



THE LONDON FAITH & BELIEF COMMUNITY AWARDS 2019

**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 and individuals 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 fair access to services, improve health and well-being, alleviate deprivation, promote inter-faith relations, and inspire the next generation of Londoners. This year we are also shining a light on the achievements of women from all walks of life and backgrounds, and on peace and reconciliation given the rise of hate crime and continued polarisation in the wake of the EU referendum three years ago. The fact that so many relatively small and modest organisations made up of people of different faiths and non-religious beliefs collaborate to achieve so much 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 third 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 300 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 four members of the Council on Faith: Babulal Sethia DL, Dr Sheila Gewolb DL, Dr Mustafa Abu Lisan DL and me, joined by Ben Shapiro, Siobhán Anderson and Ianthi Stergiou from F&BF.

The judging panel received 128 completed nominations by the deadline of 15th July 2019. We had a couple of weeks 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 18th September 2019 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 7 judges. We were able to agree the 40 projects to be awarded and 52 projects recognised for their good work. The nominations this year also identified 21 individuals who will be recognised under the Inspiring Individuals category – 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 Paraskevi Koumi Programmes Officer, Schools, at the Faith & Belief Forum and Rev Nims Obunge MBE, Pastor of Freedom's Ark Church, Tottenham.

Key note address

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

Presentation of awards

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

Refreshments and Networking in the Atrium

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Sponsored by The Penny Appeal

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 London from different backgrounds.

British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA)

Newham

BIMA is a democratic, independent, grassroots organisation for Muslim healthcare professionals in the UK, founded in 2013. In addition to supporting Muslim professionals in the workplace, we work with volunteers across London to deliver 'Livesafers' training and run public health campaigns such as Cancer Screening Awareness Campaign where we delivered talks to in excess of 1000 people nationally. This included 43 mosques as well as 5 local radio stations.

www.bima.org

Caritas St Joseph's

Barnet

Caritas St Joseph's is a safe place for adults with intellectual disabilities to learn - we recognise their gifts and talents and value their unique place in the world, and encourage them to participate fully in the life of their community and church. Our Activity Centre offers courses - therapeutic, vocational or leisure - to over 200 adult students of all faiths or none in Hendon.

www.stjoseph.org.uk



Caritas St Joseph's

Chizuk

Hackney

Chizuk promotes Mental Wellbeing in the Charedi Community. They were created in 1996 to help those with mental health problems in the follow-up to Community Care legislation. They support their clients by mediating with Health Provision, both in and out of hospital; and with other statutory bodies and by sourcing translators who can support the families. They also offer drop-in services and activities such as art and drama groups.

Christian Kitchen

Waltham Forest

The Christian Kitchen is a charity provision set up over 25 years ago, it seeks to feed and support the homeless and marginalized people in Waltham Forest. It does so by offering signposting, support and serving a hot three course meal to around 50 – 70 people. 7 days a week The charity relies solely on their volunteer base and donations from local churches, small businesses, borough schools and individuals.

www.christiankitchen.co.uk

Croydon Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health (APCMH)

Croydon

Since 1992, APCMH has worked to enhance the quality of life, self-respect and spiritual growth of those affected by mental health or emotional difficulties. In doing so, we seek to remove the barriers to acceptance and inclusion which are so often a part of our society. Our mission is to offer a supportive environment by way of a range of group activity sessions and social clubs so that those using our services are encouraged to realise their full potential as individuals and participating members of the community.

www.apcmhcroydon.co.uk

Growbaby and Kingston Vineyard

Kingston

In 2003, Growbaby started out as a local project providing free baby clothes and equipment regardless of income, faith or background. Now a huge number of outreach support projects are run out of the space, these include a breast feeding drop in, a "skills for life" group for young parents, English classes and parenting classes.

www.kingstonvineyard.co.uk/growbaby

London Non-Religious Pastoral Care Team

Islington

The London Non-Religious Pastoral Care team seek to provide emotional support to all those who need it, whether this is in an institution like a hospital or prison, in the community for those who are facing hardship or crisis, or as part of our response to emergencies and disasters. Over the last six years we have trained and accredited 32 highly skilled non-religious pastoral carers.

www.nrpsn.org.uk



Mael Gael Multicultural Community Project

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Ealing

Established in 2012, Mael Gael is an Elderly and Youth project based at Norwood Hall in Southall and serves all sections of the community. The primary object is to help reduce the problems associated with loneliness and isolation that afflicts senior citizens in the community and to help the elderly look after themselves, stay active and healthy for as long as possible. Youth projects aim to combat crime and behavioural challenges in young people.

www.maelgael.org

IMPROVING ACCESS TO SERVICES

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.



