



*supporting faith in action in the south west*

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## Faithnetsouthwest e-news for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### FAITHNETSOUTHWEST NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Faithnetsouthwest's Targeted Support Project -increasing participation

More and more we hear concerns expressed about young people and their perceived lack of engagement in the community. Similar concerns are expressed about the need to engage and empower Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities to take a greater part in the life of their local community and feel more a part of it.

In fact there are a growing number of initiatives and projects working to develop more harmonious communities which young people and BME groups can feel a part of.

Faithnetsouthwest has funding for a new project aimed at increasing the participation in the community of young people aged 16-25 and people from BME communities. The project will highlight existing good practice and the role of faith groups in promoting and empowering these groups to participate more in activities both locally and at a strategic level.

The project will cover the local authority areas of Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. However, it is hoped that good practice from other areas can also be incorporated and that other parts in the South West can learn and benefit from the project. Two new workers have been employed to work on the project, which will have as one focus, the highlighting of the ways in which arts, media and the internet can improve community participation.

Faithnetsouthwest has held two events in partnership with local organisations, Fata- He in Plymouth and Radio Salaam Shalom in Bristol, to highlight existing good practice and what others can learn from it. This includes the use of broadcasting and music to get young people more involved and a focus on how young people and BME communities can get involved with their local council and get their voice heard.

The event in Bristol has been recorded and you will soon be able to see and hear highlights of

it – look out for more information on the Faithnetsouthwest website;

[www.faithnetsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.faithnetsouthwest.org.uk) .To find out more contact Faithnetsouthwest: tel: 0117 304 2298 or email: [info@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk](mailto:info@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk)

**Inter Faith Week 2010 and other faith related initiatives from the Communities and Local Government Department** [{Back to Top}](#)

An Inter Faith Week will take place across England and Wales from Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 November 2010.

The aims of the week are: to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels; to increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society; and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious belief.

This will be the second time that such a week has taken place in England and Wales. It builds on the very successful pattern of events held last November which ranged from social action events, to discussions and dialogues, inter faith football matches, meals, inter faith walks and pilgrimages, festivals and celebrations, tree plantings, exhibitions, concerts, film festivals, activities in schools and in FE and HE and other institutions.

Minister for Cohesion Shahid Malik said "The 2009 week was a big success. It raised the profile of faith communities and their contribution to society, increased inter faith engagement and understanding and helped people of religious and non-religious beliefs get into dialogue. I am delighted that there will be a similar week in 2010."

Co-chairs of the Inter Faith Network for the UK, Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern and Dr Girdari Lal Bhan, said "Inter Faith Week offers a tremendous opportunity for shared learning, making new connections and deepening inter faith understanding." It is hoped that faith communities across the country will take part, alongside schools, colleges, universities, local authorities, health care organisations, and many others.

The week is being led by the Inter Faith Network for the UK, working with its member bodies, in consultation with the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Local Government Association and the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Regional Faith Forums in England will again play a key role in supporting and making known the pattern of events in their regions.

For enquiries about Inter Faith Week, email: [enquiries@interfaithweek.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@interfaithweek.org.uk) The Inter Faith Week website [www.interfaithweek.org.uk](http://www.interfaithweek.org.uk) will be further developed across the coming weeks to provide additional resources (including a report on last year's week) and event and project ideas.

**Faith to Engage -Black Led Churches in Bristol** [{Back to Top}](#)

Faithnetsouthwest is working on a project funded by Faithworks's Faith to Engage project which in turn is funded by the Big Lottery as part of their national 'Faith to Engage project', to undertake a programme of work on the needs of Black-led churches in the South West region i.e. churches with membership from the Black Caribbean and Black African Christian communities. For the first year of this programme, we are concentrating on Black-led churches in the Bristol area. More specifically, the meetings would look at Black-led churches or groups in terms of current participation in local policy making and what barriers there are to participation, the numbers of people active in these churches in the Bristol area, access to support from other organisations, representation from these church

communities on other networks or partnerships, whether they have support from other support services locally and what would help them fulfil their aims for working with their own community and in the wider community. This project will be extended to other parts of the South West region over the next three years. We will produce a report on the first year's work, with recommendations for public bodies and local infrastructure support services. We will also assist Black-led churches in accessing the support they want, as identified by the above meetings, including connecting them with support services that can provide ongoing support.

If you are able to help with this project, are in touch with or are a member of a Black-led church in Bristol, or would like to discuss this further, please contact Alistair Beattie, 0117 304 2298, [alistair@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk](mailto:alistair@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk)



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[Faithnetsouthwest Membership and Code of Conduct](#) [{Back to Top}](#)

Faithnetsouthwest has published details of its new membership scheme and code of conduct for members, which is now available from the website.

