity to talk to the Panel about their experiences of the riots. The first of these meetings took place on 17 and 18 October in Ealing and Croydon. The next two meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 2 November at Enfield Dugdale Centre and Thursday 3 November in Tottenham (venue tbc). For more information, visit <http://riotspanel.independent.gov.uk/meetings-and-visits/>.

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150th Anniversary of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

This year is the 150th anniversary of Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE). A series of celebratory events are taking place through the year. This month, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Zoroastrian Centre in London as part of the celebrations. He was welcomed by leading members of the community and presented with a range of gifts. He presented special commemorative medallions, on behalf of ZTFE, to a number of community members for their work in its service. Medallions were also presented to a small number of other figures, including the Inter Faith Network's former Director, Mr Brian Pearce, to honour him for his long and dedicated service to inter faith work in the UK. Dr Harriet Crabtree also received a medallion on behalf of the Inter Faith Network.

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Consultation launched on ‘Principles of Good Impact Reporting’

A universal set of principles for impact reporting in charities and social enterprises has been released for consultation. The initiative, led by New Philanthropy Capital, the Charity Finance Directors Group (CFDG) and the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO), is now in a consultation phase, seeking feedback from key groups involved in developing impact reporting including chief executives, finance directors, fundraisers and grant-makers.

The document looks at how charities should communicate their impact and what charities should communicate. The six general principles identified are clarity, accessibility, transparency, accountability, proportionality and verifiability and the document considers how these should be applied.

A copy of the document can be downloaded from www.acevo.org.uk/document.doc?id=1731. The organisations involved are keen to hear whether the principles are constructive in helping the voluntary and community sector in communicating their impact. Any feedback can be sent to tlumley@philanthropycapital.org.

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PROJECTS

JAINpedia

The JAINpedia project has reached a milestone with a demonstration and launch of the ‘beta’ version of its multimedia site in India on 14 October. A further launch in the UK will be held in November. The website brings the physical into the virtual with over 5,000 folios of rare and ancient manuscripts and much contextual information. Further updates will appear on the JAINpedia blog, at <http://blog.jainpedia.org> or on the JAINpedia Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Luton Faith Woodlands Communities

The Faith Woodlands Communities project, centred on Maulden Woods in Bedfordshire, runs until 30 April 2013. The project is a joint venture between Luton Council of Faiths, Bedford Council of Faiths, the Forestry Commission, the Greensand Trust, Luton Borough Council and Grassroots and is funded through Natural England’s ‘Access to Nature’. The project aims to help people from all backgrounds to enjoy and learn more about nature and the countryside, and make particular use of the diverse faith networks in Luton and Bedford to show how all faiths and none share an appreciation of nature and care for the environment. For more details on the project and its partners, including a video of some of the guided walks and events, see www.faithwoodlands.org.uk.

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Religions for Peace – Reconciliation and peace building work

Religions for Peace (UK) is considering calling a meeting of secular and faith-led organisations that are involved in reconciliation or peace building, to discuss the future of this work and to answer some of the questions, such as:

- How much of our work is being duplicated?
- Is there potential for co-operation/collaboration?
- The possibility of considering a joint secretariat (as most of our organisations are dependent on total voluntary work which could be greatly assisted if we had some sort of joint secretariat)
- Is there need and possibility of linking with the local interfaith groups to advocate this agenda?
- What role can we play on the European and the international stage together?

If you feel there is some validity in calling such a meeting please contact David Horner, Religions for Peace (UK), at dvd.horner@googlemail.com or on 07768 105387.

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Peace Pathway for St Pancras

The Week of Prayer for World Peace (WPWP) is creating a circular Peace Pathway in the historic St Pancras Old Church Gardens in London. The Pathway is designed to celebrate diversity and for different communities to work on a peace project together.

In its centre will be a map of the world. It will be surrounded by the word for 'Peace' in each of the 232 plus languages spoken domestically in London. Around the circle the names of the continents and the days of the week will be displayed. A solar-powered World Peace Flame is featured in the centre of the globe. This is interactive and by turning a handle, one can make the light shine even more brightly onto the world showing how each individual can make a difference.

WPWP welcomes any help with the project. For further information please contact wpwpeace@aol.com.

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3FF Undergraduate ParliaMentors

Senior politicians such as Iain Duncan Smith, Hazel Blears and Jo Swinson have all been mentors on 3FF's Undergraduate ParliaMentors (UP) initiative, which will run throughout the academic year and involve 45 students from 15 universities across the UK. Over a dozen MPs will take part in the UN award-winning programme this year, acting as mentors to university students who are keen to gain the skills, experiences and networks to become the next generation of politicians and community leaders in the UK.