Barnet Refugee Service

Barnet Refugee Service (BRS)

Barnet

BRS is an independent registered charity working in partnership with individuals and agencies to improve the quality of life and promote the physical, social and mental well-being of refugees and asylum seekers and helping to reduce health inequalities, social exclusion and poverty and enabling positive integration.

www.b-r-s.org.uk

Testing Faith

Hammersmith and Fulham

The Testing Faith programme was developed by NAZ in recognition of the significant role that faith communities can play in HIV prevention, HIV testing, support, reducing Stigma for people living with HIV and treatment. The intervention has been designed to ensure that faith leaders have the right knowledge and skills to engage in HIV prevention and treatment as well as the capacity to support People Living with HIV (PLHIV). The project was developed in partnership with the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH), Christian and Muslim service users and Faith leaders.

www.naz.org.uk/testingfaith

Shree Jalaram Mandir and Community Centre

Ealing

Shree Jalaram Mandir and Community Centre is a Hindu place of worship and important communal hub established in 2000, it provides for the spiritual needs, community activities and help with social care. There are 14 trustees and an army of volunteers. The Jalram Activity Centre is organised by ladies and runs activities like yoga, exercising, and healthy cooking. In 2016, BAPA's Youth was created by younger members of the community who run weekly Bhajan classes for around 30 students. They also organise various events like Diwali Dinner and Dance, Holi Colour Festival and Fire Walk.

www.jalarammandir.co.uk

INSPIRING YOUTH

Sponsored by The London Central Mosque Trust
& The Islamic Cultural Centre

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 community and connect them with opportunities beyond their neighbourhoods.



NHSF (UK), London Zone, Jagruti:Awaken

Angell Delight Community Project

Lambeth

Angell Delight Community Project has since 2007 been passionately working to make a difference to the lives of residents, tenants and social groups, particularly young people, in Angell Town. The 'One Generation' Young Programme seeks to put into action the values and worth of the younger generation; encourages through services their active involvement in the community; invests on human capitals of cultural richness and diversity; and fosters a cohesive and harmonious community.

Basics of Sikhi Sunday Katha

Southall, Ealing

Since May 2012, Basics of Sikhi – a Sikh educational charity – have been holding educational talks on the Sikh faith in English every Sunday evening at the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Park Avenue, Southall. This has become known as 'Sunday Katha' ('Katha' being the Punjabi word for discourse). What started out as weekly talks to a handful of people has now developed into being an integral part of the weekly calendar for hundreds of local Sikh teenagers.

www.basicsofsikhi.com

NHSF (UK), London Zone Jagruti: Awaken

NHSF (UK) was founded over 25 years ago, aiming to empower Hindu youth to fulfil their potential, step up as leaders and make an active change in society. Since then, NHSF (UK) has delivered an array of activities, campaigns and initiatives across the country, creating a home away from home for students whilst engaging them in key issues affecting society. One such event, Jagruti (Awaken) exists to do the same based around the 4 yogs (paths) of Hindu Dharma, encompassing a variety of activities and workshops, each designed to explore the different yogs through active participation.

www.nhsf.org.uk

Naz Legacy Foundation, Diversity Programme

Wandsworth

Each year the Naz Legacy Foundation organises a diversity day for young people from deprived or minority communities. Despite a rise in numbers of visitors to museums and galleries, there hasn't been a significant impact on visitors from 'socially excluded' communities. Therefore through the Diversity programme, the Naz Legacy Foundation encourages students from diverse backgrounds to visit cultural institutions in order to enrich them about the heritage of diverse role models in Britain.

