



Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum Annual Report, 2025-2026



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1. Foreword from the THIFF Chairs

Welcome to the Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum (THIFF) Annual Report for 2025–2026.

This has been another significant year for THIFF, marked by growth and renewal. As ever, our work has been shaped by the belief that faith communities have a vital role to play in strengthening community life, supporting those in need and building understanding across difference.

This year has seen the continued development of our Steering Group, with new members bringing fresh energy, insight, and representation from across the borough's faith communities. This growth has strengthened our ability to listen, respond, and act at a time when the social and political climate continues to present both challenges and opportunities.

Across the year, THIFF has remained active at the heart of borough life. Through our regular Forum meetings, partnership working, and participation in key local networks, we have continued to create space for dialogue, collaboration, and collective action. We have contributed to important conversations on community cohesion, equality, health, housing, safety, and public consultation, ensuring that faith voices remain part of shaping the future of Tower Hamlets.

This year also emphasised the importance of standing firm in the face of division. As tensions rose nationally and attempts were made by far right groups to spread fear and hatred in the borough, THIFF stood clearly and publicly against racism, Islamophobia, antisemitism, and all forms of divisive extremism. We worked alongside partners across the borough to support calm, solidarity, and community resilience, reaffirming our shared belief that Tower Hamlets is strongest when its communities stand together.

Alongside this, we were proud to continue supporting key borough events including Holocaust Memorial Day, Inter Faith Week, anti-racism initiatives, and wider civic and community gatherings. These moments matter. They create opportunities not only to reflect, but to build stronger relationships and deeper understanding between communities.

We remain deeply grateful to our Steering Group members, our partners, local faith leaders and all those who continue to support THIFF's work. In particular, we thank our partners at FaithAction, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and the Centre for Inclusive Evaluation for their ongoing support and collaboration.

As we look ahead to 2026–2027, we do so with confidence, knowing that the work of interfaith dialogue, community cohesion, and collective action is as important now as it has ever been.

Sufia Alam and Rev James Olanipekun

Co-Chairs of THIFF

2. About this report

This Annual Report covers activities and achievements of THIFF in the reporting period of the 2025 to 2026 financial year. This is April 1st 2025, to 31st March 2026.

Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the report introduce THIFF, our vision, and our structure whilst Section 6 details the works, events and meetings undertaken and hosted by THIFF over the last year. Section 7 is an opportunity to look forward to activities and areas of work that will take place in the remainder of 2026 and beginning of 2027. Finally, Section 8 gives details of those who work with THIFF including links to their websites and resources.

Throughout the document are links to the THIFF website and other resources that the Forum makes available.

3. About THIFF

THIFF exists to celebrate the significant contribution that faith organisations play in the lives of Tower Hamlets residents, and to facilitate better communication and understanding between different faiths in the borough. The forum meets every two months and is led by a small steering group.

THIFF provides a great opportunity to celebrate the significant contribution that faith organisations have in the lives of people in Tower Hamlets. It provides the space to identify how faith organisations can play an even bigger role in the future success of all communities who live and work or study here.

One of the most important roles of the Inter Faith Forum is to facilitate better communication and understanding between the different faiths in Tower Hamlets. In the current domestic and international climates, this role is a vital one.

The Forum has set itself an ambitious agenda and, to achieve this, is working closely with a large number of faith leaders representing the broad range of faiths in the borough, as well as the Council, the Police, and local umbrella and network bodies.

By drawing together all the faith organisations in Tower Hamlets, the forum aims to:

- celebrate the important contribution that religious faith makes to the lives of local communities
- foster greater understanding and respect between our communities
- secure a more prominent role for faith organisations in regenerating their communities and delivering the borough's community plan
- provide a forum for sharing knowledge, resources and good practice
- speak with and in harmony when faith organisations address important public issues
- break down prejudice and discrimination based on faith

THIFF aims to make getting involved in Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum and associated activities a rich and rewarding experience for all. Individuals and organisations are welcome to join us at forums and events, our only criteria being that you are respectful of others' views. We also actively welcome content suggestions and contributions for forum meetings and recent forum meeting themes were set following consultation with local residents.

4. Vision and manifesto

THIFF aims to make Tower Hamlets a better place to be. This inclusive aim extends to all in the borough, whether they are residents, working in the borough, studying in the borough or using amenities in the borough and whether they are of faith backgrounds or not.

