



# THE LONDON FAITH & BELIEF COMMUNITY AWARDS 2018

**Celebrating the unsung heroes of  
London's faith and belief communities**

With the support of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant  
of Greater London's Council on Faith

**The  
Faith  
& Belief  
Forum**



Formerly 3FF (Three Faiths Forum)



# WELCOME

The content of this brochure gives an insight into a much bigger story. London's diverse and vibrant population powers 24,000 voluntary organisations. That is 1 for every 360 Londoners. Many of these initiatives are working through values shared by people of different faiths and non-religious beliefs. This is worthy of celebration in itself, since it demonstrates how much we have in common. It underlines the notion that our diversity is not the problem we face.

The work of those highlighted in this brochure demonstrates the deep, generous pool of diverse creativity that Londoners can draw on to tackle a wide range of societal issues. And herein lies the second cause for celebration. The projects on show here are tackling issues that have the potential to exclude and divide. If we are to truly extend the benefits of our city to all, then we need to ensure that all Londoners get fair access to services, we need to alleviate deprivation, reduce social tension and promote inclusion. This year we also celebrate those who inspire the next generation of Londoners. The fact that so many relatively small and modest organisations made up of people of different faiths and non-religious beliefs collaborate to achieve these aims gives hope and inspiration. This evening we are recognising and celebrating the contribution lesser-known projects are making to ensuring London is a more inclusive and a fairer city.

We are honoured to host the second London Faith & Belief Community Awards with the continued support of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Faith, to shine a light on those who do not receive sufficient recognition for the important work they do at the margins of our great city. We are proud that now over 200 projects and individuals have been recognised for their selfless work. May the examples of these inspiring projects motivate and challenge us.

**Phil Champain**

Director of the Faith & Belief Forum



# MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

I wish to extend a warm welcome to all to the London Faith & Belief Community Awards. As the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, I am Her Majesty The Queen's representative in Greater London, charged with upholding the dignity of the Crown. I have over 100 Deputy Lieutenants, who, like me, are volunteers. I have 32 Representative Deputy Lieutenants, one for each London Borough, providing a vital link with local communities across the capital.

In addition, we are a bridge-builder, connecting individuals, organisations and social networks, to enhance Londoners' sense of belonging and thereby increasing social inclusion within the capital. Through its rich heritage and diverse population, London is home to many faith groups from every religion. As The Queen said in her 50th Christmas broadcast in 2001: 'we all have something to learn from each other, whatever our faith', because living life according to a strong set of positive values is an antidote to exclusion. Overcoming differences and misunderstandings, reducing prejudice, ignorance and fear, and learning the ethical lessons of the widest range of faiths and beliefs are objectives enshrined in our strategy *Building Bridges for a fairer London*. In that spirit, we recognise and celebrate the work of Londoners from all faiths and beliefs who create a sense of belonging and inclusion in our great city. Thank you to you all.

## **Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE**

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London



In terms of diversity of background and culture, London is one of the richest cities in the world. It boasts many sizable communities coming from every corner of the globe. For many of these communities, their faith or belief is their cultural fountain and a source of their identity – representing universal core principles that are shared across all faith and belief systems. Our aspiration at the Council on Faith is to harness these values and reach out to all of those who have made London their home. By supporting the London Faith & Belief Community Awards, we gain the opportunity to meet and engage with those who have made it their mission to increase wellbeing within their local community, help individuals build a sense of belonging within London and build bridges across communities of all faiths and beliefs. The London Faith & Belief Community Awards is a wonderful demonstration of what people motivated by their faith or belief can achieve for this city. By shining a light on their work, this event promotes and connects the unsung heroes of London's faith and belief communities. This event also gives them access to further support which may enhance their work and inspire others to take action.

At last year's event we were bowled over by the number of inspirational dedicated selfless people we came across who are doing the most amazing and innovative things. It was an honour to meet those behind London's inspirational community projects and learn from their work. I look forward to continuing the conversation this year.

The London Faith & Belief Community Awards is primarily about celebration and recognition, and I am honoured that tonight we have the opportunity to celebrate over 120 projects and individuals. On behalf of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Faith, I look forward to supporting this event further and to meeting many more of London's unsung heroes as the initiative grows.

## **Dr David Dangoor DL**

Chair of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Faith

It has been a pleasure for me to be Chair of the Judging Panel. The panel comprised of three members of the Council on Faith: Dr Sheila Gewolb DL, Dr Mustafa Abu Lisan DL and me, joined by Phil Champain, Hannah Taylor and Tim Mortimer from F&BF.

The judging panel received 122 completed nominations by the deadline of 16th July 2018. We had a week to scrutinise the nomination forms and complete a judging grid. The grid assessed each submission on three criteria based on increasing sense of belonging, building bridges and impact.

The judging panel met on 3rd September 2018 and discussed each submission against the criteria.

It was a humbling and enlightening experience to read and discuss the nomination forms. The projects were diverse, from across most London boroughs and helping different groups. There was great uniformity amongst the 6 judges. We were able to agree the 42 projects to be awarded £500 and the 66 projects to be awarded a certificate of recognition for their good work. The nominations this year also identified 16 individuals, encouraging us to create a new award category – Inspiring Individuals – and tonight we will be awarding their work through certification.