UP was created by 3FF to build understanding and better relations between people of different faiths and beliefs at university, while giving undergraduates valuable leadership training. Together, the students will use their new skills to work on social action and community empowerment projects addressing local and national issues. The programme was previously only for Muslim, Christian and Jewish students, but has this year expanded to include people of all faiths and beliefs – including non-religious beliefs.

In addition to this, 3FF's mentoring model is expanding into Europe. 3FF has partnered with Belief in Dialogue, a British Council initiative, to give eight students from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Sweden and the UK the opportunity to be mentored by two MEPs. They will travel to Brussels over the course of their academic year to meet their MEP mentors and attend parliamentary committee meetings and debates.

Further information can be found online at www.threefaithsforum.org.uk/news/2011/09/undergraduate-parliamentors.html.

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'Visible' project - Quality assurance for faith based organisations

'Visible' is a quality assurance programme for faith based organisations led by the Faith Based Regeneration Network (FBRN) working in partnership with Community Matters, the Church Urban Fund and the Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London. FBRN is running an 18 month pilot project to assess the value of 'Visible' faith-based organisations. The project is investigating how the 'Visible' programme can assist faith groups to: be confident of their faith values and ethos when promoting their work to potential funders and partners; promote the contribution they make to community development and cohesion in a way that is recognised by the wider voluntary and community sector, local government and other agencies; and engage as equals with other community service providers.

The pilot project focuses on seven faith based projects selected from across the country. Each project is supported by a faith based mentor with an understanding of the particular opportunities and needs faced by faith organisations serving the local community through social action and community engagement. The pilot is assessing how 'Visible' can contribute to improving the reach of faith based organisations by raising their profile and credence within the voluntary community sector.

Further information on the 'Visible' programme can be found at www.fbrn.org.uk/fbrn-visible-quality-assurance-programme-faith-based-organisations.

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National Hindu Students Forum – 20th anniversary

The National Hindu Students Forum (UK) (NHSF (UK)) is this year celebrating its 20th anniversary. It has taken as its anniversary theme, 'Arise Arjuna', which it describes as 'celebrating action over inaction, practice over hypocrisy, vision over apathy and truth over ignorance'. NHSF (UK) is holding a special anniversary event around this

theme on 19 November in London. The importance of relations with other faith groups will be one of the strands of the event. For further information, contact: prteam@nhsf.org.uk.

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Diamond Jubilee Beacons Project

It is planned to light 2,012 Beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and UK Overseas Territories on Monday 4 June. Her Majesty The Queen will be lighting the National Beacon and a special book containing all the Diamond Jubilee Beacon locations will be given to The Queen after the event (in a similar way to the book produced for The Queen's Golden Jubilee Beacons in 2001, which now resides in The Royal Library at Windsor Castle).

The organisers of Diamond Jubilee Beacons hope that all faith communities in the UK will wish to take part in the project. The '*Guide to taking part*' which contains information about the different types of beacons and how to become involved can be downloaded from www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk.

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Malaria No More – film, faith and fundraising

To mark Inter Faith Week on 20-26 November, Malaria No More UK is encouraging faith groups throughout the country to come together for an evening of film, faith and fundraising. Malaria No More UK is committed to ending suffering and death caused by malaria. During Inter Faith Week it would like people to hold a film related event that would help to highlight the plight of people suffering from malaria and help raise funds for the organisation. The money raised during Inter Faith Week will go towards specific work in Ghana where large sections of the population are at risk.

The project is being coordinated by Charlotte Dando and Usman Nawaz who are Faith Act Fellows from the Tony Blair Faith Foundation currently working with Malaria No More UK. They have produced a resource on a step by step guide to help event organisers. This will be going online shortly at <http://malaria nomore.org.uk/themes/faith>.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Near Neighbours

The Near Neighbours programme is a three-year initiative, run by the Church Urban Fund, which aims to bring people together in diverse communities, helping them build relationships and collaborate to improve the local community in which they live. This is a rolling programme with no deadlines but it is due to end in March 2013. Award

amounts range from £250-£5000. The fund will invest in environmental, social, cultural, artistic and sporting ideas which fulfill the criteria, which can be found at www.cuf.org.uk/near-neighbours/grants.