This aspiration was articulated via a Theory of Change workshop with Coventry University in 2017 and has been updated and re-checked annually since. The Theory of Change document (Figure 1) shows that the activities which THIFF undertakes lead up to logical outcomes which, when combined, contribute towards the aim of making the borough a better place to be. These activities include:

- Interfaith advocacy and leadership
- Partnership support and collaborative action
- Running and attending events and promoting dialogue
- Awareness raising
- Internal development, communication and promotion

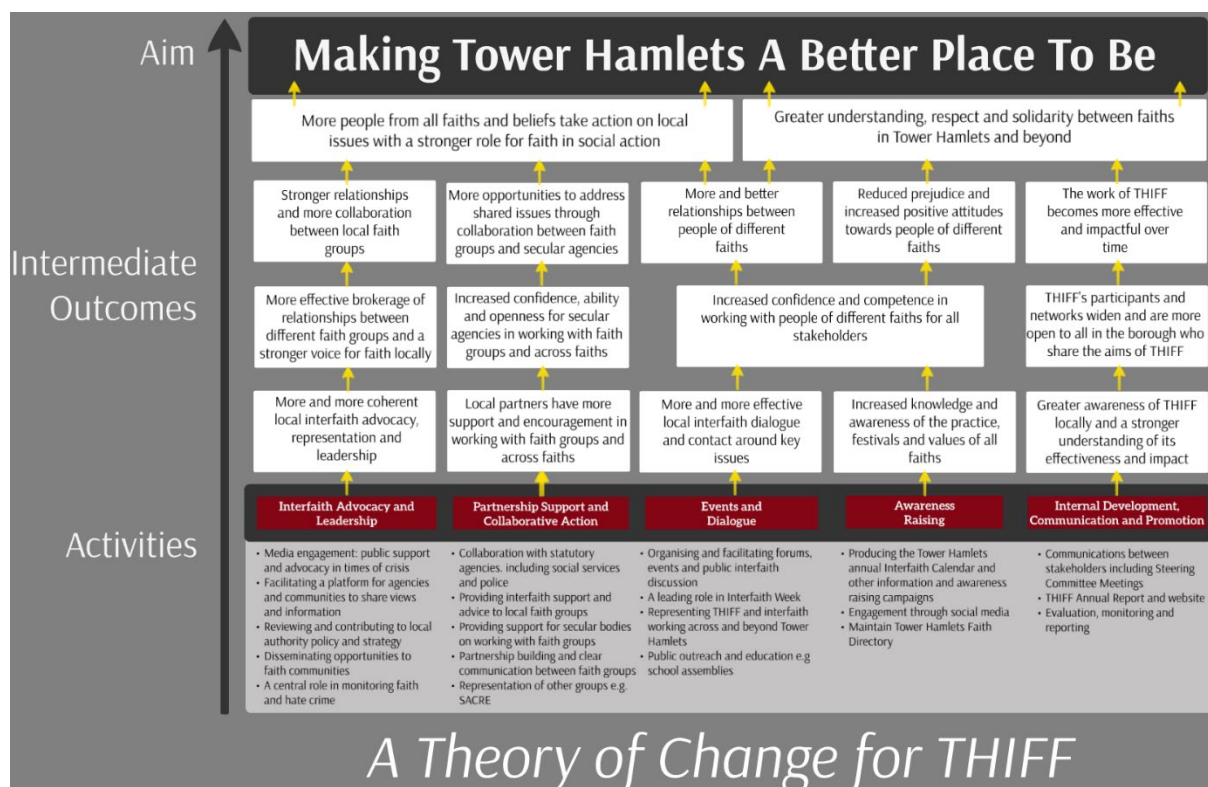


Figure 1: A Theory of Change for THIFF, 2024

In February 2018, THIFF issued a Manifesto as a call to action for those already working for and with THIFF, in whatever capacity, but also for those who share the aims and ambitions of ensuring that the religion and belief sector can play a full role in making Tower Hamlets a better place to be.

The THIFF Manifesto can be found in full at www.faithintowerhamlets.org/info/manifesto/

THIFF recognises that both its vision and manifesto remain important guiding documents for the Forum and continue to reflect its core aims and values. However, these documents were developed some time ago and, as the borough continues to change and the role of faith communities evolves alongside it, there is also a need to review and refresh these documents to ensure they remain relevant, ambitious, and grounded in the lived realities of Tower Hamlets.