I would like to thank my fellow judges for their hard work and support. Congratulations to all who are celebrated and recognised at tonight's event.

## **Mrs Bushra Nasir CBE DL**

Chair of the Judging Panel

# PROGRAMME

The hosts of tonight's ceremony are Eli Tamir, Fundraising and Development Coordinator at the Faith & Belief Forum and Rev Nims Obunge MBE DL, Pastor of Freedom's Ark Church, Tottenham.

## Welcome

Phil Champain, Director of the Faith & Belief Forum

## Key note address

Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London

## Speech

Dr David Dangoor DL, Chair of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Faith

## Presentation of awards

## Film and spoken word

Written and performed by George the Poet. Produced by Rob Ryan, Deuce Films.

## Presentation of awards

## Spoken word

Jaspreet Kaur

## Certificates presented to recognised projects

## Closing speech

Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Communities.

## Refreshments and Networking in the Atrium

## Award Winners

# CREATIVE ARTS AND THE MEDIA

Arts and the media have the power both to communicate experiences of exclusion and belonging, and to reshape our relationships with each other. Projects within this category work with the arts or the media to explore the complexities of identity and belief and to deepen understanding.

## MUJU

### Brent

The MUJU Crew bring Muslims and Jews together through a shared passion for creating art. We believe this process creates a context of honesty, trust and respect that breaks down barriers and allows for open conversations. Most recently, MUJU have led workshops with new artists at the Young Vic, created sell out shows across London and developed a series of online sketches addressing the similarities between the two communities, reaching over one million viewers online.

[muju.org.uk](http://muju.org.uk)



MUJU

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Projects in this category create specialised services for the health and wellbeing of Londoners. They reduce social isolation and improve quality of life for vulnerable Londoners from different backgrounds.

## Age UK Hounslow

### Hounslow

Our aims are to help elderly residents lead a healthy and active life and combat isolation. 450 residents per week from different faiths and beliefs enjoy social interaction: Physical Activities - Line Dancing, Zumba Fitness, Yoga, Pilates, Tai-Chi, Chair exercises; Educational – Computer, Sign Language and Basic English; Social - Games Club, Social groups, Knitting and Nattering, Bingo, Singing; Services - Foot Care, Advice (Will & Probate) Gurkha Welfare Benefits & Dementia Sessions. Our café serves hot meals.

[ageuk.org.uk/hounslow](http://ageuk.org.uk/hounslow)

## BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha

### Brent

In the UK, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is respected as one of the largest and most active Hindu organisations within the Indian diaspora. One of our projects reaches out to the elderly people in our community who feel isolated and lonely. We have been doing this project for last 4 years, our team of 17 ladies' volunteers reach out to the residents every week connecting with over 250 residents.

[londonmandir.baps.org](http://londonmandir.baps.org)



BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha



British Sikh Nurses

## British Sikh Nurses

Since starting in April 2016, British Sikh Nurses have carried out various community work and projects in India and the United Kingdom. Our main focus has been working with the Sikh Community on issues around mental health, stem cell & organ donation and promoting healthy lifestyles. This is done by going out to Asian events and Gurdwaras to support individuals and raise awareness.

[sikhnurses.co.uk](http://sikhnurses.co.uk)

## Christmas Lunch on Jesus Project, Jesus House

### Barnet

Christmas Lunch on Jesus (CLOJ) distributes free hamper boxes during Christmas to residents in deprived wards of Barnet and other London boroughs. The hampers are sponsored by people from the church congregation, with various churches across the borough of Barnet and beyond joining in subsequent years. Now in its 10th year – mobilising hundreds of cross-generational volunteers to serve by delivering the hampers with love to residents in their own homes.

[christmaslunchonjesus.com](http://christmaslunchonjesus.com)



Embracing Age

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### Richmond upon Thames

We are a Christian charity set up 3 years ago to address the needs of the frail elderly, particularly care home residents. Our team of 60 volunteers find out the interests of residents and tailor activities accordingly. It may simply be spending an hour a week chatting with a resident, going for a walk, or reading to a resident - any meaningful activity that a resident will enjoy, and helps to build friendship.

[embracingage.org.uk](http://embracingage.org.uk)

## Faith to Faithless

### Islington

Faith to Faithless (FtF) supports apostates to build a new community and supports a respectful reconciliation with families and friends where that is achievable. FtF is unique in operating the world's first fully integrated support programme for those affected by the challenges of apostasy. We were founded in London in 2015 and are now a programme of Humanists UK, with a long history of supporting the non-religious, and defending freedom of religion and belief for all.

[facebook.com/faithtofaithless](https://facebook.com/faithtofaithless)

## Jesuit Refugee Service UK

### Tower Hamlets

JRS UK started 20 years ago and fulfils three aims: to accompany refugees, to serve refugees, and to advocate on behalf of refugees. Our weekly Day Centre hosts around 220 asylum seekers each month, providing practical and emotional support such as a hot meal, toiletry packs, and companionship from volunteers and fellow refugees. Day Centre Plus activities focus on building skills, confidence and resilience and include Gospel Choir, The Bike Project, prayer circles and osteopathy sessions.

