



Surrey Faith Links Newsletter

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“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”
 (The Bible, 1 John 3:18 NRSV)

A slightly shorter newsletter this time as I am on holiday at the end of this week and return on 18th March. Please keep sending in information/events and I will pick them up when I return.

Thank you
 Kauser
 Faith Links Adviser, Surrey Faith Links.

Strategic Review of the Inter Faith Network for the UK



The 2012 AGM of the Inter Faith Network endorsed plans for a Strategic Review. The Review will be looking at issues such as: the place of IFN in the wider context of inter faith engagement and UK society.

Last autumn, a Working Group was established by the Inter Faith Network's Executive Committee to take the Review forward. The Strategic Review Working Group (SRWG) will be developing recommendations to help IFN continue to develop its work in ways which are appropriate to our changing society. Its recommendations are expected this summer.

A questionnaire is one of the key tools that the SRWG is using to seek views and information as part of the Review. If your organisation would like respond, you can download the questionnaire by right-clicking or option-clicking [here](#) and selecting 'save as' or 'save link as'. Important: please save a copy of this file to your computer before filling it in. If you complete it within your web-browser, your answers will not be saved.

Hard copies are also available from the IFN office upon request.

Please note the deadline for responses is Monday 18 March.

For further information about the Strategic Review Working Group:

<http://www.interfaith.org.uk/srwg.htm>

Main Faith Festivals in March 2013

- ◆ 2nd - 19 day Fast (start) ✨
- ◆ 21st - Baha'i New Year ✨
- ◆ 21st - Jamshedi Noruz 🕊
- ◆ 24th - Palm Sunday ✝
- ◆ 25th - Feast of the First Born ⬠
- ◆ 26th - Passover ⬠
- ◆ 26th - Khordad Sal 🕊
- ◆ 27th - Holi ॐ
- ◆ 28th - Hola Mohalla ✪
- ◆ 29th - Good Friday ✝
- ◆ 31st - Easter Sunday ✝

GP carer break scheme pays out £1million to Surrey carers in first year

Surrey's GP carer break scheme has reached a major milestone with the announcement of £1million paid out to carers during the first 12 months of the programme's operation.

Launched by NHS Surrey, in partnership with Action for Carers (Surrey) and Surrey Independent Living Council (SILC) in December 2011, the GP carer break scheme allows GPs to prescribe payments to carers of up to £500 to help pay for a break or replacement care while they take time out from their caring responsibilities, or to buy goods or services which will help take the stress off their caring role. More than 2,000 carers in Surrey have benefitted from a GP break since the scheme began.

To be eligible for a payment, carers must live in Surrey, be registered with their GP as a carer and be carrying out 'regular and substantial' unpaid care.

GPs who are registered with the scheme decide whether a carer is eligible for referral depending on clinical need and the resources available. Carers, including young carers under 18 years, may receive up to one payment for a GP break per annum. Any subsequent payments after the initial one are at the sole discretion of the GP.

For further information, please contact:

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CULTURES AND FAITHS: DO THEY STRENGTHEN WOKING?



Over 50 people attended the second Woking Debate on Saturday 16 February when Kauser Akhtar introduced the topic – Cultures and Faiths, do they strengthen Woking? Speaking as a female Muslim Kauser explained how culture and religion can easily be misunderstood and seen as the same thing and that there was a need to make a distinction between the two. In her post as Faith Links Adviser she emphasised the positive impact faith organisations have to society and the differences cultures create among people of the same faith. She mentioned that people in Woking have started to interact with people from other faiths and cultures but a lot more work is needed to promote this sort of engagement.



A Sikh policeman told us how he had a successful arranged but not forced marriage and how left to himself he probably would have played football and not got around to settling down He thought Woking is much more integrated compared to the Midlands where he had previously worked.

There was a good mixture of faiths and cultures in the meeting and this was reflected in the debate which was courteous, caring, amusing and inspiring. Many emphasised that Islam like all faiths is peace loving with an abhorrence of war.