The Fund is pleased to receive applications from people of different faith groups or none, working in partnership with people of different faiths and within the criteria. Details on how to apply can be found at www.cuf.org.uk/near-neighbours/grants.

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Social Action Fund

The Office for Civil Society has opened a social action fund worth over £20million. The fund will offer grants of £100,000 and more to projects across England that plan to expand volunteering and giving of time, money, knowledge and assets. The fund will be managed by the Social Investment Business.

The Fund is open to proposals relevant to its three main themes:

- Social action in the community – projects that will encourage people to come together to support each other and improve their communities.
- Social action inspired by the Olympics and Paralympics legacy – projects that build on the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games, creating a legacy of social action.
- Social action for all ages – projects that motivate people across all generations to get involved in volunteering and charitable giving.

The first window for applications closes at noon on Wednesday 2 November, 2011. A second application window is due to open in early 2012.

The Social Action Fund is open to applications to fund social action projects in England from civil society organisations, public sector bodies and businesses with a track record of delivering social action programmes. Organisations must have operated for more than 2 years and have a minimum turnover of £100,000 to be eligible. For more information and to apply, visit www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/saf/.

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Community First Fund and Community Organisers

An £80 million Community First fund, which will provide small grants to community groups and local social action projects, was opened on 6 October by Nick Hurd Minister for Civil Society. This comes as the first of 5,000 people to be trained as Community Organisers took up post. The Government describes these as ‘two flagship Big Society initiatives which together will encourage people to do more to help each other out and give them the tools they need to make a difference’

.A Community First website has been opened which invites people to sign their community up to receive support. Funding will be handed out by panels of local people. The fund is divided into two strands. £30 million will be used to provide small grants. The remaining £50 million will be used to match private donations invested in

community endowment funds which will pay out money for small grants well into the future. The Community Development Foundation (CDF) will work with several organisations to deliver the Community First programme, including supermarket chain Asda.

The first Community Organisers took up post this week. They have begun a twelve month training programme based in local community groups in eleven places in England supported by Locality, the Government's national partner. They are learning the skills they need to identify local leaders and bring people together to act on what matters to them, including using new powers devolved from government to citizens. They will play an important role organising communities to take advantage of Community First funding. A total of 5,000 Community Organisers will be trained from now to 2015.

Further information can be found online at www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/community-first.

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Village SOS competition

The Village SOS competition, run by the Big Lottery Fund, aims to give around 250 villages across the UK a share of £5.3 million to begin a community business. Awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 will be made to support inspiring business ideas that will bring people together in villages, and support activities and enterprises that will tackle the challenges they face.

The competition deadline has been extended to 20 October and entries can be accepted from informal community groups. To find out more about the competition visit www.villagesos.org.uk. For help developing ideas into a sustainable business, you can call the Big Lottery Fund Village SOS Advice Line on 0845 434 9123.

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CALLS FOR INFORMATION, COMPETITIONS AND TENDERS

British Association for the Study of Spirituality – call for abstracts

The deadline for papers for the 2nd International Conference of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality has been extended to 30 November.

The theme of the Conference, which will take place from 15 May to 17 May at Highgate House in Northampton, is 'Spirituality in a Fragmented World'. Abstracts were initially invited only for oral paper presentation which address the theme of the conference through one or more of its sub-themes: spirituality and health; spirituality and religion; spirituality and humanity and social justice; spirituality and ecology; and spirituality and politics. Abstracts are now also invited for Workshops and Roundtables. Abstracts are invited from people working in academic institutions,

health, social care and religious practice, policy makers, business environments and general public life. They are particularly keen to encourage PhD students to present their work and plan to use the conference to launch an interdisciplinary PhD network for all students looking at spirituality.

Conference information and booking and abstract submission forms can be viewed and downloaded from www.basspirituality.org.uk. Abstracts should be sent by email attachment to Margaret Holloway, Chair of the Conference Scientific Committee at m.l.holloway@hull.ac.uk and also to Claire Gregory, conference administrator, at c.gregory@hull.ac.uk.

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Coexist Prize

The deadline for nominations for the new Coexist Prize has been extended to 31 October. The prize, worth \$100,000, aims to celebrate the positive social role religion plays for so many people in the world. It will honour an individual who has shown inspirational courage, imagination and commitment, and been nominated by the public, or by Coexist's global network of nominating partners. The Prize is open to people of all faiths, and those of no religious persuasion. There are also two runner up awards worth \$10,000. Members of the public can nominate people through the online nomination form which can be found, together with further information about the criteria and guidelines, at www.coexistfoundation.net/en-gb/prize/20/coexist-prize.htm.