[jrsuk.net](http://jrsuk.net)



Jesuit Refugee Service UK



Muslim Women Merton

## Muslim Women Merton

### Merton

Many BAME women face significant health inequalities. To address this disparity Muslim Women of Merton developed health and wellbeing initiatives raising awareness of the key issues and organised health promotion events and activities for the community. Our volunteers have also been trained as Health Champions by One You Merton, so they can offer health activities supporting the community. Our volunteers have introduced a weekly health walk, a coffee morning, where ladies enjoy exercise and chat.

[muslimwomenmerton.com](http://muslimwomenmerton.com)

## MySpace Project, Southwark Diocesan Welcare

### Southwark

Southwark Diocesan Welcare has been working in South London since 1894. Its mission is to provide practical and emotional support to help children and their families overcome challenges and build towards a better future. The project awarded is our MySpace project - a community based treatment and recovery programme for children aged 8-13 exposed to domestic abuse. The purpose of the group is to move children beyond what has happened in a safe and therapeutic way.

[welcare.org/our-services/services/myspace](http://welcare.org/our-services/services/myspace)

## ROBES Winter Night Shelter

### Southwark

Anyone can fall into the misfortune of homelessness. Our amazing volunteers and partner churches allow us to offer warm beds throughout the winter in our South London night shelters, while our advice workers are busy all year round, providing guidance and support to our homeless guests. We empower people who are homeless and help them rebuild their lives.

[robes.org.uk](http://robes.org.uk)

## The Delicate Mind

### Tower Hamlets

TDM is a Not for Profit organisation that works with faith leaders, mental health experts, schools, and parents to: destigmatise mental health. TDM investigates how issues of media misrepresentation, class, race and gender contribute to poor mental health within BAME Muslim communities. TDM facilitates interfaith workshops in London and Birmingham to generate awareness of mental health services, and break down linguistic barriers to hold constructive conversations around mental health, and generate community cohesion.

[facebook.com/  
TheDelicateMindNaazukZein](https://facebook.com/TheDelicateMindNaazukZein)

# INSPIRING YOUTH

Young people from minority backgrounds are often overlooked and may be excluded from civic life. Projects within this category work with young people to encourage leadership and participation in their local community, and connect them with opportunities beyond their neighbourhoods.



Ebony Horse Club

## Anti-Tribalism Movement

### Hammersmith and Fulham

Our 'Quit Knives Saves Lives Desistance Programme' is a much-needed programme as we have seen a spike in the anti-social behaviour affecting young Somali men living in London. Our programme provides mentoring support to young black men, reaches out to parents and families of young people who are already engaged in offending behaviour and brings together those most impacted to take part in dialogue.

[theatm.org](http://theatm.org)

## Ebony Horse Club

### Lambeth

Ebony Horse Club was founded in 1996 to provide opportunities for children and young people growing up in the inner city, specifically Brixton, South London, to learn to ride and care for horses. Interacting with horses teaches young people empathy, responsibility, determination and improves their health and wellbeing. The centre provides them with a safe place to be in an area rife with gang and drug culture.

[ebonyhorseclub.org](http://ebonyhorseclub.org)



Jubilee Sailing Trust

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### London wide

Our youth programme, Leadership @ Sea, supports the social and emotional development of young people aged 16 to 25. We help young people of all ability levels make successful transitions into adulthood through experiencing new situations and building confidence. Working with young people is crucial to our cause, as we address both the misconceptions around disability, and empower the youth of today to build a better and more inclusive future.

[jst.org.uk/seachange](http://jst.org.uk/seachange)

## Kennington Spear

### Lambeth

Spear is a year-long programme that equips 16-to-24-year-olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) from disadvantaged backgrounds to find long-term employment. We coach young people to help overcome the attitudes and behaviours that are holding them back, and train employers to get the best out of them. We continue to support each young person for a year afterwards to help them enter into employment and progress up the career ladder.

[resurgo.org.uk/venue/kennington](http://resurgo.org.uk/venue/kennington)



Kennington Spear



Mentor Wise

## Mentor Wise

### Haringey

Mentor Wise is a London-based organisation founded in 2016. It is dedicated to supporting youth in Britain with a particular focus on Muslim minority groups. To do this, Mentor Wise brings together inspired and trained mentors at the service of its mentees and their families. Through mentoring, the youth is supported to fulfil their potential and opportunities, thus building their confidence and identity as contributing members of their community.

[mentorwise.org.uk](http://mentorwise.org.uk)

## Pray4Youth UK

### Hackney

Pray4Youth UK is an inter-denominational Christian prayer initiative, leading a coordinated Church response to the increase in knife and violent crime among young people in London. It was founded in 2016 by Pastor Junior Spence, community Leader and Pastor of Faith City Church in Hackney. Our have received widespread support from Church leaders of various denominations, local politicians, community leaders, project workers, members of the Metropolitan Police and diverse groups from the local community.