Register for FULL MEMBERSHIP if one of the following applies:

- Faith fora and inter faith groups with a strategic role in promoting the representation of faith communities and organisations to public bodies and appropriate networks and partnerships. These should cover a local authority area, or at least a substantial part of one.
- The nine main nationally recognised faith groups i.e. Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian.

Register for ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP if one of the following applies:

- Public bodies, voluntary and community organisations and faith groups not included in the nine nationally recognised faith groups will be eligible to be non-voting members, subject to agreeing the aims and objectives of Faithnetsouthwest and the Inter Faith UK statement.

The Board will make any necessary decisions on non-voting membership of faith communities and organisations applying for this status. Contact Faithnetsouthwest for more details or see: [www.faithnetsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.faithnetsouthwest.org.uk)

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The Society's strategy is to provide information and education, by using 'peer teaching', reinforced by teachers, parents, youth workers and educators.

Their educational packs today are used by schools, colleges, educators, libraries, therapists, doctors, medical practices, community nurses and social workers and by other drug and alcohol charities.

Send an email to [wadeseducation@sky.com](mailto:wadeseducation@sky.com) or telephone 0117 9644088 to order any of our packs. All educational packs are free.

For more information for their services visit <http://www.wadeseducation.btik.com>

[Opportunities for Young People – YHA Community Spirit Camps](#) [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Regional}](#)

The YHA has received funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to run Community Spirit Camps for young people over the next two years (ending March 2011). These camps will be promoting the Government's Community Cohesion Agenda.

The Community Spirit Camps have developed out of our exciting 'Do it 4 Real camps' (Di4R) for young people aged 10 to 19, running now for five years.

Please check out our website for Di4R -to get an idea of some of the activities we will be offering on the Community Spirit Camps. [www.doit4real.co.uk](http://www.doit4real.co.uk)

The activities available range from the outdoor and adventurous type e.g. kayaking, high ropes, quad biking, canoeing, to creative activities e.g. film-making, arts, yoga etc.

For more details on how to book a camp contact Beverley Nel YHA Outreach Worker for South West Tel 01566 773811 Mobile: 07834 337222 Email: [beverleynel@yha.org.uk](mailto:beverleynel@yha.org.uk)

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The Brigstowe project has recently received funding from the Equality and Human Rights Commission to provide information, advice and support to people with no recourse to public funds, who are affected by or living with HIV.

'No recourse to public funds' (NRPF) applies to a person who is subject to immigration control. This includes asylum seekers, refused asylum seekers, people who have overstayed their visa, people on a sponsorship visa, people who originally arrived in the UK on a visa and have subsequently put in further representations to remain in the country, people on student visas and some EEA migrants.

Brigstowe are able to offer information, advice and support in the following areas:

- Health and community care
- Benefits and tax credits
- Charges for care
- Income maximisation
- Debt
- Access to legal services
- Housing

Brigstowe can also support needs around:

- Improved understanding of rights and responsibilities
- Advocacy and representation
- Signposting and referrals to specialist agencies (domestic violence, mental health services, health)

- Access to health and medical treatments
- Housing
- Grants
- Improved social networks and participation

Referrals can be made by telephone, e-mail or letter; by individuals or referring agencies. Get involved!

We are in the process of setting up a steering group and would be interested to hear from anyone who feels they have some knowledge of issues relating to people with no recourse, and can contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of this service and to the development of a sustainability plan.

The steering group will be meeting every 3 months and a commitment to participating for a minimum of 1 year is required.

Contact [jodiebrowne@brigstowe.org](mailto:jodiebrowne@brigstowe.org), Tel: 0117 9415188, Fax: 01179 415189 or write to The Brigstowe Project, 176 Easton Road Easton, Bristol, BS5 0ES

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET** [{Back To Bath And North Somerset}](#) [{Back to Top}](#)

16th April -18th April                      Enneagram One an Introduction led by Karen Webb

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18.00    The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW

During this introductory workshop you will:

Discover the chief emotional and mental concerns of each type. Learn some of the patterns of behaviour and interaction created by these often unconscious habits of perception.

Recognise your own type and those of people you know, understand how security as well as stress 'changes' your personality

Learn to improve relationships of all kinds, by

- seeing yourself through the eyes of others
- understanding the different points of view of each type
- realising how you react to different types

Start to discover how to use your 'negative' patterns to fuel growth.

For further information please contact The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW Tel: 01761 433709 Website: [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org)

19<sup>th</sup> April to 23rd April                      Struggle for Authenticity led by Sr. Germaine O'Neill

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18.00    The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW

As we go through life adapting to situations and trying to protect ourselves from the wounds of life, it is possible to create a unique variety of defence structures designed to protect the EGO. These egocentric patterns make up the false self. It is in confronting these false selves and embracing them that we can free the true self and live in a more authentic way.