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RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Confronting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia

The Joseph Interfaith Foundation has produced a book of the proceedings of its one-day international conference in 2009, *Confronting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia: An exploration of their socio-historic and theological roots and similarities*. The book will be launched at the House of Lords on 24 October.

Full details of the 2009 conference can be found at www.josephinterfaithfoundation.org/joseph-main/previous/confronting.php. For information on receiving a copy of the book, please email info@josephinterfaithfoundation.org.

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Jews, Christians and Muslims in Europe: Modern Challenges

The Woolf Institute is offering an e-learning course entitled 'Jews, Christians and Muslims in Europe: Modern Challenges'. The course commences on 7 November and the closing date for applications is 14 October.

The course is taught at final-year undergraduate level and the e-learning approach allows students to study via the internet wherever and whenever they choose, both individually and jointly with other students. The course fee is £300 and bursaries are available, depending on academic or professional merit and financial circumstances. A Woolf Institute Certificate is awarded on completion of the course. Further information can be found at www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/courses/jcme.asp or by contacting Dr Emma Harris at emma.harris@woolf.cam.ac.uk.

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Religious Diversity and Anti-discrimination training

The Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby is offering a training course to become a trainer as part of a UK and European Network of trainers in Religious Diversity and Anti-discrimination. The training will take place at the Multi-Faith Centre in Kedleston Road, Derby, on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October, Sunday 13 November, Sunday 11 December and Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 January. (Overnight accommodation can be arranged if required.) The basic cost for the 6 training days including lunch and refreshments, manual and certificate is £600. (Accommodation and travel are not included.)

For further information, please contact Eileen Fry, Training Coordinator at e.fry@derby.ac.uk.

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Birmingham Faith Guiding course

The Faith Encounter Programme in Birmingham is running a Faith Guiding Course which seeks to give people of all faiths the knowledge, understanding and skills required for successful guiding around a particular place of worship. The course, which leads to an Institute of Tourist Guiding Certificate (Level 2 qualification), runs on Thursdays from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, from 10 November to 9 February, with a 2 week Christmas break and is held at Lozells Methodist Community Centre, 113 Lozells Street, Birmingham B19 2AP.

There are 20 places available. Applicants must be over the age of 18 and have the ability to communicate well in English. The cost of the course is £33. For application forms please contact the Course Director, Ruth Tetlow, at ruthtetlow@btinternet.com or on 0121 449 4892. Further information can be found online at www.faihtencounter.org.uk.

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Conversations for the Soul training workshop

Conversations for the Soul is an inter faith programme run by the St Ethelburga's Centre which uses tandem dialogue. It is designed to allow participants to experience a deep and honest experience of dialogue and to be helpful in forming sustainable grassroots friendships across faith boundaries. The programme is suitable for both adults and young people.

An initial training workshop was held in September. The second of the one-day training workshops, being held on Tuesday 8 November at the National Union of Students (NUS) offices, is for university chaplains, NUS officers and students who would like to deliver this dialogue programme on their university campus or in their community. The workshop fee is £40 which includes free resource material and a handbook. For further information, see <http://stethelburgas.org/multifaith/projects>.

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Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme Scriptural Reasoning workshop

The Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme (CIP) is running a Scriptural Reasoning workshop on Thursday 27 October from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. The workshop will include training in Scriptural Reasoning and the chance to do some scriptural reasoning in a small group, guided by an experienced 'reasoner'. CIP runs open events each term to introduce Scriptural Reasoning to new audiences, and to encourage people to get involved in this inter faith practice. This event forms part of the Cambridge University Festival of Ideas and will take place in the Pitt Building, Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

The event is open to all and free of charge, but please email cip@divinity.cam.ac.uk if you would like to attend.

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Religious Literacy Leadership programme

The Faiths and Civil Society Unit at Goldsmiths, University of London, is running two Religious Literacy Leadership workshops this November. The workshops will take place in London on 14 and 15 November and are designed to explore the practical challenges and opportunities posed by religious identity in university spaces, supporting senior HE leaders and managers to put in place excellent policies and practices, which enhance their 'offer' to students and staff. They are intended for senior staff in key operational roles including: heads of academic departments; chaplaincies; student services; admissions and registry; exams and timetabling; student counselling; catering, food, bars and accommodation; student financial services; and NUS executives.