[facebook.com/groups/1520127794950452/about](https://facebook.com/groups/1520127794950452/about)

## The Acts of Random Kindness project

### Westminster, King's College London

The Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) Project is a student-run initiative launched by The King's College London Islamic Society in 2012. Our aim is to provide students with a platform to serve our community through various volunteering opportunities. The project was formed based on Islamic teachings emphasising the benefits and importance of carrying out good deeds. We have five different subgroups: Gifts for Change, Neighbours, Tackling Homelessness, Outreach and Academia.

[facebook.com/groups/TheARKProject](https://facebook.com/groups/TheARKProject)

# INTERFAITH RELATIONS

London's neighbourhoods are multi-faith spaces where people with different faiths and beliefs share the same public spaces and services. Projects within this category build bridges across communities and create hubs that are open to all.

## Lewisham Churches Asylum Seekers Foodbank

### Lewisham

LewCAS, formed in March 1996, has become a vital foodbank for vulnerable members of our borough. It is composed of representatives from churches of all denominations (Church of England; Roman Catholic; Baptist; Independent Church; Quaker) who all share its aim of relieving poverty and advancing education amongst asylum seekers in SE London. Everybody in the organisation serves in a voluntary capacity. We welcome refugees and offer long-term support to people of all faiths and none.

[lewcas.org.uk](http://lewcas.org.uk)

## Mitzvah Day

### Camden

Mitzvah Day is the UK's biggest faith based day of social action. Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2018, Mitzvah Day has become a truly global and multi-faith event – involving 40,000 volunteers in more than 30 different countries. This year's Mitzvah Day took place on Sunday 18 November with people of all faiths, and none, coming together in London and across the world to support refugees, the homeless, elderly and most vulnerable in society.

[mitzvahday.org.uk](http://mitzvahday.org.uk)

## Muslim Jewish Forum of Stamford Hill

### Hackney

The Muslim Jewish Forum (MJF), founded in 2001 to bring the two faith groups, both often marginalised, together to build mutual understanding, respect and intercommunal relationship. It was the first formal organisation of its kind between members of the two faiths in the UK. A steering committee of 10 faith representatives communicates with wider Jewish and Muslim communities in Hackney, likely numbering 40,000+ individuals.

Please contact the Faith & Belief Forum for more information

## Redbridge Faith Forum

### Redbridge

Redbridge Faith Forum (RFF) is an independent organisation that aims to give Faith Communities in Redbridge a collective voice by identifying and addressing issues that affect residents. Our vision is to work towards and build a community that respects, co-operates with and understands the integrity of each other's beliefs, culture and traditions. We are also a strategic partner of the council.

[redbridgefaithforum.org](http://redbridgefaithforum.org)



Mitzvah Day



St John's Waterloo - Faith for the Climate Network

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### Southwark

Faith communities have a key role to play in tackling climate change, encouraging more sustainable lifestyles, greening our places of worship, and making the moral case for local and national action on tackle climate change. The inter-faith Faith for the Climate Network was founded in 2015, hosted by St John's Waterloo, to inspire, equip and champion the work of faith communities on climate issues. We bring leaders of all faiths together to work on this key issue for all our communities, the Earth and future generations.

[stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1728/clean-air-climate](http://stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1728/clean-air-climate)

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO SERVICES

Sponsored by Genistar

Working at the neighbourhood level, projects within this category identify people who are often overlooked and excluded. These projects work over time to connect people to life-saving public services offered by local councils and larger charities, as well as offering advice and support.

## All People All Places (APAP)

### Enfield

The Enfield and Haringey Homeless Respite service works to break the cycle of homelessness. The core of our offer is an all year round daytime 'Pathway' service to help people move to sustainable solutions. This is with Councils and all local, regional and national services, migrant advice, Salvation Army, Red Cross and Mosques. Overnight respite (December to April) is voluntarily hosted in churches and a synagogue. People of all or no faith are welcome.

[allpeopleallplaces.org](http://allpeopleallplaces.org)

## East Greenwich Legal Advice Clinic

### Greenwich

East Greenwich Legal Advice Clinic (EGLAC) is a pro bono (free) legal advice and assistance service available to persons resident or based in South East London with a focus on East Greenwich. The clinic operates fortnightly and clinic appointments are held at Christ Church, East Greenwich which is part of the Church of England parish which support the project.

[eglac.org.uk](http://eglac.org.uk)

## Laamiga Women's Training and Mentoring

### Camden

Laamiga was formed in 2010 to provide tailored employment support for black and minority ethnic women from refugee and migrant communities in London. Our services include one-to-one mentoring, training courses, business support and career coaching. Our flagship mentoring programme is designed and managed by Dr Emua Ali, an experienced project coordinator with over 20 years experience in personal development and leadership training.

[laamiga.org](http://laamiga.org)

## St Margaret's Church, Lee – The ESOL and Friendship Project

### Lewisham

Our ESOL and Friendship Project is run in partnership with AFRIL (Action for Refugees in Lewisham) and assists asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to rebuild their lives and integrate into our community by offering English classes, help with accessing services and other support. This project is also run with the help from volunteers from other local churches and community groups providing an opportunity for everyone to make new friends.