For further information please contact The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW Tel: 01761 433709 Website: [centre@ammerdown.org](mailto:centre@ammerdown.org)

12<sup>th</sup> May                      Islam and Modern Society [{Back To Bath And North Somerset}](#)

19.30 Minerva Centre, Bath

Contact John James 01225 315591

## **BRISTOL** [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back to Bristol}](#)

### **Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise invited to complete an online survey**

Any voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation based in Bristol that has successfully bid to deliver public services or an organisation that has bid but been unsuccessful, or has considered bidding, but has been put off –perhaps the work involved was too much. Have you worked with others to submit a bid?

Bristol City Council's Select Committee on Third Sector Commissioning wants to know about your experience of commissioning in Bristol so that your stories can be used to improve practice in future.

The survey is completed anonymously; responses will be put together into a report that will be used to influence commissioning practice. Please help us work with the Council to promote good practice by completing the survey.

Please follow this link to complete a short survey:

<http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/changeup/commissioning>

15<sup>th</sup> April Voscur Assembly in partnership with Clinks- 'Meeting the needs of 16 – 25 year olds in the criminal justice system' [{Back To Bristol}](#)

9.30 – 13.00 St Nicholas of Tolentino, Lawfords Gate, Easton, Bristol, BS5 0TJ

For more details contact Matthew Symonds at Voscur on 0117 909 9949

26<sup>th</sup> April The Story of George Muller [{Back To Bristol}](#)

19.30 Colston Hall, Bristol

A film screening of the award-winning drama documentaries 'CH Spurgeon, The People's Preacher' and 'Robber of the Cruel Streets – The Story of George Muller' by The Christian Television Association.

MAIN FEATURE (70 minutes) 'CH Spurgeon, The People's Preacher'

SUPPORTING FEATURE (50 mins) 'Robber of the Cruel Streets – The Story of George Muller'

George Muller began life as a thief, a cheat and a drunkard. Today, 160 years later, he is remembered as the man who raised, in today's money, a staggering one hundred million pounds and used it to provide homes and welfare for 120,000 orphans he 'robbed' from Bristol's cruel streets. This he did without making any appeals or using fundraising techniques, but simply by prayer. George Muller was a 19th century pioneer who took God at his word. The work he began continues today, centred in Bristol. His message is still as powerful and as relevant now as it was two centuries ago; that God can be trusted.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a preacher! But not just any preacher. By the age of 20 he was preaching to 6,500 people every Sunday in London's biggest church. He was the "Peoples' Preacher" –the most famous preacher of the Victorian era, whose writings continue to be published and read today around the world. The story of his brief life is nothing short of inspiring.

Contact 01179223686 website: [www.colstonhall.org](http://www.colstonhall.org)

29<sup>th</sup> April Volunteer Management Conference [{Back To Bristol}](#)

9.30 – 16.45 The Mansion House, Clifton

This year Volunteering Bristol are hosting their first ever conference for Volunteer Managers.

Guest speaker Mark Restall, author of Volunteers and the Law.

For more information and to book contact Jenny Idle on [jenny@bristolvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:jenny@bristolvolunteers.org.uk) or ring 0117 989 7734.

20th -21st May Effective Supervision Skills (a 2 day course) [{Back To Bristol}](#)

9.30 – 16.30 Bristol

A practical, process-focused 2-day course which builds confidence, incorporates existing skills, and provides a flexible structure for managing supervision meetings.

Effective Supervision Skills and its approach is proven in the crucible of real working experience across the spectrum of public service organisations – whether based in the community, voluntary or statutory sectors. It offers a simple but powerful structure, focusing on the tasks and performance of the worker while simultaneously building and maintaining the essential supervisory relationship.

For details visit website [www.idttraining.com](http://www.idttraining.com) or email [mail@idttraining.com](mailto:mail@idttraining.com) or telephone 01803 299049

Migration Impact Fund [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Bristol}](#)

Migration Impact Fund English Language and Citizenship Project –how to apply.

The Bristol Partnership is now seeking expressions of interest from organisations to deliver some engagement and support services for migrants, and also to support public services to manage the impact of migration on services, and support their local communities. All organisations wishing to submit applications to this fund must register through the Bristol E-Procurement System (BEPS):

<https://procurement.bristol.gov.uk/supplierselfservice/> or download information from <http://www.voscur.org/migrationimpactfund>

Bristol City of Sanctuary Status [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Bristol}](#)

Bristol is seeking to become a City of Sanctuary for people facing war and persecution. Individuals and groups can become part of this through simple pledges.

Contact City of Sanctuary Bristol c/o Refugee Action, 9 Hide Market, West Street, St Philips, Bristol, BS2 0BH, 0117 941 5960 or [Forward@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:Forward@cityofsanctuary.org)

Cycling City Community Grants [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Bristol}](#)

Grants of up to £10,000 to encourage community cycling initiatives are being offered in Bristol as part of the Cycling City Project. Encouraging local people to use cycling in their daily lives and in areas where cycling levels are low is a priority for funding.