www.nazlegacy.org



Moishe House London

Maternal Aid Association (Maa)

Ealing

Maa was founded in 2016 by London Medical student, now doctor, Dr. Aqil Jaigirdar. Maa aims to revolutionise maternal healthcare in the developing world, by providing medicine, resources and education to mothers and young women in developing countries, in hopes of improving maternal healthcare and empowering the next generation. Each year a group of volunteers from the UK set up health camps with follow up care being given every two months after. Maa empowers its team by providing young adults with leadership positions within an established organisation, a unique opportunity which allows them to develop into future leaders within their communities.

www.maacharity.org

Moishe House London

Brent

Moishe House London (or MoHoLo) is a Jewish Community Centre run by 5 people drawn from the community that live in the community centre for a couple of years. It is 12 years old. We run 7+ events every month for young Jewish people (between the ages of 20 and 32) to observe Jewish holidays, festivals and culture. Take part in Jewish learning and social events and support the community around them.

www.facebook.com/moholonw2



Running with the Vision project

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Enfield

The Saturday morning football training sessions that starting in the spring of 1999 with just a handful of boys has now developed and grown to over 60 children that regularly attend. As well as the Saturday training sessions, we run yearly football tournaments and community events. We promote encouragement, team skills and good character and do not allow any of the children to demonstrate negative attitudes towards one another. We have introduced a Players Life Skills League which recognises team work and good attitude as well as skill. The project has also been listed as a flagship community youth project on the Kick It Out website.

www.communityheartlondon.org/running-with-a-vision/4549159062

Triangoals

Barking and Dagenham

Triangoals was established in 2013 by Jeorgina & Fatuma, it is run out of the Rivergate Centre, Barking. In establishing Triangoals, they wanted to make a real change in their neighbourhood, creating opportunities to engage residents, both new and established, and young people of all backgrounds. They provide different types of activities to hundreds of local children such as football, tennis, ballet, Zumba and karate, making sure all of their activities are accessible and affordable. They also strive to ensure that throughout their work all residents are welcome to participate regardless of their landlords or housing tenure.

www.trianggoals.co.uk



Trian Goals



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.

Barnet Multi-Faith Forum

Barnet

BMFF has been in existence since 2004 and provides a multi-faith forum for the Borough of Barnet based on a commitment of respect and tolerance through discussion, communication and collaboration. Its aims are to provide knowledge and understanding for the integrity of each other's beliefs, represent and demonstrate to the residents of Barnet the peaceful co-existence that exists between the Borough's faith communities, ensure that values of freedom of expression are maintained and safeguarded and actively promote community cohesion and inclusion.

www.barnetmultifaithforum.org

Bexley Interfaith Forum

Bexley

The Bexley Interfaith Forum was relaunched in 2017 to help build and maintain good relations and greater understanding between different communities of faith and belief, to provide a forum for discussion of matters of mutual concern, and to organise and promote inter-faith activities. The Bexley Interfaith Forum meets about once every 3 months at a different venue – often at a worship centre – and seeks to include and hear the voices of all faith traditions present at each of its gatherings, usually 25-30 people attend each meeting and the forum has a membership of 163.

www.bexleyinterfaithforum.org

Conservative Muslim Forum

Westminster

The Conservative Muslim Forum (CMF) was established in 2005 by Lord Sheikh with the primary aim of engaging with Muslims of all persuasions and encourage them to participate in political life at all levels, from grassroots to Parliament. One of the other main objective is to work to maintain and build bridges with all communities and religions within the UK. Over the years CMF have done tremendous work to bring communities together and not always from a political angle. CMF hold regular events at the House of Lords on education, health, interfaith relations and other community issues impacting the lives of people of Muslim faith as well as other faiths or none.

www.conservativemuslimforum.com

Ramadan Tent Project – Open Iftar

Camden

At Ramadan Tent Project, we believe in bringing communities together to better understand each other. We envisage a world where all people belong and live together in harmony. Open Iftar is the UK's largest annual community event in Ramadan and the flagship event of Ramadan Tent Project. Open Iftar invites people of all faiths and none over free food to celebrate the breaking of fast (iftar) across all backgrounds. Sharing wholesome meals from across the globe, listening to inspiring talks from world renowned speakers and engaging in deep conversations with people you meet for the first time.

www.ramadantentproject.com
www.openiftar.co.uk



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.

Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation

Hammersmith and Fulham

The Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation was created in 2012 to unveil the untold friendships of Muslim soldiers and labourers who fought alongside the allied forces in WW1. We traced and identified more than 850,000 documents related to the Allied Muslim contributions. Among the personal diaries are numerous heart-warming accounts of Muslim, Christian and Jewish soldiers fighting united, side-by-side; sharing their experiences and accommodating each other's cultures, music, gastronomy and religious practices, despite the difficult conditions in the trenches. We have exhibited our research across London.

www.muslimsinww1.com
www.unknownfallen.com

Imaan LGBTQI Muslim Support

Tower Hamlets

Imaan is a charity that supports LGBTQI Muslims. Founded in London in 1999, we campaign to ensure that no LGBTQI Muslim person in Britain feels excluded from their family, their faith or their communities. Imaan is a small, volunteer-led charity, led by and working for LGBTQI Muslims; we aim to represent the breadth of the Islamic faith and the range of identities and narratives of the LGBTQ community and our allies. We are the longest running LGBTQI Muslim organisation in the world and are the founders & organisers of Imaan Fest: Muslim Pride.

www.imaanlondon.wordpress.com



Power the Fight

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Lewisham

In 2016 following the murder of teenager Myron Yarde, Ben Lindsay started gathering people from within and outside the local church to reflect, pray and create a space for dialogue for anyone in the community concerned about youth violence. This collective response inspired the beginnings of Power the Fight.

Power The Fight exists to empower communities to end youth violence. For this to become a reality, communities will need to work together and learn from one another. Our key aims are to educate, equip, engage and enable communities to be the answer to the issue of youth violence the UK.

www.powerthefight.org.uk



PROMOTING INCLUSION

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.



African Portuguese Speaking Community

Newham

The APSC work in areas of London with a strong presence of African Portuguese Speaking Communities to provide a local network group that encourages and enables the APSC families to participate more effectively with the wider community. APSC is ran by 23 volunteers who are natives of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea Bissau. Our primary aim is to promote cultural heritage and develop the community through empowerment and active participation.

www.africanpsc.com

BARKA UK

Redbridge

Barka UK's Reconnection Project specialises in providing support to nationals from Central and Eastern Europe who are homeless in the borough of Redbridge, London. The project is based at the Welcome Centre in Ilford. Barka UK was established in June 2007. It is affiliated to the Barka Foundation for Mutual Help, which for thirty years has been working in Poland with excluded and vulnerable members of community.

www.barkauk.org



Black and Muslim in Britain

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Camden

Black and Muslim in Britain, an online series exploring stories and dialogue around being Black and Muslim in Britain. Led by Sakinah Le Noir, Mohamed Mohamed, Saraiya Bah and Shakirah Akinwale, Black and Muslim in Britain was initiated in October 2016 with the intention of addressing the lack of faith representation during Black History Month in the UK. The series aims to echo the voices of Black Muslims around the UK from different ages and backgrounds who could relate and empathise with a plethora of stories, struggles, rich history, challenges, culture, politics and family traditions that represent the beauty of being Black and Muslim in Britain.

www.facebook.com/blackandmusliminbritain

Sarbat

Islington

Sarbat is a volunteer led group addressing LGBT issues from a Sikh perspective. We empower our members to encourage discussions, tackle homophobia and build bridges within and beyond their communities. We have developed our open minds programme at addressing mental health among LGBT Sikhs. We continue to build spaces where LGBT Sikhs meet each other, build allies and find support. We want our volunteers to develop and provide useful resources about the Sikh perspective on LGBT issues not only for our community but those outside it.