There was agreement that the mixture of faiths and cultures in Woking was positive, that we can learn from each other and create together a more open and caring society.

The next Debate is on Saturday 16 March at 11am at Christ Church Gallery when Ray Morgan, the Chief Executive for Woking, will introduce the topic Is Woking Becoming a Sustainable Town?

Mental Health Investment

This is an exciting time for mental health in Surrey and we are writing to let you know what is new and how you might make the most of this to promote the quality of life of your residents.

Investing more to keep people well in their communities

£104,156 is being invested in the voluntary sector in Epsom & Ewell to promote universal access to a service that:

- Focuses on positive mental health and keeping people well
- Tackles social isolation
- Delivers more access to employment opportunities
- Contributes to the reduction of suicide
- Reduces dependency on statutory mental health services.

From April 2013 the Community Connections service will be led by Mary Frances Trust who will work with users, carers and local organisations to expand opportunities for individuals with mental health needs.

This service will be available to adults of working age with self-defined mental health needs who are residents of Surrey.

It's Time to Talk, it's Time to Change

One in four of us will experience a mental health problem during our lifetime

Nearly 9 out of 10 people with mental health problems report experiencing stigma and discrimination.

Last month, Surrey County Council signed a pledge to tackle the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health problems. The pledge was co-signed by Sarah Mitchell (Strategic Director for Adult Social Care), Michael Gosling (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health) and Sue Baker (Director of Time to Change).

Time to Change is England's biggest anti-stigma programme <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/>.

Stigma and discrimination can stop people being able to do things they want to, such as applying for a job, making friends and joining local activity groups. Led by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, Time to Change has been challenging stigma and discrimination since 2008.

This year we are launching **Time to Change – Surrey** to focus on how we in Surrey can make a difference. Guided by a group of representatives from the public, private and voluntary sector, Time to Change – Surrey will:

- Promote the messages of Time to Change across the county, to get people talking about mental health.
- Conduct a pilot in the Redhill and Merstham areas consisting of creative events, awareness training and a Mental Health Ambassador scheme.

Help us lead the way

Make a Time to Change pledge. This is a public display of your organisations commitment to tackling mental health discrimination.

Within your organisation discuss how you can turn this pledge into practical action in your area. Please share your pledges and plans by emailing timetochangesurrey@surreycc.gov.uk. We may be able to publicise your pledge signing through our regular Time to Change – Surrey bulletin.

For further information about the pledge and how you can tackle stigma and discrimination visit <http://time-to-change.org.uk/organisational-pledge>

Link up with Mary Frances Trust and other local organisations to form a local anti-stigma partnership. You can contact Mary Frances Trust at patrickwolter@maryfrancestrust.org.uk

time to change
Surrey
let's end mental health discrimination

P&G SURREY YOUTH GAMES 2013



Registrations for the 2013 P&G Surrey Youth Games will open on 25/02/2013.

This year the Surrey Youth Games sponsored by P&G are being held on the 15 and 16 June at the Surrey Sports Park in Guildford.

The P&G Surrey Youth Games is a really exciting sporting event which allows young people of all ages to play a range of sports at a competitive level, against teams from the other 10 boroughs and districts of Surrey. It is a great opportunity to make some new friends and try your hand at some sports that you may not have played before.

Qualified coaches will run all sports, with the majority having direct links with local clubs with junior sections. It is a perfect chance to meet a club and join in with them. The lucky ones who are chosen for the various sporting squads will be invited to some advanced training sessions leading up to the Games, to meet the rest of their team mates, learn more about the sport, as well as learn some special skills and tricks to help you do really well at the Games.

To be eligible to represent the Borough of Epsom & Ewell sponsored by Better at the P&G Surrey Youth Games, you must either live in or go to school in the Borough and must be of sub-county level.

If you are too old to compete in the Games, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities to get involved with which means you get great experience and can still support the Borough.

If you would like to volunteer and help with the P&G Surrey Youth Games please contact the Leisure Developments Team.