For more information visit the website [www.quartetcf.org.uk](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk) or speak to Simon Carpenter, Cycling City Team on 0117 9036299.

## **CORNWALL** [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Cornwall}](#)

### **Mentor Training - Fully Funded** [{Back To Cornwall}](#)

May - ST. AUSTELL

Nationally Accredited Qualification, a few places left

This ESF funded initiative is open to all employers, employees and employed volunteers working in Cornwall, or in contact with, children and young people. (Each beneficiary needs to be in some form of paid employment for a minimum of 8 hours per week.)

To find out more email [contact@mentorg.co.uk](mailto:contact@mentorg.co.uk)

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### **17<sup>th</sup> April First Aid**

9.30 - 4.00 228A Union Street, Torre, Torquay, TQ2 5QS

This course meets all the recommendations laid down by the Health and Safety Executive for the "Appointed Person in the Workplace" you will learn CPR, Choking, Bandaging, and hazard awareness. There are two multiple choice exams at the end of the day. This book is accompanied by a manual which participants keep to be able to refresh.

For information and booking contact 07575 952308 or email Kym

[Leekymlee@windmillcentre.org.uk](mailto:Leekymlee@windmillcentre.org.uk)

### **28<sup>th</sup> April "Empowering the Voluntary Sector" workshop in conjunction with Total Support, Devon Consortium**

9.30 - 16.45 St. Sidwell's, Exeter

### **29<sup>th</sup> April "Empowering the Voluntary Sector" workshop in conjunction with Total Support, Devon Consortium**

9.30 - 16.45 Burton Art Gallery, Bideford

Training in principles of Public Law.

Contact Sarah Prior by email [info@devonconsortium.net](mailto:info@devonconsortium.net) , Tel: 01392 202055

### **LGBT Community Advocate** [{Back To Devon}](#)

The Intercom Trust is currently recruiting two new posts of LGBT COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, one based in our Redruth office, and the other based in their new Dorchester office.

The posts are both full-time, salary £25K plus 5% pension, to start on 1 June or thereabouts if possible. Applicants must have a good track-record in some kind of relevant advocacy work, or similar. The posts are not quite identical, because of funding differences, but full details and application packs are on their website at [www.intercomtrust.org.uk/recruitment](http://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/recruitment)

Under existing employment law, it is a genuine and determining occupational requirement that the holders of these posts must themselves be lesbian gay or bisexual.

Completed application forms must be returned by post addressed to Recruitment (DA), The Intercom Trust, PO Box 285, Exeter EX4 3ZT and must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday 13 April.

**Part-time Outings and Activities Organiser** [{Back To Devon}](#)

CHAD requires a part-time Outings and Activities Organiser. We are looking for a person with ideas and initiative. Experience of dealing with the handicapped and disabled is essential. Must be able to work alone and with the disabled groups. An appointed organiser would be expected to co-ordinate outings, and to set up workshops and other activities. A CRB check will be required.

Terms and conditions to be discussed at interview. Contact our Secretary on 01803 212257 in the first instance.

**'Home Grown Community Owned'** [{Back To Devon}](#)

**'Home Grown Community Owned'** is a new Big Lottery Fund Local Food Scheme working with residents across rural Devon to develop the skills, resources and confidence to grow their own food through the collaborative use of community run spaces. The project will particularly target people who are disadvantaged and excluded from food growing due to incomes, access to land, skills and health barriers.

Interested Groups to contact Sophia Elek and Joanna Winterburn for further information about HogCO. [www.hogco-devonrcc.org.uk](http://www.hogco-devonrcc.org.uk), 01392 383423 email: [info@hogco-devonrcc.org.uk](mailto:info@hogco-devonrcc.org.uk) HogCO, Community Council of Devon, The Old School Huts, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QB.

**FREE -One-to-One Business Advice Clinics for social enterprise** [{Back To Devon}](#)

Plymouth

For advice on legal structures, financing, contracting, and planning new products and services and general business planning.

Contact Marie on 01752 500888 ext 230 to agree a time and date that is convenient and get details of the venue.

**Giz Us A Break.** [{Back To Devon}](#)

Venue: Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road, Hele, Torquay, TQ2 7QB.

Every Tuesday 9.00 – 11.00

This is an opportunity to meet and speak to many agencies: Riviera Housing, Job Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau, Exeter Drugs Project, Jatis Project and Working Links and local Street Wardens and PCSO`s and you get a free full English breakfast!

Computer Suite is now available for use during Breakfast Club.

Contact: 01803 314 876

**'Ladies that Learn and Lunch on Monday Mornings'** [{Back To Devon}](#)

The Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road, Hele, Torquay, TQ2 7QB.