For further details and to register visit <http://religiousliteracyhe.org/events-2/2011-rlw>.

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Free capacity building training for NGOs

The Runnymede Trust is offering Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and grassroots organisations working in the equalities sector an opportunity to attend one of two free awareness raising seminars on advocacy, the media and monitoring: one in London in November or one in Glasgow in February.

The London seminar will be held from 10am to 4.30pm on Thursday 17 November. Full details, including the application form and draft programme, can be found online at www.runnymedetrust.org/news/333/391/Equality-and-non-discrimination-free-awareness-raising-seminars-for-NGOs.html. Small travel bursaries are available.

The Glasgow seminar details have yet to be released. To register an interest in attending the Glasgow event, email rebecca@runnymedetrust.org.

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JOBS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Based Regeneration Network – Executive Director

The Faith Based Regeneration Network (FbRN) is seeking an Executive Director to lead it into the next stage of development. The Executive Director's key activities will be: to provide leadership for FbRN; to develop and deliver a 3 year strategic plan within the framework laid down by the Board; to ensure that FbRN is well placed to meet the demands of the funding situation in a time of economic restraint and that it becomes significantly less dependent on central government funding; to shape FbRN's offer to meet the needs of its members and clients; to ensure FbRN UK's effective contribution to the development of and active engagement in strategic partnerships; to be responsible for resourcing and overseeing the financial affairs of FbRN; to facilitate, guide, and advise the Board on matters of planning, policy and strategy; to represent and promote FbRN, its aims and values, externally; and to manage staff and volunteers for effective delivery of FbRN UK's services.

The job would either suit one person full time, or two people working part time in a job share, and the initial contract will be for one year. The salary will be £40,000 per annum. If the job is shared, each of the two post holders will be paid pro rata according to the number of days worked per week.

For a full job description and application form, visit www.fbrn.org.uk/news/fbrn-executive-director-job-alert. The closing date for applications is 5pm on 24 October 2011.

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Interact (Interfaith Action) - Project Manager

Interact (Interfaith Action) is seeking to recruit a Project Manager to lead and manage various inter faith projects and programmes of activity building understanding between people from all faith and belief backgrounds through facilitating dialogue and enabling voluntary action, amongst students and young people across London.

The appointment is a full time position based in Kentish Town in London. The post holder may be required to work some evenings or weekends for which time off will be allowed in lieu. The salary for the post is dependent on experience.

To apply send a CV and covering letter to recruitment@interact-uk.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 5pm on 20 October 2011. For any questions email lucy@interact-uk.org.uk or call 020 74824020.

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Diocese of Guildford – Faiths Links Development Adviser

The Diocese of Guildford is seeking to recruit a Faith Links Development Adviser to build on the existing work of promoting the Faith Infrastructure and its engagement in developing, improving and extending services in communities across the county of Surrey.

The post holder will be proactive and able to work with public services, local authorities and voluntary and community agencies as well as faith organisations at county, district and local levels. The post will be ongoing subject to funding. The salary is £22,730 plus a benefits package and the position is full time and based in Guildford.

The closing date for applications is 26 October and interviews will be held on 15 November. For an application pack please contact Gerardine Brown at recruitment.diocese@cofeguildford.org.uk or on 01483 790302.

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Coordinating Committee of Religions for Peace (UK) Women of Faith Network

Applications are invited from women of faith to serve on the Religions for Peace (UK) Women of Faith Network Co-ordinating Committee on a voluntary basis.

Religions for Peace sees women of faith around the world as having enormous capacities for leadership and effective action to build peace and promote just and harmonious societies. It believes that their experiences and resources, when

mobilised, can strengthen community-based effective responses for peace and human development.

Currently in Europe there are women of faith networks in Belgium, Finland and France with discussions also taking place in the United Kingdom, Romania, Morocco, Bosnia Herzegovina and Italy to form National Women of Faith Networks.

Membership of the Women's Co-ordinating Committee will be drawn from the following religions Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian. Women who are interested in serving on the committee should send a CV to Mrs Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, Co-Chair RfP European Women of Faith Network, PO Box 7611, Glasgow, G42 2FT, giving details of any contribution to their own faith communities and inter faith dialogue/activities. An understanding of issues concerning women in general and women of faith in particular is important.