For more information, please contact the Leisure Developments Team on 01372 732000 or email leisuredevelopmentsteam@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

In December the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) launched its new grant programmes for places of worship in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. As previously, the priority remains structural repairs urgently required within the next two years that have been clearly identified and defined in a condition survey such as a Quinquennial Inspection. The new programme is also designed to encourage a wider range of people to take an interest in their local places of worship and to help care for them in the future. They hope to achieve this by finding new ways in which places of worship can be used by the wider community beyond the primary function of worship and/or by providing new opportunities for people to find out about the heritage of places of worship. They will also fund new capital works, such as toilets or kitchens, improvements to heating or electrical systems, other works to improve energy efficiency, and works to assist with the on-going maintenance of the place of worship.

Decisions are made four times a year by local Committees. The first deadlines for submission are at the end of February 2013 for the first Committee meeting being held in June. Full guidelines can be found online at

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Grants_Places_Worship_England.aspx.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“THE WOKING DEBATES”

The Woking Debates seek to encourage active participation in our community by looking at underlying issues facing us. Together we can find ways forward towards a more equal, peaceful and united world. To be held in the Gallery at Christ Church, Woking town centre on Saturday mornings from 11-12.30 (see dates below)

Saturday 16th March 2013: Is Woking Becoming a Sustainable Town?

Speaker: RAY MORGAN, Chief Executive, Woking Borough Council

Saturday 20th April 2013: Where will our children live? Woking?

Speaker: Rev JOHN McCabe—and young person in need of housing

Saturday 18th May 2013: Can we become a more equal society?

Speaker: SEAN BAINE, Chair of The Equality Trust

Saturday 13th June 2013: Conflict Resolution in divided societies: does it work?

Speaker: ANDY BAINES, Postgraduate researcher on Conflict, Resolution in Divided Societies

Speakers will introduce the topic for 20 minutes—then the Chairperson will open the floor for Debate.

We hope you will spare time from your Saturday shopping to join us in these Debates, to put your own views or to listen. Refreshments will not be served (except for water) so you might like to have coffee beforehand—the Christ Church café will be open.

The Debates are free, but donations to cover costs will be warmly welcomed on the day.

Initiated by Woking Action for Peace Contacts: Keith Scott (t: 01483 824980 e: keithsc_2000@yahoo.com) or Denise Moll (t: 01932 343614 e: denise.newleaf@phonecoop.coop)

Other groups joining in are: LA21, Friends of the Earth, Quakers, Churches Together, Woking People of Faith and Surrey Faith Links.

Connecting for a better life

You are invited to join us at our Connecting for a better life workshops.

We would really like to hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can work together in the future for a better life for the people in our communities. We would particularly like to find out:

- how you think we could engage with you well
- how we can listen to you more effectively
- how you think we can connect best with our community

Please join us for one of our big conversations. These workshops will provide a chance to discuss and explore our shared ambitions for the people in our community.

To join us and to let us know if you would like to bring anyone else with you please contact Rhian Hayes on telephone: 01372 216002, e-mail: CFABL@sabp.nhs.uk, textphone: 0208 964 6326, SMS: 07775 027669.

Workshop One

Monday 11th March 2013

18:00 - 21:00

**Light refreshments from 17:30 Followed by lunch
Trust HQ, 18 Mole Business Park
Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7AD**

Workshop Two

Wednesday 20th March 2013

10:00 - 13:00

**HG Wells Centre, Crown Square
Woking, Surrey, GU21 6HR**

Don't forget to tell us if you have any special requirements.

Surrey and Borders Partnership 
NHS Foundation Trust

Hear Here!

Can churches better engage with those with hearing and sensory loss? From accessing funding for improvements, using technology & offering practical support.