If you over 16 and looking for a place to meet new people and to learn and share new skills then you should come to at the Windmill Centre from 9.30am -1.30pm  
Come along and join in the group. We have Arts & Crafts sessions, monthly guest speakers from local organisations and enjoy a lunch together.

A free crèche that runs alongside the sessions which is run by qualified and Police Checked Staff.

For more information, phone 01803 314876.

## **DORSET, BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE (DORSET, BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE)**

12<sup>th</sup> April Spirituality in Primary Schools

19.00 Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth.

Lecture in the William Temple series, given by Revd Ian Terry, rector of Bournemouth town centre parish. 8.10pm for the lecture or 7pm. for dinner.

Booking essential. Contact 01202 554640

16<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April Grace and the Common Good -Strategies for living responsibly in God's world.

A short course at Hilfield Friary, led by Dr Tim Gorringe.

Contact: [www.hilfieldproject.co.uk](http://www.hilfieldproject.co.uk) or [hilfieldproject@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:hilfieldproject@franciscans.org.uk)

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12th April An Evening with Sir David Frost in Gloucester

19.30 Gloucester Guildhall

A special guest at Gloucester Guildhall's line-up of speakers, Sir David Frost will be entertaining the audience with humorous stories from behind the scenes of his television career – from the celebrated 1960's satirical show 'That Was The Week That Was' to the present day.

One of the BBC's most respected interviewers and the only person to have interviewed the last seven Presidents of the United States and the last six UK Prime Ministers, Frost's career has spanned a multitude of subjects.

Host, producer of countless television programmes, author of 15 books, producer of eight films, lecturer, impresario and the joint founder of London Weekend Television and TV-am.

Contact for details [guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk)

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20th April High Impact Communication Skills [{Back to Somerset}](#)

9.30 -16.30 (Taunton)

This workshop is designed to explore a range of communication topics and examine why good communication skills are so important in the workplace. If you feel that you need to

make a stronger impact at meetings and want to learn new techniques to present your point of view more persuasively- this is the workshop for you!

The focus will be on communication tools and strategies, which will equip you to communicate more effectively in a range of different work situations. You will learn practical tips to overcome the most common problems and pitfalls.

The workshop will cover:

- Understanding the communications process: verbal and non-verbal
- Managing panic attacks!
- Being persuasive -techniques and filters
- Dealing with slow and boring meetings
- The importance of effective writing
- Asking the right questions -key strategies
- Hidden agendas
- Dealing with difficult people
- Feedback -what all managers need to know
- Filling up your communications tool kit

For further course information and to make bookings, please visit:

[www.cascadetrainingplus.co.uk](http://www.cascadetrainingplus.co.uk) or contact: [lauren@cascadetrainingplus.co.uk](mailto:lauren@cascadetrainingplus.co.uk)

26th April Introduction to Counselling [{Back to Somerset}](#)

10.00 -13.00 228A UNION STREET, TORRE,TORQUAY TQ2 5QS

This course offers an introduction to the basics of counselling skills in a non-counselling setting.

The skills learned will prove valuable to the course member personally and when helping others. Students will learn: effective listening skills, use of body language, recognizing and expressing feelings, use of effective questions.

Contact: 07575 952308 website: [www.helehub.org](http://www.helehub.org)

27<sup>th</sup> April 'Mountains and Molehills' -Health & Safety made simple! [{Back to Somerset}](#)

9.30 -16.00 (Taunton)

How to make molehills out of Health and Safety mountains! This is a lively one day workshop which explores how Health & Safety affects organizations in the social purpose sector. We will review the relevant H&S legislation and discuss the practical implications for organizations of all sizes, remembering that Health and Safety applies both to physical and emotional well-being in the workplace. A very interactive programme to give you the confidence and knowledge to keep you and your organization safe!

We will cover the following topics:

- Health & Safety Legislation
- Responsibilities of managers and staff at all levels
- Risk assessments
- Documentation & training
- Staff welfare (physical &mental health)
- Premises & equipment safety & security
- Reporting responsibilities

- Action planning

For further information and to make bookings, please visit: [www.cascadetrainingplus.co.uk](http://www.cascadetrainingplus.co.uk)  
or contact: [lauren@cascadetrainingplus.co.uk](mailto:lauren@cascadetrainingplus.co.uk)

## **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE** [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To South Gloucestershire}](#)

21<sup>st</sup> April Voluntary Voices [{Back To South Gloucestershire}](#)

10.00 - 12.45 Turnberries – the Thornbury Community Building Trust, Bath Road,  
Thornbury, BS35 2BB.

The following topics will be covered:-

Empowering the ‘hard to reach & hear’ communities.

Speaker: Martin Gregg on the Reaching Out: Linking In (RO:LI) project .

Helping rural communities access services.