During 2026–2027, THIFF intends to undertake a process of renewal and updating for both its vision and manifesto. This will provide an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved, identify new priorities, and ensure that the Forum remains well placed to respond to current and future challenges. THIFF welcomes involvement in this process from local faith leaders, partners, and residents.

If you would like to contribute, please do get in touch.



5. Structure, governance, and management

There is no formal membership of THIFF and meetings and events are open to all. The only criteria for attending and taking part is that you are respectful of others' views. THIFF is run by a steering group and elections to this steering group are held at the THIFF AGM. No elections took place in this reporting period.

Since 2017, with funding provided by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, FaithAction, a national network of faith-based and community organisations seeking to serve their communities through social action, have been working with THIFF to manage the forum and deliver local events. In this reporting period, additional support around strategic development and management moved from being delivered by Coventry University to the Centre for Inclusive Evaluation.

This reporting period also marked the departure of Jenny Hadgraft from FaithAction. Jenny has supported THIFF for many years and has been a constant presence through periods of change, challenge, and growth, including the unprecedented difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout this time, her commitment to the Forum, to interfaith work, and to the communities of Tower Hamlets has been unwavering.

Jenny has always carried out this work with humility, often downplaying the significance of her own role and achievements. However, the impact of her contribution has been considerable and has helped shape and sustain THIFF over many years. THIFF would like to formally recognise and thank Jenny for all that she has done for the Forum and the borough, and to wish her every success and happiness in her new endeavours.

THIFF is also an active member of the TH Equalities Hub. This Hub is a central part of London Borough of Tower Hamlets' new direction for equalities provision and provides a central strategic focus, responding to the community's needs and issues. The hub is run and co-ordinated by Tower Hamlets CVS and is key to bringing about a more coordinated approach to equalities in the borough.

The Hub website can be found here:

thequalityeshub.org.uk/

6. THIFF achievements and activities, 2025-2026

This Annual Report covers activities and achievements of THIFF in the reporting period of April 1st 2025 to 31st March, 2026.

Activities and achievements are split thematically based on the work undertaken by the forum.

6.1. Forum meetings

THIFF aims to meet as a public forum every two to three months with forum meetings being held all around the borough rather than using the same venue for all meetings. This gives greater access to the forum for residents and, where possible, Forum meetings have been held using a hybrid model to allow participants to join in online.

Minutes for previous meetings can be found here:

www.faithintowerhamlets.org/info/meetings/

Here, in chronological order, are the details of all THIFF forum meetings covered by this Annual Report reporting period:

THIFF Forum Meeting – 12th May 2025, Good Shepherd Mission



The first Forum meeting of this reporting period took place on 12 May 2025 at Good Shepherd Mission in Bethnal Green and focused on the growing challenge of food insecurity in Tower Hamlets. Rev James Olanipekun opened the session by emphasising the importance of THIFF as a collective voice for local communities and the need to address poverty through systemic and long-term solutions rather than crisis responses alone. The meeting heard from Ryan Lynch of Good Shepherd Mission, who outlined the

organisation's extensive work including foodbank provision, homelessness outreach, youth work, women's groups, and addiction recovery support.

The wider discussion explored the complex causes of food poverty, including housing pressures, welfare restrictions, language barriers, and poor access to cooking facilities. Contributors highlighted the important role faith groups play in food support across the borough and the need for better mapping and coordination of these services. The

meeting also explored how language barriers and limited ESOL provision can deepen isolation and reduce access to support, helping to shape the focus for the following Forum meeting. Wider discussions touched on social prescribing, community outreach, volunteer contributions, and the importance of stronger and more authentic engagement between local communities and statutory services.

THIFF Forum Meeting – 14th July 2025, Watney Market Idea Store

The July Forum meeting took place at Watney Market Idea Store and focused on the theme of *Learning English, Building Confidence, and Strengthening Community*. The session brought together faith leaders, educators, and local residents to explore how people facing barriers to accessing services can be better supported through English language learning. The keynote speaker, Dr Anne Smith, introduced the Creative English programme, a nationally recognised drama-based approach to language learning delivered in faith and community settings, which has supported over 25,000 learners across the UK. The discussion highlighted the importance of confidence-building, peer support, and informal learning spaces in helping migrants, refugees, and socially isolated residents develop practical English for everyday life. Participants shared their own experiences of teaching and supporting learners, reflecting on the limitations of technology-based translation tools and the continued value of face-to-face human connection.