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Coexistence Trust recruiting 'campus ambassadors'

The Coexistence Trust is recruiting 48 inspirational Muslim and Jewish students to become Campus Ambassadors for the 2011/12 academic year. The 12 month Campus Ambassadors programme: trains future leaders to help combat Islamophobia and anti-Semitism; offers free accredited leadership training strategies that will be excellent for students' CVs; teaches skills in conflict prevention and resolution, campaigning and advocacy, media relations and inter communal dialogue; provides mentoring and networking opportunities with experts, employers and entrepreneurs; and offers internships and access to a network of useful contacts for the future.

The closing date for applications is 28 October 2011. To apply go to www.coexistencetrust.org or for further information email campusambassadors@coexistencetrust.org.

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SPECIAL WEEKS/DAYS

Week of Prayer for World Peace 16-23 October

This year's Week of Prayer for World Peace is currently taking place. The Week is based on the guiding principle that "The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world". A leaflet giving prayers for each day, drawn from many different faiths and focusing on a particular part of the world or a specific theme can be ordered through www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com or by email via wpwpeace@aol.com.

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One World Week 23–30 October

One World Week is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally. This year it takes place from 23 to 30 October and takes the theme of 'Living for One World'. The Week will be a chance to explore many aspects of the environment and what can be done to preserve and protect it under the headings of Living for the planet, Living for its people and Living and acting for change. For further information, including advice and guidance on events, please visit www.oneworldweek.org/v2.

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Mitzvah Day 20 November

Mitzvah Day takes place this year on Sunday 20 November. It is a Jewish led day of social action. Around the world thousands of people take part in hands on projects to support existing charities and to build stronger communities. The goal is to reduce hardship and poverty and to help the environment. People are encouraged to volunteer for projects in their communities and anyone can take part regardless of their background. Last year a number of projects had a multi faith dimension. See www.mitzvahday.org.uk for further information and to register an event.

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Inter Faith Week in England, Northern Ireland and Wales 20- 26 November

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Scottish Inter Faith Week 27 November - 4 December

Scottish Inter Faith Week will take place from Sunday 27 November to Saturday 4 December. The theme for Scottish Inter Faith Week is 'Belief in Dialogue' in line with the *Belief in Dialogue Good Practice Guide* produced by APS Group Scotland and prepared by The Scottish Working Group on Religion and Belief Relations www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/resources/Belief+in+Dialogue.pdf (reported on in the April 2011 e-bulletin). For further information please contact Frances Hume at the Scottish Inter Faith Council at fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org.

Established by the Scottish Inter Faith Council in 2004, the Week provides a chance for individuals, local inter faith groups and faith communities across the country to plan events that bring local people together to promote dialogue, understanding and co-operation between Scotland's diverse religious communities.

Inter faith week is supported by local inter faith groups, the Scottish Government and Scotland's religious leaders.

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Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2012

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 is 'Speak Up, Speak Out'. The theme challenges everyone to speak out against racism and discrimination so that the lessons from the past are learned to create a safer, better future. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust is running a series of free workshops across the UK between September and November for anyone who is planning to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. To find a workshop near you, visit hmd.org.uk/about/our-work/hmd-workshops. To find out more information about Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 and order a free Campaign Pack, you can visit www.hmd.org.uk.

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DIARY DATES

Theos, in partnership with the **London School of Economics Forum for Religion**, is holding a public discussion on Thursday 20 October from 6.30 to 8.00pm entitled 'Is there a future for Multiculturalism?'. Speakers are due to be Dr Jonathan Chaplin, Claire Fox, Professor Tariq Modood and Dr Jenny Taylor, with Jane Little chairing the discussion. The event will be held at the Old Theatre, Old Building, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2. The event is free and open to all with no ticket required, but is on a first come, first served basis. For any queries email events@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 6043. Further information can be obtained from www2.lse.ac.uk/publicEvents/events/2011/20111020t1830vOT.aspx.

The **Coexistence Trust** is hosting an event at 7.00pm on Thursday 20 October to launch this year's Campus FaithHub programme (a campaigning and advocacy initiative, bringing leading speakers to campuses). The event is a film evening which will facilitate a discussion of faith, identity, ethnicity and multiculturalism between a panel of film experts and the audience and will take place in the Pearson Lecture Theatre, Pearson Building (North East entrance), University College London Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. For further information, visit www.campusfaithhub.org or contact Harry at info@campusfaithhub.org or on 07791 942834.

