Member Organisations of the Inter Faith Network for the UK

Faith Community Representative Bodies

Baha'i Community of the UK
BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha
Board of Deputies of British Jews
British Muslim Forum
Buddhist Society
Churches' Agency for Inter Faith Relations in Scotland
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
Churches Together in England
Committee for Relations with Other Religions, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches (UK)
General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
Hindu Council (UK)
Hindu Forum of Britain
Islamic Cultural Centre
Jain Samaj Europe
Jamiat-e-Ulama Britain (Association of Muslim Scholars)
Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board
Muslim Council of Britain
National Council of Hindu Temples (UK)
Network of Buddhist Organisations (UK)
Network of Sikh Organisations (UK)
Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations
Sri Lankan Sangha Sabha of GB
Triratna Buddhist Community
Vishwa Hindu Parishad (UK)
World Ahlul-Bayt Islamic League
World Islamic Mission (UK)
Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

Educational and Academic Bodies

Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme
Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue, Heythrop College
Community Religions Project, University of Leeds
Institute of Jainology
Islamic Foundation
National Association of SACREs
Religious Education Council of England and Wales
Shap Working Party on World Religions in Education
Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter
Wales Association of SACREs
Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths

Inter Faith Organisations

Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum
Scottish Inter Faith Council
Inter-faith Council for Wales/Cyngor Cyd-Ffydd Cymru
East of England Faiths Council
faithnetsouthwest
Faiths Forum for the East Midlands
North East Regional Faiths Network
Northwest Forum of Faiths
South East England Faiths Forum
West Midlands Faiths Forum
Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum

Alif Aleph UK
Christian Muslim Forum
Christians Aware Interfaith Programme
Coexist Foundation
Coexistence Trust
Council of Christians and Jews
Council of Dharmic Faiths
East of England Faiths Agency
Interfaith Action (INTERACT)
Interfaith Alliance UK
International Association for Religious Freedom (British Chapter)
International Interfaith Centre
Joseph Interfaith Foundation
London Society of Jews and Christians
Minorities of Europe Inter Faith Action Programme
Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby
Religions for Peace (UK)
Scriptural Reasoning
Society for Dialogue and Action
St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
St Philip's Centre for Study and Engagement in a Multi Faith Society
Three Faiths Forum
Tony Blair Faith Foundation
United Religions Initiative (UK)
Westminster Interfaith
World Congress of Faiths

Local Inter Faith Groups

Altrincham Inter Faith Group
Barking and Dagenham Faith Forum
Barnet Multi-Faith Forum
Bedford Council of Faiths
Birmingham Council of Faiths
Blackburn with Darwen Interfaith Forum
Blackpool Faith Forum
Bolton Interfaith Council
Bradford Concord Interfaith Society
Bradford District Faiths Forum
Brent Interfaith
Brent Multi-Faith Forum
Brighton and Hove Inter-Faith Contact Group
Bristol Inter Faith Group
Bristol Multi-Faith Forum
Buckinghamshire Forum of Faiths
Building Bridges in Burnley
Muslim-Christian Forum (Bury)
Calderdale Interfaith Council
Cambridge Inter-Faith Group
Camden Faith Communities Partnership
Canterbury and District Inter Faith Action
Cardiff Interfaith Association
Cheltenham Inter Faith
Clapham and Stockwell Faith Forum
Coventry Multi-Faith Forum
Crawley Interfaith Network
Faiths Together in Croydon
Cumbria Interfaith Forum
Sharing of Faiths (Dacorum)
Forum of Faiths for Derby
Devon Faith and Belief Forum
Doncaster Interfaith
Dudley Borough Interfaith Network
Elmbridge Multi-Faith Forum
Exeter Faith and Belief Group
Gateshead Inter Faith Forum
Greenwich Multi-Faith Forum
Hampshire Interfaith Network
Harrow Inter Faith Council
Hastings and District Interfaith Forum
Hillingdon Inter Faith Network
Horsham Interfaith Forum
Hounslow Friends of Faith
Huddersfield Inter Faith Council
Hull and East Riding Interfaith