www.sarbat.net

Speak Street

Camden

Speak Street provides fun social learning for newcomers to the country (migrants and refugees). English as a Second Language lessons - offered in a welcoming environment (not the old fashion chalk-and-talk). Speak Street operates at various locations such as art galleries, schools, mosques, churches and community centres; wherever there's a need, Speak Street is happy to help.

www.speak-street.com

Yog Foundation

Bexley

Yog Foundation is a charitable community service group inspired by the Hindu principle of 'seva' or selfless service. Our vision is a humane, harmonious and happy society empowered by a deeper purpose and spiritual wellbeing. As a group of dedicated volunteers, we run activities to enable these values to be more accessible and relevant to children and youth. We are also passionate about servicing the needs of the wider community be it the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged. Our initiatives include weekly Moral Values School, Health & Wellbeing seminars, charitable events and traditional Hindu festival celebrations - all free of charge.

www.yog.foundation



Yog Foundation

SUPPORTING WOMEN

Sponsored by the Mayor of London

Inspired by the Mayor of London's #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, this category will celebrate the achievements and contributions of women, from all walks of life, who make London great. This category will recognise the work of projects which support women to make change in their community through providing education, advocacy, friendship and a wider array of services.



All Women's Network

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Barking and Dagenham

All Women's Network Meet Up Project aims to help disadvantaged women to tackle isolation, improve their life chances by providing opportunities for enterprise, self-employment, new skills, community participation and improved lifestyle choices. We are a multi-cultural, multi-faith women's group based in Barking & Dagenham. Our activities are open to people of all faiths (and none) and we are pleased to welcome participants from all around the world, from many different cultures and backgrounds.

Hear Women Foundation

Westminster

Founded in 2008, Hear Women's centre has provided a safe space for East and North African women to meet and discuss issues related to health and well-being, addressing sexual violence and making a livelihood. Underlying all is the goal to advance women's full and effective participation at all levels of political, economic and public life. As a group they supported families affected by Grenfell tragedy. HRH Prince Harry of Sussex was an official visit to our Cook and Talk project at Al Manaar Centre in 2017, and highly commended their work.

www.hearwomen.org



Hear Women Foundation



Hillingdon Asian Women's Group

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Hillingdon

Hillingdon Asian Women's Group over 40 years of working within local community and still deliver quality workshop/ training to communities HAWG actively supports the betterment of the local community of ethnic minority women by providing opportunities for members to access employment skills, education & training, information and general advice on various matter domestic Violence, family issues and leisure pursuits. The organisation also promotes and distributes information on welfare, health matters and provides quality of life assistance, in particular to combat isolation HAWG has taken various positive steps to improve its services in Hillingdon and target more women to help them to achieve a better economic and social life.

Muslimah Sports Association

Redbridge

MSA's aims are to improve physical and mental well-being for women and girls from the BAME background by creating pathways into participation, volunteering, and coaching. Our projects have benefited over 1000 local women since its inception in 2014 through providing opportunities in sports such as Badminton, Football, Fencing, Basketball and many more.

www.muslimahsports.org.uk

Nisa-Nashim

Camden

Nisa-Nashim - which means women in Arabic and Hebrew - is a women's network, led by Jewish and Muslim women, working to inspire and drive social change through mobilising our women and by doing it together.

We have 14 groups in London (over half of our national network is here as is our head office), each co-chaired by a Jewish and a Muslim woman. In almost all cases the women did not previously know each other, in a society where these two communities rarely meet.

www.nisanashim.org

Roshni-2 Project

Waltham Forest

ROSHNI-2 is a National research project which aims to test a culturally adapted therapy called 'The Positive Health Programme'. Postnatal depression rates are higher in British South Asian (BSA) mothers and there is a real treatment gap. Farah Ahmed has been working in London to engage BSA mother with amazing results from her Roshni-2 team. 1 in 3 BSA mothers screened have shown high stress levels and in London they have already randomized 13 groups into the trial. If the intervention is deemed 'Cost effective', it may eventually be offered by clinicians to BSA mothers who need the help.

www.Roshni2.com



Roshni-2 Project

Selam Conversation

Croydon

Selam English Classes began five years ago, when two women decided to start teaching English to the most needy in their community. They decided to focus on women, often the group most ostracized and neglected in this area. Our classes now run three times a week, with a team of 10 volunteer helpers, and about 30 women come each time. We are based at a church in South Croydon and West Croydon Refugee Centre, and childcare is provided. We are proud that our women not only learn English, but grow in self-confidence and build cross-cultural friendships.