[stmargaretslee.org.uk](http://stmargaretslee.org.uk)

## The Harold Hill Foodbank

### Havering

The aims and objectives of the charity are for the relief of poverty or distress for persons in Harold Hill, London borough of Havering, who are in conditions of need of hardship by reason of their social and/or economic circumstances, by providing food, debt advice, interviews and employability mentoring. Since starting in January 2012, the Foodbank has given free emergency food supplies to over 8000 people (adults and children).

[haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk)



St Margaret's Church, Lee – The ESOL and Friendship Project

# PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Crime and violent attacks send a message of exclusion and tear the fabric of London's communities. Projects within this category: support those affected by violence; bring communities together to stand against violence; and promote peaceful relations.



Kagyu Samye Dzong London

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### Southwark

KSDL is a Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Centre for World Peace and Health. It provides instruction in meditation and Buddhist teachings with the aim of enabling people to live happier, healthier lives with a better understanding of their mind. It is open and accessible to all and no fees are charged for the Centre's own courses and meditation sessions.

[london.samye.org](http://london.samye.org)

## SAAFI Community

### Brent

The first generation of British born Somalis have inherited this dilemma and are caught between navigating the harsh barriers of society and the inter-generational gap with their immigrant parents. Somali youth have also had to deal with being disproportionately targeted by law enforcement. Our Motivational mentoring program a unique way of intervention and will facilitate opportunities that wouldn't otherwise be possible to our young people.

[saafi.org.uk](http://saafi.org.uk)

## Southwark Peace Garden

### Southwark

The creation of a Peace Garden was born out of a strong community desire to recognise and reflect upon the tragedies that have resulted from knife and other violent crime. The centre point of the garden is a globe-shaped sculpture made from surrendered and decommissioned knives, representing transformation from instruments of violence to a symbol of peace. This project started in 2016 and have since become a passion for the community.

Please contact the Faith & Belief Forum for more information



SAAFI Community

# PROMOTING INCLUSION

Sponsored by Saker Nusseibeh

Londoners may face misunderstanding, isolation or exclusion because of their faith or belief. They may be further excluded, due to other aspects of their identities (e.g. ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, age and ability) – and this discrimination may take place within faith groups or wider society. Projects within this category work at the intersection between faith/belief and other aspects of identity – creating inclusive spaces.

## Abraham's Tent Project at South London Liberal Synagogue

### Lambeth

The Abraham's Tent Project is converting part of the South London Liberal Synagogue building into a home for a refugee family. The project is named after Abraham's Tent, which according to biblical stories was open on all sides so he could welcome strangers from any direction. We're partnering with Liberal Judaism, West London Synagogue, and local religious and non-religious groups in an exciting interfaith collaboration to support the family when they arrive through community sponsorship.

[southlondon.org/abrahams-tent-project](http://southlondon.org/abrahams-tent-project)

## Brent Action for Refugees

### Brent

Brent Action for Refugees (BA4R), a Community Association, was established in 2014 to help resettle Syrian families to the London Borough of Brent under the Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Programme. Over this period, this project has played a pivotal part in bringing forward privately rented properties at below market rate. This means that twelve refugee Syrian families, 46 people, were able to come to the UK and be welcomed by the local community.

[facebook.com/BrentAction4Refugees](https://facebook.com/BrentAction4Refugees)

## Ethnic Minorities Advocacy Group

### Richmond Upon Tames

The Minority Elders Ethnic Group Project brings together elderly men and women from isolated and vulnerable minority communities of all backgrounds and faiths. The projects aims to promote the rights and needs of all minority ethnic elders, create good relations between people of different racial groups and build stronger communities in areas of disadvantage, deprivation and poverty.

[emaguk.org](http://emaguk.org)

## House of Rainbow CIC

### Waltham Forest

House of Rainbow projects supports those who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) on their journey of reconciliation of their faith and sexuality. Too often there has been systematic abuse from primary faith communities on the grounds of their sexual orientation and gender identity. We supported several 100s of LGBTIQ people of African Caribbean descent include family members and faith leaders.

[houseofrainbow.org](http://houseofrainbow.org)



House of Rainbow CIC



Lama's Pyjamas Charity Shop for the London Buddhist Centre

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### Tower Hamlets

Lama's Pyjamas is a charity shop part of the London Buddhist centre. We aspire to build bridges, break down barriers and befriend people of all faiths and none. We offer a safe, nurturing inclusive place where people can have a friendly chat and get to know each other and the team while buying low cost, quality and recycled goods. All profits go to support the activities of the Buddhist Centre, including retreats for carers and schools outreach.

[lamaspyjamas.com](http://lamaspyjamas.com)

## New Roots Tower Hamlets

### Tower Hamlets

New Roots helps new refugee and migrant women in Tower Hamlets improve their English skills, build confidence, meet people from different backgrounds and be part of their local community. During the project, women volunteer at community lunches, organise community events and take part in employability sessions and skills workshops. Since September 2017, over 300 Tower Hamlets residents, including 108 migrant women, 10 local groups and 8 ELATT staff members have taken part in the project.