The meeting also heard updates from local partners including Praxis, who introduced their new Migrant's Guide, St Mary's Church with its community litter-picking initiative, and the Roots of Wellness project supporting older women through friendship, wellbeing and conversation. The evening reinforced the important role faith and community organisations can play in reducing isolation, increasing confidence, and helping residents feel a stronger sense of belonging within Tower Hamlets.

THIFF Forum Meeting – 13th October 2025, Online

The October Forum meeting took place online and focused on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and the important role faith groups can play in supporting children, young people, and families navigating the SEND system. The meeting featured presentations from Jenny Miller, Manager of Tower Hamlets SENDIASS, and representatives from the borough's Family Hubs. Attendees heard about the statutory advice, advocacy, and support available to families through SENDIASS, including support with education plans, appeals, mediation, and self-advocacy, alongside the growing pressures facing the service as demand continues to rise.

The session also explored the wider support offered by Family Hubs, including developmental checks, parent support groups, targeted SEND activities, and one-to-one family support. Particular attention was given to accessibility, co-production, and the importance of community-based support, with examples of how faith and community settings can help signpost families, reduce isolation, and strengthen confidence. Case studies shared during the meeting highlighted the life-changing impact that timely support, volunteering opportunities, and employment pathways can have for parents and carers. The evening reinforced the importance of partnership working across faith, statutory, and voluntary sectors to ensure families receive the support they need as early as possible.

THIFF Forum Meeting – 23rd March 2026, Aberfeldy Square

The final Forum meeting of the reporting period took place in March 2026 and focused on how Tower Hamlets Council can strengthen engagement and consultation with faith communities and local residents. Council officers attended and played a full and active role in the session, listening to reflections from attendees and contributing to open discussions about what meaningful consultation should look like in practice. The meeting created an important space for honest dialogue around trust, accessibility, and how local decision-making can better reflect the lived experiences of diverse communities across the borough. There was strong discussion around the importance of face-to-face engagement, clearer communication, and building relationships before consultation begins.



The meeting also welcomed a number of new attendees and organisations engaging with THIFF for the first time, helping to broaden the Forum's reach and strengthen connections across different parts of the borough. Alongside the main discussion, time was given for networking, information sharing, and forward planning, with early conversations taking place around future Forum themes, collaborative events, and areas of shared priority for the year ahead. The meeting reflected THIFF's continued role as both a trusted convenor and an important bridge between faith communities, residents, and local decision-makers.

Full details of future Forum meetings will be available on the events section of the THIFF website and can be found here:

www.faithintowerhamlets.org/events/

6.2. Major events

THIFF organises and runs a major interfaith event in the borough each year to coincide with Inter Faith Week. This occurs in November. In this reporting period, this event focused on one of the most urgent issues facing Tower Hamlets residents: housing insecurity.

Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Week 2025: Housing Insecurity in Tower Hamlets

THIFF marked Inter Faith Week 2025 by hosting a major borough-wide event exploring the housing crisis in Tower Hamlets and the role that faith communities play in supporting those affected. Over 60 attendees joined the event, bringing together faith leaders, council representatives, health professionals, researchers, community organisations, and local residents to reflect on the challenges of housing insecurity and identify practical ways forward.



The event opened with THIFF Co-Chairs Sufia Alam and Rev James Olanipekun, who highlighted that housing insecurity affects every faith, every neighbourhood, and every demographic in the borough. The event aimed to strengthen interfaith collaboration, raise awareness of housing challenges and build practical pathways for joint action.

Councillor Musthak Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, spoke about the importance of partnership working and the essential role faith groups play in strengthening local resilience. He emphasised that interfaith collaboration creates stronger safety nets for vulnerable residents and highlighted the importance of continuing to build bridges between communities and statutory services.

The Venerable Archdeacon of Hackney, Peter Farley-Moore, offered a powerful reflection on the spiritual meaning of home, describing it as a place of safety, ritual, and belonging. He contrasted this vision with the harsh realities of the housing crisis, drawing attention to the growing numbers of people living in unsafe or temporary accommodation.

Karen Swift, Director of Housing Strategy at Tower Hamlets Council, provided a detailed overview of the borough's housing landscape, highlighting rising affordability pressures, high levels of overcrowding and the scale of temporary accommodation use. Her

presentation also outlined positive progress, including new council homes, investment in housing stock and forthcoming changes through the Renters Reform Act.

Emily Humphreys, Public Health Consultant and lead for the Tower Hamlets Health Determinants Research Collaboration, explored the clear links between poor housing and poor health outcomes, highlighting the impact of overcrowding, damp, insecurity and repeated moves on both physical and mental health, particularly for children and vulnerable families.

A panel discussion, chaired by Dr Dan Range, brought together Sister Christine Frost (Neighbours in Poplar), Sufia Alam, Rev James Olanipekun and Rev Georgina Stride to share real-life stories of housing insecurity from across the borough. These reflections highlighted the ways in which faith organisations are often first responders to crisis, offering sanctuary, emergency accommodation, food provision, emotional support, and practical signposting.

The event also included local stallholders including Bow Foodbank, Sister Circle, FaithAction, the Tower Hamlets Violence Against Women and Girls team, and Thai Boxers Academy, helping attendees connect with services and build new partnerships. The evening closed with networking and further discussion, reinforcing THIFF's role in creating space for honest dialogue, shared learning, and collective action on some of the borough's most pressing social issues.

6.3. Collaboration and partnership working

The work undertaken by THIFF is greatly strengthened by other individuals, organisations, and partners with which it works, collaborates and engages with. This collaboration is mutually beneficial as THIFF aims to bring value and profile to those with whom it works.

In the 2025–2026 reporting period, THIFF worked formally and informally with at least **84 organisations, networks and institutions** across faith, public, health, education, and community sectors. This breadth of partnership working reflects THIFF's growing reach and its role as a trusted convenor and connector across the borough.

Below is a list of many of the organisations with which THIFF has worked with, formally and informally, in the reporting period of this Annual Report.

- Barts Health NHS Trust
- Bethnal Green Foodbank
- Bow Foodbank
- Bernie Cameron Community Centre
- Blue Gate Fields Primary School
- Breathing Space London
- CAC Narrow Gate

- Canary Wharf Chaplaincy
- Canary Wharf Group PLC
- Centre for Inclusive Evaluation
- Christ Apostolic Church
- Community Equality Networks
- Community Cohesion Programme
- Co-operate (Tower Hamlets VCS Partnership)
- Coventry University
- Cycle Sisters
- Debt Free London
- Disabled People's Network
- Dorset Community Association
- E1 Networking
- East London Mosque
- East London NHS Foundation Trust
- Elop – LGBT Consortium
- FaithAction
- Felix Project
- Globe Community Project
- Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC)
- Healthwatch Tower Hamlets
- Housing Strategy Consultation Group
- Kobi Nazrul Centre
- Limehouse Project
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- London Boroughs Faith Network
- London Faith Forums
- Mayflower School
- Metropolitan Community Church
- Metropolitan Police
- Mowlem School
- Mulberry School
- Neighbours in Poplar
- Newham African and Caribbean Resource Centre
- NHS North East London
- No Place for Hate
- Northern Trust
- Older People's Reference Group
- One Tower Hamlets
- Pilgrim's Tabernacle
- Poplar Harca
- Positive East
- Praxis
- Queen Mary University
- RCCG Jubilee Hall
- Real Tower Hamlets
- SACRE
- Shoreditch Tabernacle
- Sister Circle
- St Hilda's Community Centre
- St Margaret's House
- St Pauls School
- St Pauls Shadwell
- St Peter's Bethnal Green
- Strengthening Faith Institutions
- Thai Boxing
- The Feast
- Thomas Buxton School
- Together Alliance
- Tower Hamlets Arts & Events Team
- Tower Hamlets Community Safety Partnership
- Tower Hamlets Connection Network
- Tower Hamlets Council of Mosques
- Tower Hamlets CVS
- Tower Hamlets Equalities Hub
- Tower Hamlets Ethnic Minority Network
- Tower Hamlets GP Care Group
- Tower Hamlets Homes
- Tower Hamlets LGBT Community Forum

- Tower Hamlets Partnership Executive Board
- Tower Hamlets Tension Monitoring Group
- Tower Hamlets Women's Group
- Tower Hamlets Youth Council
- Trapped in Zone One
- Vineyard of Comfort
- Wapping Noorani Masjid
- Working Well Trust
- Zacchaeus Project

6.4. Project work

THIFF itself does not directly run large-scale programmes or commissioned projects. However, it continues to play an important role in supporting, shaping and contributing to a range of significant pieces of work across the borough. During this reporting period, THIFF has been involved in a number of major areas of work where its networks, relationships, and community reach have added value.

Emergency resilience and preparedness

During this reporting period, THIFF continued to play an active role in the development of emergency resilience work in Tower Hamlets, working alongside FaithAction, Tower Hamlets CVS, and local partners. This work has focused on strengthening preparedness within faith settings and building stronger connections between faith communities, statutory services, and local voluntary organisations in the event of crisis or emergency.

This has included supporting discussions around how faith buildings and community spaces can act as places of safety, information, and practical support during periods of disruption. The work has reinforced the important role that faith communities can play as trusted and established local anchors during times of crisis.

Health equity and housing

THIFF has also been involved in wider borough conversations around health inequalities and the social determinants of health. During this year, THIFF engaged with the Tower Hamlets Health Equity Project and the Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC), helping to ensure that faith voices and lived experiences are included in emerging research and local priorities.

Housing has been a key focus within this work, reflecting the increasing recognition that poor housing conditions, insecurity, and overcrowding have significant impacts on physical and mental health. THIFF's Inter Faith Week 2025 event on housing insecurity

directly contributed to these wider discussions and created an important opportunity to connect local stories, research evidence, and policy responses.

This work reflects THIFF's growing role in helping bridge the gap between residents, research, and service planning.

Community resilience and equalities

As an active member of the Tower Hamlets Equalities Hub, THIFF has continued to contribute to borough-wide work on equalities, cohesion, and resilience. During this reporting period, THIFF coordinated feedback from Steering Group members and wider faith communities on the draft Community Resilience Framework, ensuring that faith perspectives were represented in the development of this important piece of work.

THIFF has also continued to support wider consultation and engagement activity around housing, cohesion, and community safety, helping to ensure that local faith communities remain visible, heard, and involved. This reflects the Forum's wider commitment to strengthening representation and ensuring that faith organisations continue to play a meaningful role in shaping the future of Tower Hamlets.

6.5. Other outcomes

Alongside its public meetings, events, and partnership work, THIFF continues to undertake a range of ongoing activities that support interfaith understanding, communication, and practical engagement across the borough.

A key annual output remains the production and distribution of the Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Calendar. As in previous years, THIFF worked closely with faith representatives to research, check, and agree important dates across a wide range of faiths, denominations and philosophical traditions. The 2026 calendar was distributed during November and December 2025 through faith institutions, schools, community organisations, and public venues across Tower Hamlets. The calendar remains an important practical resource, helping organisations and residents to recognise and respect the religious observances of their neighbours and communities.

The 2026 Faith Calendar is available online here:

www.faithintowerhamlets.org/resources/#faith-calendar

Please contact THIFF via email if you would like to be sent a physical copy.

THIFF also continues to maintain and update its Faith Directory and interactive Faith Map, which remain important borough-wide resources. These tools provide up-to-date information on local places of worship, faith organisations, contact details, and community activities, helping residents, services, and partner organisations to better

connect with the borough's diverse faith communities. This work is ongoing and THIFF welcomes updates from local organisations to help ensure the information remains accurate and current. If your organisation has changed details or would like to be added, please do get in touch.

THIFF remains active in supporting major borough-wide events that promote remembrance, understanding, and cohesion. This year included a strong contribution to Holocaust Memorial Day, working with partners to support interfaith participation and ensure that local communities came together to reflect on the lessons of history and the continued importance of standing against hatred, prejudice, and discrimination in all its forms.

THIFF's communications channels also continued to grow during this reporting period. Across the year, over 100 posts were made on X and over 10 on LinkedIn, alongside regular email updates to the THIFF mailing list and increasing use of WhatsApp groups and channels to support engagement. These communication platforms remain a key part of how THIFF shares opportunities, promotes events, raises awareness of consultations, and helps connect faith communities with wider borough activity.

The THIFF X account can be found and followed at x.com/THInterFaith and the THIFF website is available at: www.faithintowerhamlets.org/ . If you wish to get in touch directly, please email info@faithintowerhamlets.org .

Taken together, these activities demonstrate that THIFF's work extends well beyond meetings and major events. They form part of the Forum's wider role as a trusted connector, information hub, and practical resource for faith communities and partners across Tower Hamlets.

7. Looking forward

THIFF Forum meetings will continue throughout 2026 and 2027, focusing on themes shaped by ongoing discussion with local residents, faith leaders, and partner organisations. These meetings remain open to all who share the ethos of the Forum and provide an important space for dialogue, learning, and collaboration. Details including dates, times and venues can be found here:

www.faithintowerhamlets.org/info/meetings/

As reflected throughout this report, THIFF's role in the borough continues to grow. With an expanded Steering Group, stronger partnerships, and an increasingly active presence in local networks, the Forum is well placed to continue acting as a trusted voice for faith communities and a bridge between communities, services and decision-makers.

Looking ahead, THIFF will continue to play an active role in supporting community cohesion, strengthening local consultation, and standing against all forms of hate, division, and extremism. In a time of growing uncertainty and polarisation, both nationally and internationally, the Forum's work in building understanding, trust, and solidarity across difference remains vital.

A key priority for 2026–2027 will be the renewal of THIFF's vision and manifesto. This will provide an important opportunity to reflect on how the borough has changed, what new challenges and opportunities have emerged, and how the Forum can continue to evolve in response. THIFF will invite faith leaders, partners, and residents to help shape this next chapter.

THIFF will also continue to build on its strong relationships with the Tower Hamlets Equalities Hub, the Council, FaithAction, the Centre for Inclusive Evaluation, and many other local and national partners. This collaborative approach will remain central to the Forum's ability to support practical action, meaningful dialogue, and positive change.

Alongside its regular Forum meetings, THIFF will once again host and support major borough events including Inter Faith Week, Holocaust Memorial Day, and other civic and community gatherings. Please look out on our website and social media platforms for more information.

8. Our partners

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets remains THIFF's principal strategic partner and core funder. The Council has continued to support the Forum's work in creating stronger links between faith communities, residents, and statutory services, recognising the important role that faith organisations play in community cohesion, social action, and local resilience. Throughout this reporting period, THIFF has worked closely with Council officers and elected representatives across a range of areas including community cohesion, equalities, housing, public health, consultation, and major civic events. This partnership remains central to ensuring that the voices of faith communities are heard and reflected in local decision-making and service development.

For more information on the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, please visit:

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

FaithAction

FaithAction has been a longstanding and valued partner of THIFF, providing consistent support, infrastructure, and strategic guidance to the Forum over many years. As a national network of faith-based and community organisations, FaithAction brings significant expertise in social action, health, resilience, and community development, helping to strengthen THIFF's local work while connecting it to wider national conversations and opportunities.

During this reporting period, FaithAction has continued to support THIFF's governance, event delivery, and strategic development, while also helping to build links between local faith communities and wider programmes of work around health, emergency resilience, and community cohesion. This partnership has played an important role in sustaining THIFF through periods of change and in supporting its continued growth and impact across the borough.

For more information on FaithAction, please visit:

www.faithaction.net

Centre for Inclusive Evaluation (CIE)

The Centre for Inclusive Evaluation (CIE) took over from Coventry University to work in partnership with THIFF during this reporting period, providing strategic support, facilitation, and research expertise to help strengthen the Forum's work and impact. CIE

specialises in participatory and community-led evaluation, with a strong focus on inclusion, trust-building, and ensuring that the voices of communities are meaningfully heard in decision-making.

Through this partnership, CIE has supported THIFF's governance, annual reporting, strategic planning, and wider development, as well as helping to connect the Forum into broader borough-wide work on equalities, community cohesion, and health inequalities. This support has helped THIFF not only to evidence its impact, but also to reflect on its role, adapt to changing circumstances, and continue to grow as a trusted and influential voice for faith communities in Tower Hamlets.

For more information on the Centre for Inclusive Evaluation, please visit:

www.centreforinclusiveevaluation.co.uk



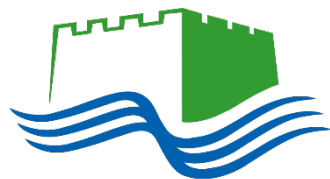
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