To find out more please contact Tracey Wade, The Diocese of Guildford's Deaf & Inclusion Co-ordinator

E: Tracey.Wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

T: 01483 790 327 (Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays)

Have a Go at....Sign Language

Date: Saturday 4th May

Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, GU22 8XH

Cost: £15

Details: A day-workshop with the 'Signs of God' team, is open to people with any level of sign language (or none). Come and learn about BSL in Christian settings, meet new people and have a lot of fun. Bring your own lunch - drinks are included. Booking is essential

Further Info: tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk (Wed/Thurs/Fri) tel: 01483 790 327

Booking Forms: emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk tel: 01483 790 324

THE SURREY HEATH SHOW

The Surrey Heath Show is taking place on Saturday 4 May 2013, at Frimley Lodge Park. A great day out for all the family, 10am – 4pm **free parking and free entry**. There will be the Surrey Air ambulance, Music, Gardening, Food and Drink, Stalls, Companion Dog Show, Surrey Fire and Rescue and lots to do for all the family. If you would like to have a stall promoting your local group or business, have a display in the main arena or volunteer and help out for a couple of hours, please click onto the web site for more information.

www.surreyheathshow.org

The Eikon Charity is pleased to announce that our **annual Charity Golf Day** at West Byfleet Golf Club will take place on:

Friday 20th September this year.

This ever popular event was a sell-out in 2012, so make sure you that you save the date!

Further details to follow in March



Alcohol an all age problem

From cradle to grave, alcohol impacts on everyday lives everyday

Why? What can we do? Where can we go for help?
How can we support those affected?

This awareness day examines the facts, discusses the issues, &
signposts the way forward



Wednesday 13th March 2013
10am to 2.30pm
St Mary, Oatlands Ave,
Weybridge KT13 9TS

Refreshments provided;
Bring your own lunch

suggested donation £7 on the day

With presentations from:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
- **Southern Addictions Advisory Service**
- **Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust**
- **Surrey Police and the Surrey Police Chaplaincy**
- **Revd Mark Rudall, Diocese of Guildford**

Bookings: this event is open to all please contact
email: emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk
tel: 01483 790324

Diocese of Guildford, Quarry St, Guildford, GU1 3XG



Communities Engagement Team



DIGITAL PHOTO-EDITING

FREE COURSE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Starts Monday 4th March

10.00-12.00 for 5 sessions

Use a free programme to edit photos, change colours, remove defects etc

Please bring a memory stick, camera and USB lead

Longmead Social Centre, Sefton Road, Epsom, KT19 9HG

To book call **0800 328 1060** quote course ref C3733754



ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

JOB VACANCY: Islamic Faith Advisor

Part time, term time only

Salary is in the range of £2,951 to £3,464 per annum inclusive of London Allowance

The College, in conjunction with the Islamic Welfare Association of West Surrey (IWAWS) seeks to appoint a part-time (one day per week in term-time) Islamic Faith Advisor to Royal Holloway.

The Faith Advisor's role is both to support and promote the life of the Muslim community based in the College and to be available to all students and others with relevant concerns, in collaboration with colleagues in the Chaplaincy and Faith Support Section of the College and with other Support and Advisory Services

In addition to working with the thriving student Islamic Society, the Faith Advisor will interact with Christian, Sikh, Jewish and other student and staff groups.

This is a part time post for a fixed term period from September 2013 to June 2014. This post is based in Egham, Surrey where the College is situated. Candidates are invited to discuss the post informally with Arshad Gamiet of IWAWS magamiet@gmail.com, 07740858191 and/or Christopher Butler, Head of Support and Advisory Services at the College christopher.butler@rhul.ac.uk, 01784 443395 and/or Revd. Cate Irvine, the Co-ordinating Chaplain at the College, cate.irvine@rhul.ac.uk, 01784 443070

To view further details of this post and to apply please visit <https://rhul.engageats.co.uk>. The RHUL Recruitment Team can be contacted with queries by email at: recruitment@rhul.ac.uk or via telephone on: +44 (0)1784 41 4241.

Please quote the reference: **X0213/7194**

Closing Date: Midnight, 11th March 2013, Interview Date: 20th March 2013

The College is committed to equality and diversity, and encourages applications from all sections of the community.



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