[elatt.org.uk/new-roots](http://elatt.org.uk/new-roots)

## Mother and Child Welfare Organisation

### Hammersmith and Fulham

We visit Muslim prisoners at HMP Wormwood Scrubs and provide support to their family networks. The aim of the project is to overcome the socially isolating and excluding impact of prison on the prisoner and his family. The project has influenced many lives, providing ex-offenders with the personal and spiritual resources to avoid reoffending. We work in partnership with HMP Wormwood Scrubs Chaplaincy. The project has helped over 500 people since 2013.

[facebook.com/MACWO1](https://facebook.com/MACWO1)



New Roots Tower Hamlets

## Muslimaat London

### Tower Hamlets

Muslimaat London provides a platform to motivate women of all ages to embrace their faith, acquire knowledge, and become positive role models. We organise a range of programmes and activities to bring about greater awareness of Islam, Muslims and citizenship in local communities and institutions. We have over 100 regular participants at our local coffee mornings and a reach of over a 1000.

Please contact the Faith & Belief Forum for more information

## Regenerate UK and its Feel Good Bakery

### Wandsworth

Regenerate is a Christian faith-based youth and community charity that supports young people in the Wandsworth borough – helping to transform lives and communities from the inside out. We get alongside young people at our youth clubs, mentoring sessions and young leaders development programmes. Also, through our social enterprise, The Feel Good Bakery. Young people attempting to turn their lives around are employed, mentored and trained to develop life skills that prepare them for the workplace.

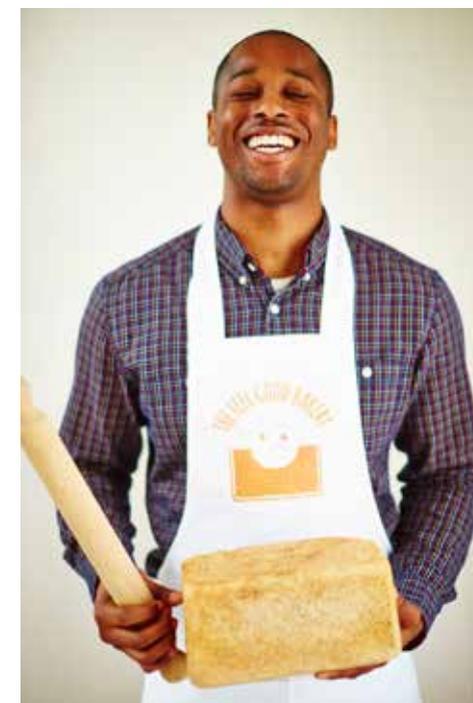
[regenerateuk.co.uk](http://regenerateuk.co.uk)

## Silvernet at Harmony House Dagenham CIC

### Barking and Dagenham

Silvernet helps older people to combat social isolation and supports them to live as independently as possible. We facilitate 12 Get-together groups, a telephone befriending scheme, practical help at home, silver surfers computer classes and 8 large event days and outings throughout the year. Each week an average of 150 elders attend groups, 70 have daily telephone calls and 60 household tasks are completed.

[harmonyhousedagenham.org.uk](http://harmonyhousedagenham.org.uk)



Regenerate UK and it's Feel Good Bakery

# INSPIRATIONAL INDIVIDUALS

London is full of inspirational individuals, people who make a lasting contribution to the life of our city. The individuals celebrated tonight have inspired others by their work for inclusion and wellbeing. Their acts of public service are matched by their attitude and values, exemplifying London as a welcoming place for people of all faiths and beliefs.



## Hagir Ahmed

### First responder to Grenfell Fire Disaster

Hagir was instrumental in transforming the Westway Sports Centre into a temporary Crisis Centre to accommodate survivors, bereaved families and affected communities. She co-ordinated services with multi-agencies and assisted the NHS dealing with traumatised survivors to set up a safe haven within the hotel for survivors, residents and professionals to use whilst dealing with the bereaved and devastated community. Her work supporting this community continues today.



## Jaspreet Kaur

Jaspreet Kaur, better known as Behind the Netra for her poetry, is an award-winning Spoken Word Artist and History teacher from East London focused on sharing her thoughts on gender issues, mental health stigma, historical topics and positive social change. Jaspreet actively works with national governments, corporations and charities alike, such as TED, Westminster Interfaith Council and Action for Children, using her poetry to inspire and drive change.



## Howard Taylor

### Grenfell United Coordinator

Grenfell United was formed in the very early days from survivors going around to the support centres and making lists of those that got out, trying to come together to look after each other in absence of official support. Howard, who worked at the local organisation The ClementJames Centre, supported this group by linking them to major decision makers and helping them gain a voice in the aftermath of the tragedy. He now works as Grenfell United's sole staff member.



## Lindsey Macfarlane

### Youth Development Worker, Croydon Circuit of Methodist Churches

Lindsey has for the last 15 years worked tirelessly with local communities. She works predominantly to support positive youth activities amongst eight Methodist Churches and is also the Lead of the Youth Localities East Network – a network of statutory and community organisations enabling youth work across the Croydon Borough. Lindsey is a passionate supporter of inclusion, diversity and connecting people up, and always works towards multicultural and inter-faith inclusivity.



