

CONFERENCE FEES AND BOOKINGS

We recognise that it takes commitment, trust and courage to enrol for a week like this for the first time. We strongly encourage you to talk to one of our planning team: You can contact us through the email given on the application form. In order to welcome all three faiths, the food made available for the conference throughout the week will be fish or vegetarian and no alcohol will be served.

Costs including all lectures and meals
Residential £400 or Non-Residential £180

To reserve your place, please book online at <https://tinyurl.com/ybzip634o>.

If you are without internet access, please ring Spirit of Peace on 07711 96 0644

Bursaries are available for those on low income and we have a special scheme for young adults, trainees and students. Please see the application form for how to apply.

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OXFORD THREE FAITHS WEEK



'RELATING ACROSS
DIVIDES'

Jewish, Christian
& Muslim Traditions
Learning & Encounter
at

St John's College, Oxford
1st-7th April 2019



LEARN ABOUT AND EXPERIENCE OTHER FAITHS

Most of us are likely to have neighbours who are part of different faith communities. Too often, our image of how they live their lives is conditioned by media reports - we do not know what really makes them tick, how their faith and culture shapes their lives and what the internal concerns of their community are.

Our team has years of experience in running residential conferences for Jews, Christians and Muslims to enable us to learn about each other and to experience the worship and weekly ceremonies of the three faiths.

"As a result of this week through interfaith I have made enquiries to become a Jewish chaplain with West Yorkshire police." Tanya

In the 2019 week, 'Relating Across Divides' our principal teaching sessions will explore the many varieties of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Differences within each faith can often be sharper than those between them. We are planning other sessions to explore such topics as the Israel-Palestine conflict, hate speech in the UK, and mixed faith relationships.

A vitally important part of our time together is the opportunity not just to observe but to participate in authentic traditions of worship from the three faiths. This will principally take place on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the conclusion of our week. Oxford is a city which enjoys a good relationship between all three faiths and a place which attracts high quality speakers and visitors.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The week is open to people of all ages and faiths. It is intended for all who have an interest in the theme, especially:

- *Students with an interest in other faiths and cultures
- *Workers in faith communities
- *Teachers, social workers, police, prison officers or anyone who works with faith communities or in the public sector

"The people that I met were inspirational and I left with a desire to build bridges between minority groups." Aamina

The conference is open to all who have a positive and sympathetic interest in learning what makes other faith communities tick, and a commitment to listening without seeking to convert others to your own views. You do not need to have a personal faith commitment or identification to attend.

"I was impressed with the quality of the speakers and sessions and it enhanced my experience as an Interfaith Community grassroots activist; I learnt a lot from the sharing." Rizwan

Day visitors may attend but, in order to build relationships, we strongly recommend that, if at all possible, you attend for the whole week.

Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer to help run the week. We are a small volunteer team and welcome your contribution.

OUR FIRST WEEK (2018)

The theme for Oxford Three Faiths Week 2018 was 'Beyond the Headlines'. Thirty people took part, some with mixed heritage backgrounds, some professionally involved and many deeply involved with other faiths. It was clear from the introductory evening that everyone was willing to open up and participate fully.

Each weekday morning, team leaders gave a presentation to the theme 'Beyond the Headlines' – the real stories behind what the media say about us. The week also included some powerful guest speakers including Oxford academic and Holocaust survivor Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, Mike Haines, brother of David, a humanitarian worker beheaded by ISIS in Syria and Shasta Aziz, a local Oxford politician who is determined that Muslim women should have space in the public sphere. Finally, on Friday morning, the keynote speaker, Mike Wooldridge reflected on his long career as a BBC worldwide Religious Affairs correspondent.

At the end of the week, after the many in-depth exchanges and conversations, there was time for celebration and prayer hosted by the local communities of faith at Oxford Central Mosque, Oxford Jewish Centre and St Mary's University Church. By that time the group demonstrated a strong togetherness.

"I particularly value the relationships that we built up over the week with bonds made. The conversations we had will have a lasting impact." Shirley