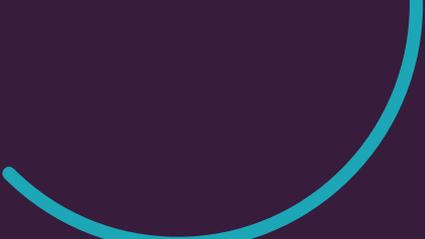
www.facebook.com/selamenglishclass

Women in Mosques Development Programme

Tower Hamlets

"The "Women in Mosques Development Programme" (WIMDP) run by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), the UK's largest and most diverse national Muslim umbrella body. It is an annual leadership development programme that is designed to accelerate the development of upcoming talented female leaders of all ages to become the mosque trustees, committee members, volunteers and centre managers of the future. Participants benefit from bespoke training sessions and webinars, as well as mentoring with experienced male and female mosque leaders and volunteers.

www.mcb.org.uk/women-in-mosques



INSPIRATIONAL INDIVIDUALS

London is full of inspirational individuals, people who make a lasting contribution to the life of our city. Individuals recognised in this category inspire others by their acts of public service which are matched by their attitude and value, exemplifying London as a welcoming place for people of all faiths and beliefs.

Inspirational Individuals who are celebrated in this category are:

Afsana Salik	Fatima Khasimi
Alison Jones	Haider Alkhateeb
Aoife Minnock	Ifraah Samatar
Baljit Kaur Baura	Josephine MacKay
Benji Rosenberg	Pastor Chris Kapnisis
Bibi Khan	

This year 8 individuals whose nominations were deemed exceptional have been profiled.

Iatedal Jawad

Mrs Jawad has been the lead Link teacher at Al-Sadiq and Al-Zahra School in Brent for the Faith & Belief Forum's School Linking Programme for four years. Iatedal has worked incredibly hard to create strong relationships with North West London Jewish Day School. She has regularly organised a range of exciting Link days to venues such as interfaith centres and libraries, going above and beyond to create a varied and immersive programme for her students. Moreover, has remained committed to addressing and supporting parents who have concerns about the programme – advocating for the importance of interfaith and increased understanding; of love and tolerance between different communities.

Father James Leachman

Father James Leachman is a monk at the Ealing Abbey Monastery which has been heavily impacted by historical child abuse within the Catholic Church and specifically at Ealing. He decided to focus on healing a community (his community) in trauma, isolated, marginalised and in shock. This is the legacy that he wants to leave this community, to bring about healing and create spaces for restorative justice. James asked Act for Change and the Deep Democracy Forum which is affiliated with it, to support this work and run monthly storytelling and facilitated conversations, around experiences of abuse, to start bringing the community together.

Ruth Finkel

Ruth has been the Interfaith lead at North West London Jewish Day School for about 10 years, and specifically has led on the Linking partnerships with Islamia Primary School and Al-Sadiq & Al-Zahra Schools, establishing strong and fruitful relations with both those communities. She strives to broaden her students' knowledge and understanding of each other's faith and to dismantle notions of the "other". She seizes every opportunity at Link days to empower her students, ensure they are learning and open up space for their curiosity and misconceptions. She puts her whole heart into this programme and is quoted saying it's the most important thing she's ever done in her life.

Rev Herbert Aparanga

The Greenwich and Bexley Hospice run a Nepalese Engagement project. The Hospice is free and open to all but as Hospices are not part of Nepalese culture, along with language difficulties, the community was unaware of how we could help. Rev Herbert Aparanga, has led the project – going out into the community and talking to people, instead of waiting for them to come to us. This project has really benefited from Herbert's tenacity and caring. The project goes beyond faith to the meaning of life and death, how different cultures view this and how we can help each other.



