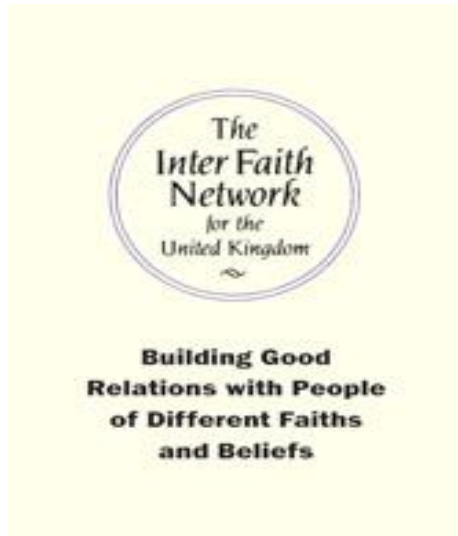


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[www.ifn.org.uk](http://www.ifn.org.uk) we bring its aims locally to York

# York Interfaith Group



## 2020 Programme

Our historic city will host a number of events throughout the year, each inviting you to discover diverse, vibrant, faith communities, beliefs, traditions, values and contributions to 21<sup>st</sup> Century life



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**ALL ARE WELCOME** at all events, which will be held, *except the July 'Visit'*, in the Snow Room, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO1 6GA

**Normally on the first Tuesday of the month, 7.30 – 9.00p.m.**

#### January 7<sup>th</sup>

Why don't we all have the same New Year?

Although the secular New Year begins for everyone on January 1st, 'religious New Year' is different for various faiths. A panel of our own members from different faiths will explore what happens for each, and why.

Chair: Dee Boyle

#### February 4<sup>th</sup>

ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) – What can we do as individuals?

Jane Mowat, Head of Community Safety for City of York Council.

Chair: Penny Coppin-Siddall

#### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sin and Silence in Islam and Christianity – A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue

Chair: Michael Chester

#### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Raising Voices and Connecting Communities: York Minster

Alex McCallion, Rachel Mort and others from the Minster team

Chair: Tina Funnell

#### May 5<sup>th</sup>

Faith, Technology, the Internet

Daryl Watson, UK Director of Public Affairs & Communications for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Chair: Keith Bishop

#### JUNE 2nd

Annual Planning Meeting: Ideas for Interfaith Week and the 2021 programme

Shared vegetarian refreshments.

SUNDAY July 5<sup>th</sup> 5p.m. – 7p.m. VISIT to a Hindu Temple: Hull and East Riding Hindu Cultural Association, 7 Park Street, Kingston upon Hull, HU3 2JF

Organiser: Mahendra Verma

There will be *no Tuesday evening meeting in July*: it will be replaced by this Sunday visit, which will give us an opportunity to meet people and to see the Temple in action.

#### August 4<sup>th</sup>

The stories that help us to grow in faith.

Many faiths have stories that play an important part in expressing their sense of God – speakers from three different faiths will explore some of these stories.

Chair: Avtar Matharu

#### September 1<sup>st</sup>

Preserving Religious Freedom – a View from Westminster.

Keith Bishop, Member of the House of Commons All-Party Group on Freedom of Religion and Trustee of The Interfaith Network UK.

Chair: Daryoush Mazloum

#### October 6<sup>th</sup>

The role of a prison chaplain

Serving chaplains

Chair: Anthony Glaister

#### November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Faith and Young People: How do different faiths help young people to grow and develop in personal faith and in belonging to a faith-community?

A discussion, with a panel of speakers, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Christian.

Chair: Abid Salik

December 1<sup>st</sup> AGM, followed by panel: What do people of other faiths do while Christians celebrate Christmas?

(This will be a light-hearted and festive occasion, with seasonal refreshments)

Chair: Michael Chester