## Mfa Zaman

### Safe & Save

Once upon a time a homeless man, Mfa Zaman founded Safe & Save to serve and help homeless people around the London; and inspire other young people to give their time to voluntary activities. He is also the co-founder of Community of Jews & Muslims which is an Inter-Faith group in London & working tirelessly to build a bridge of peace and love in between two faiths. His community efforts were covered by the BBC.



## Param Singh

Param Singh, a real estate investor and entrepreneur, was the key founding member of the City Sikhs and is currently the deputy Chairman. He has always worked tirelessly in the background to create lasting interfaith initiatives and has done wonders to utilise automation in an organisation that is fully run by volunteers. Param is also Trustee of the British Sikh Report and an advisory member for the Multicultural Professional Networks Forum.



## Remona Aly

Remona is a journalist, broadcaster and commentator with a focus on faith, lifestyle and identity. Remona's work benefits two main groups. First, it helps people from a non-religious background to better understand how religious people apply their faith to their lives in a creative and human way. Second, her work benefits Londoners from different religions, and particularly Muslims, by presenting nuanced viewpoints about Muslims in London and the UK.



## Umar Mahmood Qureshi

Umar's work has positively affected thousands of people at grassroots and strategic levels. He has organised countless events to support interfaith engagement, building trust and leading to strategic level dialogue between community leaders to tackle faith issues and to come together at times of need. Through liaison with statutory bodies, such as the Metropolitan Police, on behalf of the Muslim community, he has helped develop mutual trust; promoting regular dialogue, interaction and initiatives.



## Nighat Khan

### New Vision for Women in Brixton

Nighat Khan is the founder of New Vision for Women, which delivers various programmes to help women develop by helping them identify life challenges and enabling them to work through these, so they grow to their full potential. The Lambeth programme, connected women from different faiths and cultures through cooking together sharing traditional food and building friendships, thus breaking down isolation, fears and prejudices about the other and developing understanding in a safe and fun environment.



## Pat Stevens

### Harrow Interfaith

Pat, for thirty years, has been a constant and indispensable hub for all of Harrow Interfaith's activities. She provides extensive secretarial support, facilitating, coordinating and catering all Harrow Interfaith's events. Launching the Agreed Syllabus for RE with Harrow SACRE; co-organising events with the Police and Safer Harrow, liaising with NHS Harrow's Clinical Commissioning Group and with many local, voluntary sector organisations, including St Luke's Hospice.



## Tara Khare

Tara, a retired practice manager, was born and brought up in India and arrived in the UK in 1971. She has for years worked tirelessly for interfaith and multicultural activities in Waltham Forest. She became a voluntary ESL home tutor in 1976. She is a founding member of Waltham Forest Women's Network, the founder of Waltham Forest Women's Interfaith Network and Faith Friendship Club. She is very passionate about interfaith and cultural integration, community cohesion and working towards peace and harmony in the local community.



## Vinod M Kotecha

### Hindu Bereavement Committee

Mr Kotecha, a member of LCNL & Lions Club and Trustee of Asian Foundation for Help & Lohana Charity Foundation, has dedicated time on a voluntary basis serving the community for over 20 years. He conducts funeral ceremonies, runs a spiritual centre in Wembley and is very active in supporting charities, raising funds for Cancer Research, NHS & Moorfields Eye hospitals, Women Empowerment, Weddings for the under privileged families and providing food to hospitals.



## Harris Bokhari

### Naz Legacy Interfaith Iftar

Harris founded the Naz Legacy Annual Youth Interfaith Iftars 3 years ago to bring young people representing all of the boroughs of London, of all faiths and none to meet each other for the first time and engage in social action. By engaging those at the top of religious and political institutions, Harris has enabled young people to also share their ideas with those in office on how these communities can work cohesively.



## Eddie Musonda, and Trudian Francis

### The Balham Pathfinders & Adventures Club

For over twenty years volunteers have successfully lead the Balham Pathfinders & Adventures Club. For the past five years the club has grown under the leadership of the current Director - Eddie and joint secretaries Trudian and Natasha. Supporting over 15 adult volunteers they all have been dedicated to inspiring and supporting a group of 40 children to be good citizens, live a holistic life, develop spiritual and physical well-being and work for their local community.