Dr Harjinder Kaur

Harjinder is a great believer that 'girls are one of the most powerful agents of change in the world' and has worked for over fifteen years to improve the lives of girls and women. Harjinder's vision is to engage men and boys for gender equality. To that end, she undertook a PhD on South Asian men's attitudes toward women and their understanding and justification for domestic violence. This research is ground-breaking as it is the first ever study undertaken with South Asian men in London. To make a real impact, she is using her research to work with practitioners to tailor interventions to better assist South Asian women who have experienced domestic violence.

Ani Barbara Shannon

Ani Barbara Shannon, a Tibetan Buddhist nun based at Jamyang Buddhist Centre, Kennington, has for many years supported vulnerable and at risk people in the community in a variety of roles. Most recently she has set up a regular Death Cafe which meets monthly and allows people from all sections of the community to meet together and support each other to discuss this important but still very taboo subject. Ani Barbara also has supported many people at home during their final stages of life, helping to organise their funeral and sort out their affairs when they have no immediate family.

Shailen Patel

Shailen Patel began volunteering at Harrow Care Plus at the age of sixteen. He quickly gained enough confidence to teach and support pensioners from various backgrounds in a sheltered home where Harrow Care Plus run monthly activities. Shailen has attended the shelter home fortnightly for 2 years and has confidently made a difference in making the marginalised group of Gujarati Hindu elders who faced barriers in communication because he speaks Gujarati too. He is a dedicated volunteer and a very mature and brilliant role model for others.

Pastor Isaac Attram

Pastor Isaac Attram is a Pentecostal Minister and a youth worker who for many years has been committed to support and develop young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Following a tragic death of his son in 2007 who was a victim of knife crime, he set up a Youth Rally Mission, an organisation with a mission of getting young people out of crime and offering them a safe space where they can grow and develop their dreams and aspirations.

RECOGNISED PROJECTS

For services to and for faith and belief communities

#350SikhWomen
Westminster
thesikhnetwork.com

Al Madina Mosque
"Eid @ Eastbury"
Barking and Dagenham
barkingmosque.org.uk

Board of Deputies
Interfaith Conference
Brent
bod.org.uk

Coffee Afrique
Hackney
coffeafrique.co.uk

Community Concord
Barking and Dagenham
communityconcord.com

Community Fun Day
Barnet
stjamesnewbarnet.com/
community/fun-day

E4 Eat or Heat
Waltham Forest
eatorheat.org

Faith in Schools
Newham
faithinschools.co.uk

Faith, Identity and
Belonging workshops
ran by Paddington Arts
Westminster
paddingtonarts.org.uk

Faithful Friends,
Forest Gate
Newham
faithfulfriends.org.uk

FECycle
Waltham Forest

Harrow Care Plus
Harrow
harrowcareplus.org

Helping Hands Foodbank
Lewisham
goodpeter.org.uk/helping-
hands-foodbank

Hindu Forum of Britain
Brent
hfb.org.uk

Hindu Lawyers
Association
Camden
hindulawyers.org

Hindu Swayamsevak
Sangh UK [HSS UK]
Temple in Woolwich
Greenwich
hssuk.org

Hope Community School
Bexley
hopecommunityschool.org

Humdum UK
Barking and Dagenham
Instagram: humdumuk

Illumination Women's
Ministry
Enfield
rccenfield.org

Institute of Jainology
Barking and Dagenham
jainology.org

Interfaith Matters
Barnet
interfaithmatters.org

Interfaith Remembrance
Marking Armistice
Centenary
Brent
londonmandir.baps.
org/2018/11/interfaith-
remembrance-marking-
armistice-centenary

Islamic Integration
Community Centre
Hounslow
iccuk.org

Janomot Newsweekly
Tower Hamlets
janomot.com

Juliet Jewellery
Lewisham
facebook.com/
groups/203942553628613

Konverse Dance Crews
Barking and Dagenham
Instagram:
konversedancecrews

Lewisham Interfaith
Forum
Lewisham
lewishaminterfaith
forum.org.uk

London Humanist Choir
Islington
london.humanistchoir.org

Mums on a Mission
Barking and Dagenham
Instagram:
Mumsonamission_

Mothers Club International
Bexley
facebook.com/
groups/248442640654

Muslim Women Collective
Tower Hamlets
muslimwomenscollective.
org.uk

Muswell Hill Synagogue
Haringey
muswellhillsynagogue.org.uk

Noa Girls
Barnet
noagirls.co.uk

The Open Table
Tower Hamlets
stgeorgeintheeast.withtank.
com/welcoming-our-
neighbours/