Speakers: Dick Whittington, Community Action & Terry Hopkins, Community Transport.

Break-out workshops – your chance to discuss the challenges & help create solutions for reaching ‘hard to hear’ groups, with a specific focus on rural communities

The Compact Implementation Plan. Enhancing the relationship between local government and the voluntary and community sector.

Speakers:

Helen Black, CVS South Gloucestershire: The rights and responsibilities of voluntary sector.

Usha Kumar, South Gloucestershire Council. The local government perspective.

Workshop – your chance to input ideas for aiding the implementation of the Compact

Contact Clare Adamson, Voluntary Voices Coordinator tel. 01454 865212 or email. [clare.adamson@cvs-sg.org.uk](mailto:clare.adamson@cvs-sg.org.uk)

27<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (every Tuesday) “Finding your purpose!”

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19.30 – 21.30 Severn Ridge, 29, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury, BS32 4HH

Please join us if you are:

- At a point of transition in your life or career
- Thinking of making changes but undecided as to exactly which direction to take
- Addressing conflicts between your own values and those operating in your work environment
- Seeking to live God's purpose in your life

“Finding your purpose!” will give you the opportunity to:

- Step back from daily routine to reflect deeply on the areas of your life that are important to you
- Explore your life and career from different perspectives
- Gain clarity and purpose about your future direction

The programme is designed around 10 evening sessions and everyone has access to an exciting online vocational software tool (<http://www.maperio.org/> Creative Metier's Maperio) and/or a hard copy workbook with a section of associated Bible readings.

In pairs or group sessions everyone has the opportunity to share experience, reflect on the Bible and discover a life aligned with their deepest aspirations and in tune with God's purposes.

Participants will be asked to work through one exercise in the software ahead of attending each session. Exercises take between 30 – 60 minutes to complete.

For more information: Telephone 01454 416 446 Email: [roger.angieallen@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:roger.angieallen@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON** [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Wiltshire and Swindon}](#)

14th April What is greed?

19.30 – 21.00 The Pilgrim Centre, Regent Circus, Swindon

A workshop evening exploring the issue across our different faiths.

Further information contact Steve Russell 01793 325081

18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Our World-Our Environment

19.00 – 21.00 Bradford On Avon (venue to be decided)

Contact Harry Wishart 01225866298

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13<sup>th</sup> April Celtic Islam: Rhetoric or Reality? Hosted by Aileen Campbell MSP [{Back To National}](#)

19:30 – 21:30 Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

There are many shades and strands in the Scottish Tartan. On Tuesday 13 April we will examine this statement through an engaging and lively debate about contemporary Scottish Muslim identity, as well as drawing broader comparisons to the rest of the UK and Europe. The debate will explore the nature of national identity, social cohesion and integration in a multicultural Scotland. Does Celtic Islam exist in Scotland today or is Celtic Islam a multiculturalist's myth?

Speakers include:

- Shereen Nanjiani (Chair), acclaimed journalist and BBC Radio Scotland presenter
- Osama Sated, Chief Executive of the Scottish-Islamic Foundation and is one of Scotland's foremost peace activists and human rights campaigners. Osama Saeed has been listed as one of Scotland's Top 100 thinkers and opinion formers by the Scotsman newspaper.
- Dilwar Hussain, Head of the Policy Research Centre and Research Fellow at the Islamic Foundation, Leicester. Dilwar Hussain has written widely on Muslim identity, integration and social cohesion and his publications include 'British Muslims Loyalty and Belonging' and, 'British Muslims Between Assimilation and Segregation:

Historical, Legal and Social Realities'. He also teaches courses on contemporary Islam. Dilwar was an adviser to the House of Commons Inquiry into Preventing Violent Extremism.

- Asmaa Abdol-Hamid, television presenter, politician and spokeswoman on Muslims in Denmark. Asmaa Abdol-Hamid was the first television presenter in Denmark to wear a headscarf and will be able to share her experiences of the controversial Danish cartoon debate.
- Jim Sillars, Former Member of the UK Parliament, former Assistant Secretary-General the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, he has extensive work experience in the Arab and Islamic world over 30 years; currently a columnist for Holyrood Magazine, he also writes for various other well-known publications and makes occasional TV appearances.

Please note that you will need to arrive at 18:45 to leave enough time to go through Scottish Parliament security. Registration will close at 19:20. Guests arriving after this time may not be able to gain access to the debate or the building.

Please RSVP to [Scotland.Governance@britishcouncil.org](mailto:Scotland.Governance@britishcouncil.org) by 31 March. Places will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

12<sup>th</sup> May 'Is Violence ever justified?' [{Back To National}](#)

12.00 St John's, Smith Square, London, SW1p 3HA

Archbishop Desmond Tutu will deliver The Forgiveness Project's inaugural annual lecture and be joined for a panel discussion by Pat Magee, convicted of planting the 1984 Brighton Bomb, Jo Berry, daughter of Sir Anthony Berry MP who was killed in the bombing, and Mary Kayitesi Blewitt, who lost more than 50 members of her family in the Rwandan genocide.

