



Festival of Faiths

Saturday, 13th November 2010

Devon gathers together to celebrate Inter Faith Week



Oldway Mansion Torbay



'An imaginative medley – profound, fun and with 'togetherness''

Muslim Call to Prayer

Torbay Inter-Faith Forum

Programme

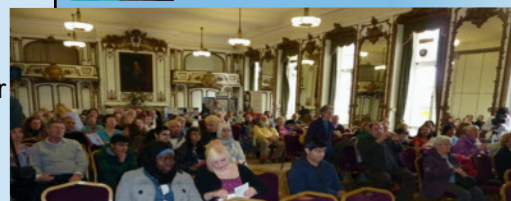
Refreshments & Welcome

1. Introduction - "For the Healing of the World"
2. Muslim's Call to Prayer - Tayyib Mubashar
3. The Sikh's 5 Ks and Turban Tying - Chaz Singh
4. Faith & Climate Change - Clare Mortimore & Mike Skinner
5. Hindu Dance - Florence Briot
6. Concepts & Misconceptions about Islam - Dr Yahya Mubashar
7. Jewish Songs - Marc Frank & Clare Mortimore

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8. Sacred Heart R.C. Primary School Choir
9. TIFFY - "A Steep learning Curve" (Drama)
10. A Buddhist Perspective - Jonathan Marshall (Plymouth Centre for Faith & Cultural Diversity)
11. Story Telling - Abimbola Alao
12. "It matters to me"- Devon Youth DVD project
13. The Voices of Unity - Baha'i Choir
14. Conclusion "Threading the Beads of Faiths" - Alison Gagg

Refreshments



'I valued the beauty of the Muslim 'Call to Prayer'.

'The Festival nourished and inspired me. Within seconds of the 'Call to Prayer' I found myself praying and deeply moved.'

Tying the Turban



'Brilliantly conceived and organised. Thank you for re-affirming hope.'

Faith & Climate Change



'It's been a fantastic day with unique contributions by Faith groups' – (here the Baha'is.)

'The wondrous harp accompaniment lifted us to another dimension!'

Telling Faith Stories

'The Tower of Babel story was ideal for the polyglot audience and illustrated our need to rediscover how to communicate with each other'

'It was lovely to have St John Ambulance cadets present and willing to model the turban!'



'I learnt a lot today. I loved it.'

'I liked the turban-tying.'

'I've never seen how to put a turban on before!'

'I have valued the diversity and global wholeness of the enlightenment shared.'



Islam Concepts & Misconceptions



'I appreciated the explanation of Islamic perspectives.'

'Inter-Faith is the best platform for clearing up misunderstandings.'

'I valued learning about different faiths.'

'The diversity of age groups was most uplifting and inspiring.'



'The melodic sound was gentle yet haunting.'

'Through singing together, we could share and unite in another's faith tradition.'

A Buddhist Perspective



'This challenged us to good living and good loving, reflecting and summing up the heart of the matter for all Faiths and for the Festival itself.'

Muslim Contribution & Islamic Heritage



'The variety of stands formed a welcoming, inclusive and educative background for the Festival.'

Designed and Prepared by Dr Yahya Mubashar

'I appreciated the grace of the Hindu dances and the symbolism of the movements.'



Hindu Dance

'The explanations were so revealing!'

'It is such a great idea having to understand other people's religion.'

'The dance contributed to the joy of the day and the feeling of togetherness.'

Sacred Heart RC Primary School Choir



'A special day, wonderful spiritual friendship in harmony, all radiating true love, light and healing in God's name.'

'The children's activities were super.'
'The voices were so sweet and innocent.'

'All ages, all backgrounds and all faiths coming together resulted in harmony.'



Voices of Unity

'I loved the singing with the audience joining in, in different languages.'

'There was an excellent balance between informality and a well-timed programme.'

Threading the Beads of Faith



'It's inspirational to witness young people growing up together in acceptance, to ensure that dialogue and understanding between Faiths continues in the future.'

'As we threaded beads symbolising different Faiths, we focused on the Golden Rule, found in all religions, about how we should treat others as we ourselves wish to be treated. This 'bead accessory' will serve as a memento of the spirit of unity we can take from the Festival into our diverse lives.'

TIFFY Drama & Devon's DVD project "It matters to me"



'The most memorable part of the day was seeing all the children and young people of different faiths and cultures playing and talking together.'

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