



## THIFF Bi-Monthly Forum Meeting Agenda & Actions

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**Location:** Account 3, 3 Birkbeck Street, Bethnal Green, London, E2 6JY

**Date:** Tuesday 10 July 2018

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

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**Attendees:**

Alan Green; Jan McHarry; Leon Silver; Sufia Alam, Emily Yillah; Tina Ansere; Jenny Hadgraft; Ingrid Cruickshank; Simon Smith; Nathaniel Roos; John Hayes; Brendan Scotland and Ram Chandra-Saha.

**I. Welcome – Alan Green, Chair**

**II. Hate crime analysis and regular report - MET Police**

- We have had a reduction of 19 racist offences, compared to this time last year. Terror attacks from last year happened around April-May 2017, so the reduction makes sense.
- Good reduction in Islamophobic hate crime over 12-week period.
- Alan says there has been a real improvement over the last few months.
- The data is available if requested.

**Plea from MET Police - if people are reporting and saying they are not getting the service they need, please feedback to MET police so they can work to improve this. Encourage those within your community to report!**

## Contact details

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### **III. Inter Faith Week Event - Alan Green, Chair**

Date: Thursday 15 November 2018

Time: 4pm – 7pm

Venue: St John on Bethnal Green Church, 200 Cambridge Heath Road,  
London, E2 9PA

### **IV. Presentation on the new PREVENT strategy - Simon Smith, Prevent Programme Manager, Tower Hamlets Council**

- PREVENT is about safeguarding vulnerable people and is part of the CONTEST strategy (the national counter-terrorism strategy)
- Made up of the four p's: prevent, pursue, protect and prepare.

#### What is PREVENT?

- To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- Operates in the pre-criminal space
- Tower Hamlets is a tier 1 priority area for the government - we are one of 9 tier boroughs in the country. This releases significant funding for preventative action and sharing good practice.

#### Includes work on:

- Right wing extremism
- Real risk around the use of social media, one of the key methods that expose people (including young people) to these materials)
- They deal with individuals that have been assessed and have links to terrorism (or people at significant risk of being influenced by certain groups)

#### Key priorities for 2018/19

- Collaborative partnership working between the local authority and the local community - very keen on community involvement
- Increased inter-agency and partnership working, transparency and clear ownership of risk

- Increased youth outreach - to get young people's support in shaping how this works
- Increased awareness of Prevent, local risks and sharing of good news/communications

Some Prevent-funded projects:

- Project working with women and girls in the community
- Working with local community and young people
- Vulnerable families

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[Background strategy document](#) (100 pages PDF)

**V. General Information**

- If you know anybody that is interested in being on the mailing list, please email [info@faithintowerhamlets.org](mailto:info@faithintowerhamlets.org)

**Next meeting: Tuesday 9 October 2018, 6pm – 8pm, venue TBC**