Inter Faith Isle of Man
Interfaith Swansea
Islington Faiths Forum
Keighley Interfaith Group
Kingston Inter Faith Forum
Kirklees Faiths Forum
Faiths Together in Lambeth
Lancashire Forum of Faiths
Faith in Lancaster
Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship
Leeds Faiths Forum
Leicester Council of Faiths
Lincoln Inter-Faith Forum
Liverpool Faith Network
Loughborough Council of Faiths
Luton Council of Faiths
Faith Network for Manchester
Medway Inter Faith Action Forum
Merseyside Council of Faiths
Middlesbrough Council of Faiths
Interfaith MK (Milton Keynes)
Milton Keynes Council of Faiths
Moseley Inter Faith Group
Newcastle Council of Faiths
Newham Association of Faiths
Newham Faith Sector Forum
North Herts Faith Forum
North Kirklees Inter-Faith Council
North Staffordshire Forum of Faiths
Northampton Inter Faith Forum
Norwich Inter-Faith Link
Nottingham Inter Faith Council
Oldham Inter Faith Forum
Oxford Round Table of Religions
Building Bridges Pendle - Interfaith Community Project
Peterborough Inter-Faith Council
Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity
Portsmouth Inter Faith Forum
Preston Faith Forum
Reading Inter-Faith Group
Redbridge Council of Faiths
Redbridge Faith Forum
Rochdale Multi Faith Partnership
Rossendale Faith Partnership
Rugby Inter Faith Forum
Sandwell Multi-Faith Network
Sheffield Faiths Forum
Sheffield Interfaith
South London Inter Faith Group
South Shropshire Interfaith Forum
Southampton Council of Faiths
Southwark Multi Faith Forum
Suffolk Inter-Faith Resource
Faiths United (Tameside)
Telford and Wrekin Interfaith Group
Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum
Valleys Faith Forum
Waltham Forest Faith Communities Forum
Wandsworth Multi-Faith Network
Warrington Council of Faiths
Warwick District Faiths Forum
Watford Inter Faith Association
Wellingborough Inter Faith Group
Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group
West Wiltshire Interfaith Group
Westminster Faith Exchange
Whalley Range (Manchester) Inter Faith Group
Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum
Wolverhampton Inter Faith Council
Worcestershire Inter-Faith Forum
Wycombe Sharing of Faiths
York Interfaith Group

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In Britain today, people of many different faiths and beliefs live side by side. The opportunity lies before us to work together to build a society rooted in the values we treasure. But this society can only be built on a sure foundation of mutual respect, openness and trust. This means finding ways to live our lives of faith with integrity, and allowing others to do so too. Our different religious traditions offer us many resources for this and teach us the importance of good relationships characterised by honesty, compassion and generosity of spirit. The Inter Faith Network offers the following code of conduct for encouraging and strengthening these relationships.

As members of the human family, we should show each other respect and courtesy. In our dealings with people of other faiths and beliefs this means exercising good will and:

- Respecting other people's freedom within the law to express their beliefs and convictions
- Learning to understand what others actually believe and value, and letting them express this in their own terms
- Respecting the convictions of others about food, dress and social etiquette and not behaving in ways which cause needless offence
- Recognising that all of us at times fall short of the ideals of our own traditions and never comparing our own *ideals* with other people's *practices*
- Working to prevent disagreement from leading to conflict
- Always seeking to avoid violence in our relationships

When we talk about matters of faith with one another, we need to do so with sensitivity, honesty and straightforwardness. This means:

- Recognising that listening as well as speaking is necessary for a genuine conversation
- Being honest about our beliefs and religious allegiances
- Not misrepresenting or disparaging other people's beliefs and practices
- Correcting misunderstanding or misrepresentations not only of our own but also of other faiths whenever we come across them
- Being straightforward about our intentions
- Accepting that in formal inter faith meetings there is a particular responsibility to ensure that the religious commitment of all those who are present will be respected

All of us want others to understand and respect our views. Some people will also want to persuade others to join their faith. In a multi faith society where this is permitted, the attempt should always be characterised by self-restraint and a concern for the other's freedom and dignity. This means:

- Respecting another person's expressed wish to be left alone
- Avoiding imposing ourselves and our views on individuals or communities who are in vulnerable situations in ways which exploit these
- Being sensitive and courteous
- Avoiding violent action or language, threats, manipulation, improper inducements, or the misuse of any kind of power
- Respecting the right of others to disagree with us

Living and working together is not always easy. Religion harnesses deep emotions which can sometimes take destructive forms. Where this happens, we must draw on our faith to bring about reconciliation and understanding. The truest fruits of religion are healing and positive. We have a great deal to learn from one another which can enrich us without undermining our own identities. Together, listening and responding with openness and respect, we can move forward to work in ways that acknowledge genuine differences but build on shared hopes and values.