Outreach Ealing
Ealing
outreachealing.org

Pilates Gold
Harrow
roxeth.com

Reroute
Harrow
Instagram: reroute2018

Riverside Muslim Association
Barking and Dagenham
riversidemuslim
association.com

SAFE
(Safety Across
Faith and Ethnic)
Communities Project
Hammersmith and Fulham
standingtogether.org.uk/
local-partnership/safety-
across-faith-and-ethnic-
safe-communities-project

Sasana Ramsi Myanmar Buddhist Centre
Barnet
sasanaramsiuk.org/about

Sikh Press Association
Langar Week 2018
Hounslow
sikhpa.com

SKS Swaminarayan Temple SKS
Lewisham
eltemple.uk

Soul Aid
Havering
soulaid.org.uk

Taraki Chai in the City: London
Westminster
taraki.uk

The Garden Project, at L'Arche London
Lambeth
larchelondon.org.uk

Tiddlywinks
Redbridge
adbaptistchurch.org.uk/
tiddlywinks.html

TORCH
Southwark
oasiswaterloo.org/torch

Troan charity
Newham
troancharity.co.uk

Voice of Salam
Croydon
voiceofsalam.com

BAPS Charity South London VSK Project
Croydon

Wailing Mothers
Lambeth

Women of Walworth
Southwark

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As a project or individual celebrated at the London Faith and Belief Community Awards you now gain access to a network of over 300 faith and belief organisations working across London. To encourage and maintain the relationships started at tonight's event, F&BF have created the following events and workshops exclusively for this network.

Interfaith Toolkit launch

Thursday 16 January 2020, 2pm-4pm

Please join us for the launch of a new toolkit designed exclusively for the network, Working Together for a More Connected London: a Toolkit of Interfaith Skills.

Join other community leaders for networking over afternoon tea, and to share knowledge on topics including Dialogue, Collaboration, and Funding.

All attendees will receive a free printed copy of the toolkit.

RSVP to Siobhán Anderson,
siobhan@faithbeliefforum.org

Inclusion workshops

As a member of our network, you gain access to the Faith & Belief Forum's community workshops to support your engagement with diverse communities.

There are limited spaces on each workshop. RSVP to Siobhán Anderson,
siobhan@faithbeliefforum.org

Inclusive Events for People of Different Faiths & Beliefs

Monday 27 January 2020, 2.30pm-4.30pm

What does it mean to host an event which meets the needs of people of different faiths and beliefs? Explore practical ideas around outreach and communication, dietary requirements, prayer spaces, and bigger picture considerations. Learn from F&BF's 20+ years of running events for people of different faiths and beliefs and take away an action plan for your future events.

Supporting LGBT+ People of Faith

Tue 28 Jan 2020, 2.30pm-4.30pm

How can we best support LGBT+ people within our communities to overcome challenges they face? Explore personal stories of LGBT+ people from different faith backgrounds, build your confidence approaching conversations about LGBT+ and faith, and gain new ideas for scenarios that might arise in your work. Take away a guidance pack with further ideas and next steps.

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The Faith & Belief Forum has worked for over 20 years to build good relations between people of all faiths and beliefs, and to create a society where difference is celebrated.

We create spaces in schools, universities, workplaces and the wider community where people can engage with questions of belief and identity and meet people different from themselves.

Our inclusive approach welcomes everyone – whether you're an Atheist, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jew, Muslim, Zoroastrian, or identify with any other belief. The Faith & Belief Forum believes that intolerance has no place in our communities and that diversity adds value to society.

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At the Faith & Belief Forum we believe that everyone should have the chance to interact positively with people from different backgrounds – one day everyone will feel able to do it, and with your help and our support, that day will come sooner.

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