The **Inter-faith Council for Wales** is hosting an event with Father Cyprian Consiglio, a Benedictine monk of the Carmaldolese Congregation from California, on Thursday 20 October. The event will take place from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at the Canton Uniting Church, Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, CF5 1LQ. The evening will also include the launch of a new book by Gethin Abraham-Williams, 'Seeing the Good in Unfamiliar Spiritualities', and a performance from India Dance Wales. To further information and to attend, contact interfaithwales@gmail.com.

The **Christian Muslim Forum**, in partnership with **Las Casas Institute Oxford**, is holding a seminar entitled 'A Place for Faith Schools' on Saturday 22 October. The

event will be held at Blackfriars Hall, 64 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LY and will look at Christian and Muslim Faith Schools and their place in a mainly secular society. Speakers include Dr Liam Gearon, Senior Lecturer in Religious Education at the University of Oxford Department of Education, Maurice Irfan Coles, iCEO of Curriculum Enrichment for the Common Era (CE4CE) and Director of Islam and Citizenship Education project (ICE), Dr Julia Ipgrave, senior lecturer and researcher in religious education at Warwick University RE Research Unit and Professor Richard Pring, formerly Director of the Department of Educational Studies at Oxford University. Tickets cost £10 (£5 concessions). To book online, visit <http://christianmuslimforum.org/index.php/events/event-listing/623>.

The **Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter** begins its autumn series on 'Respecting Difference in Interfaith Dialogue – Engaging with the Other' on Sunday 23 October with talks by Rabbi Rachel Montagu and Sr Margaret Shepherd on the theme of 'Healing in the Bible'. This session will take place from 2.30pm to 4.15pm at the Sion Centre (34 Chepstow Villas, London W11 2QZ) and will look at how healing is described in Jewish and Christian texts. A donation of £8 is suggested. For further information or to book a place, please email sioncde@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.sistersofsion.org or telephone 020 7313 8286.

Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum is hosting an event on Monday 24 October at St Nicolas Parish Room, Millmead, Guildford. The event starts with refreshments at 7pm and the speaker will be Dr Richard Boeke, Unitarian Minister, Vice-President of the World Congress of Faiths and founder of the US Chapter of the International Association of Religious Freedom. He will be addressing this year's One World Week theme, 'Living for One World – for the Planet – for its People – and Acting for Change'. For further information, contact Carolyn Neogi on 01483 415773 or Bernard Jones on 01483 424257.

The **Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby** is hosting, as part of its 'Wellbeing and Spirituality' series, a talk by SaraJane Aris on Tuesday 25 October from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Ms Aris is Head of Clinical Psychology Adult Services and Head of East Midlands Regional Spirituality Network and Derbyshire Healthcare Trust at the Radbourne Unit, and she will explore ideas around spirituality and the significant part it plays in wellbeing, particularly looking at its place in the mental health service. There is no charge and all are welcome. The Centre is in Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB. For information on this and other Centre events please visit www.multifaithcentre.org.

The **Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Canterbury Christ Church University** and the **Franciscan International Study Centre** are jointly organising a conference in Canterbury entitled 'Praying for Peace: Spirituality and Interfaith Dialogue' on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October. This two-day conference, involving a range of speakers from different faiths, is being held to commemorate the Meeting of Prayer for Peace in Assisi in 1986. There is a fee of £25 for one day or £40 for two days, which includes access to all sessions and tea/coffee. For information on the venue and registering to attend the event, visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-humanities/theology-and-religious-studies/prayingforpeace.aspx.

The **Cornwall Faith Forum** and the **United Nations Association** will be running an inter faith devotional on 'celebrating friendship' on Sunday 30 October at 2pm. For further information, please contact Manijeh Smith on 07774 514 211 or Philomena Clifford on 07811 853 639.

The **Scottish Inter Faith Council** is holding an Annual Public Talk entitled 'In the Steps of St Francis' on Sunday 30 October. The presenter for this year's event is the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, The Right Reverend David Arnott, who will be sharing his reflections on his recent participation in the multi-faith event hosted by Pope Benedict the XVI and held in Assisi. The event will take place at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ at 3.00pm. For further information, contact the Scottish Inter Faith Council on 0141 420 6982 or at enquiries@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org. Places have to be booked by Monday 24 October.

The **Greater London Presence and Engagement Network** (PEN) will be holding its 2011 PEN Lecture on Monday 31 October. This year's speaker is the Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury and National Inter Religious Affairs Adviser for the Church of England, who will be speaking on 'What do we bring to the party? The mission of the church in a multi-faith neighbourhood'. The lecture will take place at 7.00 pm (with light refreshments served from 6.30 pm) at St Marylebone Parish Church, 17 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT. Admission costs £5 and places can be booked via pen@theology-centre.org.

