



**Bolton
at Home**



CELEBRATING NATIONAL INTERFAITH WEEK IN BOLTON 12th to 19th November 2017

An unique week for people of faith, no faith, community & voluntary groups, schools, local councils and like minded people coming together to hold events which strengthens community relationships.



During challenging times, we simply need to decide what we will do with the time that has been given to us

I offer you peace.
I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty.
I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from
the Highest Source.
I salute that Source in you.
Let us work together
for unity and love.
(Gandhi's Prayer for Peace)



INTERFAITH WEEK ACTIVITIES IN BOLTON

12th to 19th November 2017

Sunday 12th Nov. “Remembrance Sunday” As the first day of the National Interfaith Week, the whole nation remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our precious freedom. **Time:** 10.45am Victoria Square, (Town Square)

Monday 13th Nov. “Open Day” An opportunity for everyone to come along and share tea, coffee, cakes and have a friendly chat with staff and volunteers. On display will be the diverse work of Bolton Interfaith Council and our faith partners Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Hindu Forum and Bolton Council of Mosques.

Venue: The Hub, Bold St. BL1 1LS. **Time:** 10.00 am – 2.30pm, Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 14th Nov. “Faith Trail” 120 students from Bolton Muslim Girls School will visit Emmanuel Church, Swaminarayan Mandir and Zakariyya Mosque. The day will end with a discussion on *“what role can young people play in reducing hate crime incidents?”*

Wednesday 15th Nov. “Unity in the Community” A wonderful event led by our colleagues at Asian Elders Resource Centre and supported by many community groups. The event includes elders from diverse communities celebrating Eid, Diwali and Advent together. Almost 100 primary school children will be attending, singing with messages of interfaith working and respect for all mankind. There will be music, singing, dancing, henna & face painting, health promotion stalls, food to share and much more. This is an excellent intergenerational event with a real community spirit with over 200 people attending. Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Roger Hayes and Mayoress will be attending the event. **Venue-** Memory Lane, Banquet Hall, Gilnow Lane, BL3 5EL- **Time:** 10.30 am to 5.00 pm. ***This is a ticketed event.***

Thursday 16th Nov. “Passport to Faiths & Food Share” A unique opportunity to learn about EIGHT different world faiths along with singing, poetry, sharing a variety of food, chatting with elders, having fun and making new friends. Many pupils from diverse primary and secondary schools will participate. The eight faith tables – Baha’i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism and Sikhism will be represented by persons of each faith. Each pupil will have their individual passport endorsed by each faith table. Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Roger Hayes and Mayoress will be attending the event. **Venue:** Emmanuel Church, Vicarage St. BL3 5LE **Time:** 10.00 am to 2.30 pm

Friday 17th Nov. “No Place for Hatred- in our Community” An event, with contributions from prominent speakers from the community including young people, schools, Greater Manchester Police and others, to speak out loudly against the harmful implications upon individuals and communities. Open to everyone - pre registration via email or mobile message would help with all arrangements.

Venue- Walker Suite, Victoria Hall, Knowsley St. BL1 2AS. Adjacent to the car park.

Time 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

*“The strength of interfaith working is to forge sustainable partnerships.
We are grateful and appreciative for the support from all our partners”*

If you would like to get involved or for more information about our events and activities: Please contact Chan Parmar- Tel. 01204 546110 or mobile 07533021028. Email-chan@boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk website: boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk.