

Faith *Net* East

Electronic Bulletin – August 2009

Welcome to the FaithNetEast e-bulletin: news, training, funding opportunities and events for faith groups and those with an interest in faith issues across the East of England Region. Please let us know if you have events planned for the coming months that you would like to see included, or post your events directly on the new noticeboard facility on the FaithNetEast website www.faithneteast.org

EVENTS AND TRAINING

9-11 Impact on Sikhs, Public Dialogue, 26 August, Slough

Haveli Restaurant, 93 Stoke Poges Lane, SL1 3NJ, 6.00pm–9.00pm
Racist Attacks & Hostility on Sikhs – response by Government, equalities Commission, Media and Police
Showing of major new documentary ‘Turbanology’
A community dialogue at the Haveli Restaurant. Organised by Sikh Community Action Network. 5.40pm registration. For further information: scan.slough@gmail.com or 07827 321036

European Days of Jewish Culture & Heritage, 6-16 September, national

Over 90 events around the country celebrating Jewish traditions, including historic synagogue visits, heritage walks, exhibitions, art, lectures and music. For further information about events contact B'nai B'rith UK on 0759 907 7869 or visit www.bbuk.org or www.jewishheritage.org

Chaplaincy to People at Work Breakfast Briefing, 29 September, Cambridge

Doubletree, Granta Place, Mill Lane, CB2 1RT, 7.30am
CPW is organising the first in a series of breakfast meetings to look at issues that affect our work and our workplaces.
Ethical Leadership: Accelerated or suppressed by recession?
Cost: £15 per head. Book your place by **August 31** by contacting admin@workplacechaplaincy.org.uk
Discounted rate for parking in the hotel car park.

Icon? Art and Faith in Norfolk, 9-10 October, Norwich

Town Close Auditorium, Norwich Castle and Elizabeth Fry Lecture Theatre, UEA
A two day conference held jointly by the School of World Art Studies at the UEA and by Norwich Castle Museum, to explore the relationship between locality and the making and use of spiritual artefacts, with special emphasis on Norfolk. For further information,

please contact Mrs Beverley Youngman, Secretary, School of World Art Studies and Museology, UEA, Norwich, NR4 7T.
e-mail: B.Youngman@uea.ac.uk. Tel: 01603 592817.

Religion and the News Conference, 11-13 October, Windsor

Cumberland Lodge, The Great Park, Windsor SL4 2HP

Why has religion become increasingly newsworthy in recent years? What might be a model for a better relationship between journalists and religious spokespeople? Varying fees and some bursaries available. For further information, visit:

www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/our_conferences/forthcoming_conference_pages/religionandthenews or contact Mrs Janis Reeves: janis@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk or 01784 497794

Community Cohesion and Learning to be Safe Together Free Conference, 16 October, Luton

Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Hitchin Road, Luton LU2 8LE

9.30am – 3.30pm. This conference offers a chance for practitioners across the region to come together to support each other and look at some of the challenges PVE (Preventing Violent Extremism) presents for schools and communities. Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come basis. To reserve a place please request a booking form from Kim Deal, PSHCEandDrugs@luton.gov.uk. Completed forms must be received by **30 September**.

Interfaith Dialogue Facilitation Skills Residential Weekend, 6-8 November, Ammerdown Centre, nr Bath

Facilitated by Justine Huxley of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace and Jonathan Marshall of Faithnet Southwest using the skills and strategies they have developed over the years. The course will give people involved in interfaith dialogue the opportunity to build both confidence and skills in their field.

Two day residential course: £125 (all inclusive). Contact the Centre's Director, Mrs Bénédicte Scholefield on 01761 433709 or info@ammerdown.org Or visit: www.ammerdown-conference.co.uk

Luton Council of Faiths invite you to the following events:

Berakah Concert A group of British Muslims, Jews and Christians singing together: 29 September 2009, 7.45 pm, Library Theatre

One World Week A family event celebrating under one roof the cultures and traditions of different communities in Luton 23 October 2009, 7.00 pm, Denbigh High School

Please call 01582-547866/416946 to book a place and for more information

FUNDING

Church Urban Fund Mustard Seed Grants

Could your faith based social action qualify for a Church Urban Fund Mustard Seed Grant? Grants of £5000 are available to enable new ideas to be put into practice. To qualify the project must be based in an area whose scores on the national social deprivation register fall

within the lowest 10%. Or it must be aimed at a specific marginalised and impoverished group such as the homeless. The statistics can be checked online, visit www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk and enter the post code for your project area. For further information on CUF applications check their website www.cuf.org.uk

Faiths in Action round 2

Round two opened on **1 July 2009**. Guidance notes and an application form are available from the Community Development Foundation. Application deadline **October 1 2009** for grants up to £6000.

Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side: A framework for partnership in our multi faith society. All applications must directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities, which are derived from this framework.

For further information visit www.cdf.org.uk, call the CDF helpline on 01223 400 341 or email fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

Awards for Bridging Cultures, open for applications.

Voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects that promote intercultural dialogue are eligible to apply. Winners will receive £10,000 and commended organisations will get £5,000. Deadline for applications is **14 September 2009** and applications should be made online at www.bridgingcultures.org.uk.

GUIDANCE

Free Faiths IT Helpline for the East of England

To support faith and inter faith groups who want to overcome IT barriers, the East of England Faiths Council has teamed up with i-TRUST – a social enterprise specialising in support for voluntary bodies - to provide straightforward, personal advice on IT. If you need assistance, advice or training, call 07865 971221 between 10am and 12 noon Mondays and Thursdays, and between 3.00pm and 5.00pm Tuesdays.

Send email queries to faithsIThelp@afl.org.uk

Faith Friendly, practical quality assurance system

Faithbased Regeneration Network will shortly be running a pilot of a faith-friendly, practical quality assurance system that will be useful in both developing their organisations and also in demonstrating their value to the world outside. FbRN is currently inviting faith-based groups to be one of six pilot organisations. To act as a pilot please contact them on 020 7471 6791 or valr@fbrn.org.uk

Refugee Council On-Line Information Service

An on-line resource containing comprehensive and regularly updated information on the asylum process, support and entitlement.

It is available by subscription only and is aimed at anyone working with refugees or those looking to gain knowledge about the sector.

Easy to use, authoritative and up-to-date, it contains information on the entire asylum process from beginning to end.

Annual subscription fees 2009:

- £60 per annum for statutory, educational or business organisations
 - £30 Non Governmental or voluntary organisations
 - £10 Refugee Community Organisations
- To subscribe, email: subscriptions@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Churches and Faith Buildings Realising the potential.

A new joint publication from the government and the Church of England will help faith groups identify sources of funding to make their buildings more sustainable, by enhancing the facilities and services they offer to local communities. It also discusses the importance of churches relating to local authority structures like LSPs (local strategic partnerships), and regional bodies like Regional Development agencies, the significance of projects and services delivered by churches, and the squeamishness of some funders to fund faith-based projects. 'Churches and Faith Buildings: Realising the Potential' can be downloaded at http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5991.aspx.

A Future for Community Development

CDF's new report examines how the community development field and profession is likely to be affected by the recession, and after a general election.

The paper explores where the opportunities for community development may lie in the coming years, examining the most likely scenarios for 2010, particularly from a policy and economic perspective.

To read the report, visit www.cdf.org.uk

For more information, contact Tom Archer at tom.archer@cdf.org.uk

PUBLICATIONS

Cole Sahib, The Story of Multifaith Journey by W.Owen Cole

"I have found Dr Cole's journey immensely fascinating as a man of faith, showing us how he has done it while being faithful to his own and with deep respect for the other, a true witness to interfaith. I hope that other readers find his journey of spiritual fellowship as transformational as I have found it to be for me." Charanjit K. Ajit Singh author of The Wisdom of Sikhism

ISBN 9978-1-84519-336-2 PB £16.95 Sussex Academic Press
www.sussex-academic.co.uk

CDF's Faiths and Communities series

CDF's series of publications about faith and inter-faith based community development is essential reading for anyone seeking to engage faith communities. These books show you how to deal with challenges and what really works.

This series draws on the learning from our successful grants programme, the Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund, and

shows you how key findings from these projects can be used to enhance your community work.

Visit the CDF website to browse the full series:

www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/browse-publications?category=Faith+and+communities

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And Finally...

Religion & belief in Norfolk today - what do you think?

Do you live, work or study in Norfolk? Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or belief, or have views about religion and belief in Norfolk today? If so then Norfolk County Council would like to hear from you.

Norfolk County Council want to ensure that the services they provide are accessible to and inclusive of everyone in Norfolk, whether or not they have a religion or belief. Please check out the short online survey about religion and belief in Norfolk today and let them know what you think. The Council will use the findings of the survey to help tackle any issues, and promote equality and fairness for all.

For further information or to complete the survey please go to

www.yournorfolkyoursay.org **by 14 September**

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to request a copy in an alternative language or format, please contact Jo Richardson, Corporate Equality & Diversity Manager:

- * Email: jo.richardson@norfolk.gov.uk
- * Telephone: 01603 223816
- * Minicom 0344 800 8011

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