Chaired by BBC broadcaster Edward Stourton.

For information and booking contact By telephone 020 7222 1061 or Online [www.sjss.org.uk](http://www.sjss.org.uk) or fax 020 7233 1618 or by Post St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA. Please enclose SAE

National Benevolent Fund for the Aged (NBFA) [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To National}](#)

The NBFA exists to improve the quality of life for older people in the UK by giving direct practical help in three specific ways: free holidays, TENS machines and emergency telephone alarms.

The NBFA provides assistance for pensioners who live on a low income. This normally means they receive pension credit, housing or Council tax benefit, but they may also be eligible for help if their income is just over the level at which they would receive these benefits. Please contact the NBFA office if you need advice on eligibility for the services we provide.

Contact NBFA email: [info@nbfa.org.uk](mailto:info@nbfa.org.uk) or phone: 020 7828 0200. If you would like to help NBFA visit the website to find out how [www.nbfa.org.uk](http://www.nbfa.org.uk)

National survey of community development work 2009 now open! [{Back To National}](#)

The Community Development Foundation (CDF) is conducting an England wide survey of paid and unpaid community development workers and their managers at the end of

September 2009. Your participation will help ensure that we build an accurate and informative evidence base that can be used to inform government and other interested stakeholders. If you would like to participate in this valuable research go to the following link to the on-line survey.

<http://www.keysurvey.co.uk/survey/278199/19fa/> Or call Helen Sender on 0207 812 5451 if you do not have access to the internet. For more information please see [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk)

**Harassment suffered by Muslims** [{Back to Top}](#) [{BackToNational}](#)

Equality and Diversity Forum is currently researching specific examples of harassment suffered by Muslims in public sector services and closed environments (i.e. in a range of settings from prisons, mental health, residential/community care, education and hospital services).

If anyone has any examples that they know of, or have documents available in their libraries or names of regional papers that hold this kind of information then it would be great if you could contact EDF directly on [info@edf.org.uk](mailto:info@edf.org.uk)

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**Faith prize – announcement from the Communities and Local Government Department**

An Innovation in Faith-based Social Action Prize is to be formally opened in the summer. It aims to reward innovation in faith-based service delivery and it will make awards in five different categories:-

- Independent projects (i.e. not already receiving public funding)
- Projects delivered with funding support from a local authority
- Advocacy and community development projects
- Multi faith projects
- Youth projects

The total value of the prize fund is £50,000. This includes a top prize of £15,000 for the most innovative social action project, and three runners up prizes of £5000

There will also be four prizes of £1000 for the best examples in each of the five different categories totalling £20,000.

Projects can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others. Expressions of interest should be sent to [InnovationPrize@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:InnovationPrize@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

(Please note this email address may not be operative yet, check on the Communities and Local Government website for more details)

**New initiatives on Faith announced by John Denham** [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Funding}](#)

More details of the above announcements and a recent speech by John Denham – Communities Secretary at the Communities and Local Government Department can be seen on the Faith Based Regeneration Network website on: <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/news/clg-%25C2%25A31million-fund>

This includes details of funding for national faith based organisations who will be invited to bid for a share of £1m funding that will help them develop a bigger voice and strengthen their capacity to challenge and engage government.

For more information on these initiatives and for more details, you can also contact Faithnetsouthwest, tel: 01173042298 or email: [info@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk](mailto:info@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk)

## Grants of up to £6000 available to support inter faith activity within local communities

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Faiths in Action, a £4m grant programme, opened a second round of funding on 12 November. Faith, inter faith, voluntary and community organisations and groups in England can come forward and apply for a grant of up to £6000. Administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) on behalf of Communities and Local Government (CLG), Faiths in Action aims to bring communities together, promoting positive relationships between people of different religions and beliefs. It is hoped the grants will support a wide variety of local activities in a range of community settings. This includes innovative new ideas as well as 'tried and tested' approaches. The fund contributes to the delivery of the Government's inter faith strategy as set out in 'Face to Face and Side by Side: A framework for partnership in our multi faith society', published in July 2008 ([www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/interfaithdialogue](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/interfaithdialogue)). The fund aims to support local activities and initiatives that have a direct link to one or more of the four building blocks set out in this framework.

Faiths in Action welcomes projects aimed at women and young people. It also encourages working in partnership, to improve local communities through interaction and sharing of ideas.

Please note the intention of the Faiths in Action programme is to fund projects/ activities running in one locality; not across one or many localities or Government regions. Projects must have a clear link to a named local project.

Funding will be awarded to successful organisations from April 2010, to be spent by the end of March 2011.

Please note that this round of funding will operate as a rolling programme. That is, there is no formal deadline for receipt of applications. Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by CDF, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

Round 2 of the fund is currently open for applications. Completed applications can be sent in at any time either electronically or by post. For more information and to find out how to apply, please visit,

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action> If you have any questions that you cannot find answers to here, please call the helpline on 01223 406533 or e-mail us at [fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk](mailto:fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk) and we will help you with your queries.

## The VCS and the Credit Crunch [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Funding}](#)

Government has published its action plan to help the third sector during economic downturn. Measures in "Real Help for Communities" include:

- Up to £10m investment in volunteer brokerage scheme for unemployed people.
- A £15.5m Community Resilience Fund to provide grant funding to small and medium providers in the most deprived communities.
- A £16.5m modernisation fund to help with the cost of mergers, partnerships and moves to more efficient sharing of back office functions for at least 3000 third sector organisations.

- A £0.5m investment in the School for Social Entrepreneurs to double the number of people it trains to become social entrepreneurs.

Contact [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/real\\_help\\_for\\_communities.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/real_help_for_communities.aspx)

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### Realising the Potential of Churches and Faith Buildings

A joint publication from the government and the Church of England to help faith groups identify sources of funding to make their buildings more sustainable by enhancing the facilities and services they offer to local communities. The publication can be downloaded.

Contact [www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/publications/5991.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5991.aspx).

### Interfaith Facilitators Online Community [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Resources}](#)

The St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace has created an online community for Interfaith Facilitators. It is easy to sign up, you can add background info about yourself on your profile page, post up forthcoming events, create a private group for your peer development pod, you can follow discussion threads, create blogs, upload videos, and arrange the settings so that you don't get more mail than you want to receive.

Contact <http://interfaithfacilitators.ning.com/>

### Survey of Mosques in England and Wales [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Resources}](#)

The Survey of Mosques in England and Wales (February 2009) was prepared for the Charity Commission and commissioned by its Faith and Social Cohesion Unit as part of its wider work with faith-based charities. The results show that mosques contribute to their local communities through a wide range of services and activities in addition to providing space for worship. The mosques that responded offer a wide range of services and activities for the local community.

Contact <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Library/tcc/pdfs/fscumosque.pdf>

### 'It's Their Duty to Involve' [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Resources}](#)

Urban Forum is producing a series of case studies for the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) on how public bodies - councils, schools, PCTs, the police etc - are meaningfully involving marginalised groups in policy-making. We're really keen to hear of any examples you think we should know about. To find out more or suggest possible case studies email [rachel@urbanforum.org.uk](mailto:rachel@urbanforum.org.uk)

### New Gypsy and Traveller Site Management Good Practice [{Back To Resources}](#)

This new guide, which is endorsed by Friends, Families and Travellers, is particularly aimed at Councils and registered social landlords and includes useful checklists of actions and activities that are required for a well managed site that provides a safe, well maintained environment for tenants on permanent and transit sites. Although they are not the target audience, planners and planning authorities as well as community groups can also benefit from the principles within this guide when working to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and travellers identified in the recent needs assessments as it also

provides a template for promoting good relations with the wider community. It is available for free in electronic and hard copy formats from <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/sitemanagementguide>

[Forced marriage: Implication for agencies organisations](#) [{Back to Top}](#) [{Back To Resources}](#)

Men, women and young people from Bangladeshi, Indian and Pakistani communities, plus faith leaders, from the North of England have taken part in a Bristol University study looking to improve support services for victims of forced marriage and domestic violence.

The report reiterates the sensitivities about state interference in this sphere, and noticed that forced marriage is a live issue; many domestic abuse services did not recognise issues that particularly affect BME females; forced marriage services were even more limited; and typically awareness of official policies and guidelines on forced marriage was low. Copies of the report can be downloaded from

[http://www.nrfoundation.org.uk/publication\\_domabuse.html?Ref=enews&dm\\_i=4DW,1LZR,RF2QA,4ZTY,1](http://www.nrfoundation.org.uk/publication_domabuse.html?Ref=enews&dm_i=4DW,1LZR,RF2QA,4ZTY,1)

[Promote equality and eliminate discrimination in relation to gender, religion, belief, disability, sexual orientation, age or race and to promote human rights issues](#) [{Back To Resources}](#)

What does the new regulation say?

In recent years, the British government and EU has passed laws to protect religious freedom.

These laws include the:

- Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003
- Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006
- Equality Act 2006
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2006 by THE COMMISSION FOR EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

An Act to make provision for the establishment of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights; to dissolve the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Disability Rights Commission; to make provision about discrimination on grounds of religion or belief; to enable provision to be made about discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; to impose duties relating to sex discrimination on persons performing public functions; to amend the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; and for connected purposes.

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