# RECOGNISED PROJECTS

For services to and for faith and belief communities

### Angell Delight Community Centre

Lambeth  
Please contact F&BF for more information

### Austin Forum

Hammersmith & Fulham  
austin-forum.org

### Barnet Multi Faith Forum

Barnet  
barnetmultifaithforum.org

### Basics of Sikhi

Ealing  
basicsofsikhi.com

### Bexley Interfaith Forum

Bexley  
bexleyinterfaithforum.org

### Bloody Good Period

Camden  
bloodygoodperiod.com

### British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA)

Camden  
britishima.org

### British Sikh Report

Westminster  
britishsikhreport.org

### Canaan Church

Haringey  
www.canaanchurch.co

### Cedar+ Group Initiative

Merton  
Please contact F&BF for more information

### Christmas Inn, Winchester Road Methodist Church

Waltham Forest  
winchesterroadchurch.org.uk/?page\_id=37

### Church of the Cross

Bexley  
Please contact F&BF for more information

### Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee – Helping Hands Food Bank

Lewisham  
goodpeter.org.uk

### Crossway Pregnancy Crisis Centre

Richmond upon Thames  
crosswaypregnancy.org.uk

### Dadihiye Somali Development Organisation

Kensington and Chelsea  
refugeecouncil.org.uk/services/5067\_  
dadihiye\_somali\_development\_organisation

### Dying Well

Lambeth  
jamyang.co.uk

### Faiths together in Lambeth

Lambeth  
faithstogetherinlambeth.org

### Faizan-e-Islam mosque's outreach work

Waltham Forest  
faizaneislam.org.uk

### Father William Taylor and Clapton Commons

Hackney  
claptoncommonsorg.wordpress.com

### Football Beyond Borders' the 'City of Nations' project

Lambeth  
footballbeyondborders.org/

### Forest Women's Interfaith Network

Waltham Forest  
Please contact F&BF for more information

**Friends of Pasley Park**

Southwark  
Please contact F&BF for more information.

**Green Stars**

Enfield  
mcec.org.uk

**Hackney Winter Night Shelter**

Hackney  
stpaulswesthackney.org/events  
aziziye.org.uk

**Health Promotions**

Brent  
Please contact F&BF for more information.

**Hillingdon Asian Women's Group**

Hillingdon  
connecttosupporthillindon.org/hawg

**Hope for Home with  
Christ Church Gypsy Hill**

Lambeth  
hopeforhome.org.uk

**Refugees as Rebuilders, Initiatives of  
Change UK**

London-wide  
uk.iofc.org/refugees-rebuilders

**Just Read**

Tower Hamlets  
facebook.com/justread017

**Keep our Hearts Beating**

Barnet  
keepourheartsbeating.com

**Kingston Community Refugee  
Sponsorship**

Kingston upon Thames  
kcrs.org.uk

**Living Bankside**

Southwark  
livingbankside.org

**London Foguangshan Buddhist  
Temple - LBRSG**

Westminster  
londonfgs.org.uk

**London HIV Chaplaincy**

Islington  
hivchaplaincy.com

**London Islamic Cultural Society**

Haringey  
www.londonislamicculturalsociety.com

**London Lucumi Choir**

Haringey  
londonlucumichoira.com

**New Unity**

Hackney  
new-unity.org

**Newman House, Catholic Chaplaincy's  
Sandwich Run**

Camden  
universitycatholic.net/newman-house/

**Nisa-Nashim**

Camden  
nisanashim.org

**North London Muslim Community Centre**

Hackney  
www.nlmcc.org.uk

**OneSpirit Interfaith Foundation**

Hammersmith and Fulham  
interfaithfoundation.org

**Pembroke House**

Southwark  
pembrokehouse.org.uk

**Physicians Across Continents, My  
Mosque Clinic**

London-wide  
physiciansac.org/my-mosque-clinic

**Prayer Space**

Greenwich  
prayerspace.org

**Rainham Foodbank**

Havering  
rainham.foodbank.org.uk

**Riverbank Trust**

Richmond upon Thames  
riverbanktrust.org

**Roehampton Coexist**

Wandsworth  
roehamptonstudent.com/activities/  
societies/coexist

**Sadeh**

Bromley  
sadehfarm.co.uk

**SINGA UK**

Hackney  
singa.org.uk

**St James' Church Legal Advice Centre**

Haringey  
st-james.org.uk/reaching-out/support-in-  
time-of-need/legal-and-debt-services

**St Mary's Therapeutic Garden**

Lewisham  
lewishamparish.com

**Sunday Assembly London**

Camden  
nationbuilder.sundayassembly.com/london

**The Band for Life Project**

Tower Hamlets  
band-for-life.com

**The Lewisham Faith Walk**

Lewisham  
Please contact F&BF for more information.

**The Listening Place at Stoke Newington  
Methodist Churches in partnership with  
Hackney Salvation Army**

Hackney  
Please contact F&BF for contact details

**The OK Foundation**

Haringey  
okfoundation.co.uk

**The Salam Project**

Brent  
www.thesalamproject.org.uk

**The Sikh Press Association's  
Langar Week**

Hounslow  
sikhpa.com

**Total Family Coaching**

Kensington and Chelsea  
totalfamilycoaching.co.uk

**VADIL SEVA KENDRA (VSK)**

Brent  
Please contact F&BF for contact details

**Voice of Salam**

Croydon  
voiceofsalam.org

**Walworth/Old Kent Road Christian  
Muslim Gathering Group**

Southwark  
Please contact F&BF for contact details

**Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group**

Westminster  
facebook.com/  
Westminsterceathedralinterfaith

**Woven Gold Choir**

Hackney  
wovengoldchoir.com

**Xenia Women**

Hackney  
xenia.org.uk

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Harrow  
ztfef.com

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