The **Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum** will be holding a lunchtime lecture on Monday 7 November, from 12.45pm to 2.00pm. The speaker will be Professor Gallagher, Pro-Vice Chancellor at Queen's University, Belfast and his subject is 'Shared education – how faith schools could work together for the common good'. Advance registration is essential. For further details and to register, contact Edwin Graham, Secretary of the Forum, at edwin.graham21@gmail.com or on 07779 600254.

The **Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby's** 7th Annual Lecture will be given by Dr Ed Kessler, Executive Director of the Woolf Institute, on Monday 7 November on 'Changing Landscapes: Jews, Christians and Muslims in the UK today'. The event is free of charge but entry is by ticket only. The Centre is in Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB. To apply for tickets, contact Adam Kemp at a.kemp@derby.ac.uk.

The **Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter** continues its autumn series of seminars on the theme of 'The Bible, the Land and its Peoples – hopes and challenges for the future' on Wednesday 9 November with Dr Jonathan Gorsky and Sr Margaret Shepherd nds speaking on 'Holding each other's chains – the narrative of the other'. Registration is from 10.30am with lectures beginning at 11.00am and ending at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. The suggested donation for the day is £15.00 The seminar will be held at the Sion Centre, 34 Chepstow Villas, London W11 2QZ. For further information or to book visit www.sistersofsion.org, email sioncde@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 020 7313 8286.

From 15 to 17 November at the **Abbey House Retreat** in Glastonbury there will be an informal gathering, 'Opening to the heart: Creating a new vision for interfaith encounter'. The event is open to any lay person or clergy member involved in grassroots inter faith work and is designed to share and explore new ways of working in the inter faith field. For costs and more details please contact Nigel Anthony on 07940 001394 or the Revd Alan Bayes on 01792 892603 or Interfaith Minister Annie Blampied at annie@annieblampied.co.uk.

Just This Day's central event this year takes place on Wednesday 23 November from 7.45am. The programme includes various events throughout the day, and will explore the benefits of silence and stillness, particularly in an educational context. The event will take place at St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. Further information is available from www.justthisday.org.

The **Three Faiths Forum** is holding an arts festival 'Faith in the City' at Red Gallery in Shoreditch in London from 21 November to 4 December. This will be an opportunity for people from all communities to get together to enjoy work by artists on Three Faiths Forum's Urban Dialogues programme. The festival will feature three exclusive inter faith art collaborations, created by the recipients of the Urban Dialogues Visual Artist Awards. Further information is online at www.threefaithsforum.org.uk/arts.

On Wednesday 30 November, 6.30 for 7pm, there will be an annual ecumenical and inter-faith service for peace and justice, organised by **CAFOD** (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street Hull HU1 3HB. The service will include poems, readings, candle-lighting, children's choirs and music. For further information, contact Norah on 01482 802814 or at norah.hanson1@hotmail.co.uk.

Cardiff University and **St Michael's College, Llandaff** will be running a conference on 'Chaplaincy in a Multi-Faith Context' from Thursday 1 December to Friday 2 December. For further details please visit www.stmichaels.ac.uk/news-2011-chaplaincy-in-a-multi-faith-context-conference.php or contact Tina Franklin at tina.franklin@stmichaels.ac.uk or on 02920 563379.

The annual Younghusband Lecture of the **World Congress of Faiths** takes place on Wednesday 7 December at 6.30pm at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 7HA. Karen Armstrong will be talking on 'The Core of Religion'. Entry costs £5 for WCF and the Liberal Jewish Synagogue members and £10 for non-members. Tickets can be bought online at www.worldfaiths.org/index.php.

JAINpedia currently has an exhibition of manuscripts at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London until December 2012. To book a group tour contact info@jainpedia.org.

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For detailed information on events and projects in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales see:

Northern Ireland Inter Faith Forum: www.niinterfaithforum.org

Scottish Inter Faith Council: www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org

Inter-Faith Council for Wales: www.interfaithwales.org

For detailed information on events and projects in a number of the English regions see:

East of England: www.eefaithscouncil.org.uk

London: www.faithsforum4london.org

North East: www.nerfn.org

North West: www.faithnorthwest.org.uk

South East: www.se-faithforum.net

South West: www.faithnetsouthwest.org.uk

West Midlands: www.wmfaithsforum.org.uk

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