

## INTRODUCTION

Horsham Interfaith Forum was founded in 2004 and now has about eighty-five members. Our aim is to build a community of trust and to promote understanding and co-operation between people of different faiths. Membership is open to all who support our aims whether from a faith group or not. We currently cover about 15 different beliefs.

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## OUR OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To promote understanding by sharing knowledge about the beliefs and practices of different faiths and the importance of the spiritual aspects of life.
- ◆ To improve trust and tolerance between people of different faiths and to show to the public the contributions faith groups make to society.
- ◆ To promote co-operation between people of all faiths by engaging in joint ventures that promote harmony between them whilst respecting the individuality of different beliefs and traditions.
- ◆ To promote trust and understanding by working with non-faith organisations on issues of concern.

## THE INTER FAITH NETWORK UK

This national organisation, substantially sponsored by the government, seeks to build good relations between faith communities. Horsham Interfaith Forum was elected to membership in 2007.

## FAITHS IN SUSSEX

Horsham Interfaith Forum has linked up with Crawley, Brighton and Worthing Interfaith groups to create 'Faiths in Sussex'. We liaise with each other and hold joint public gatherings twice yearly.

## MEETINGS

Our regular forum meetings are free and open to all who support our objectives. There is a list for the first half of 2012 on the back of this page.

Most meetings last about an hour. Usually there are speakers who talk on a subject of their choice followed by questions, discussion and refreshment. We also hold occasional workshops on interfaith issues and spiritual reflections led by members of various faiths. We are grateful to our hosts and our speakers, most of whom give their services free. For further details please contact our Programme Organiser, Tim Firth, on 01403 790038.

## MEMBERSHIP

Now, more than ever, we need to overcome fear, ignorance, prejudice and misunderstanding. The greater our membership, the louder our voice, so you would be most welcome to join us - just complete the form on the next page. New ideas for our group are always welcome. We are also keen to have local faith groups as members. We take care to respect the individuality of different religions.

*"Many Faiths : A Common Trust"*

## OFFICERS

### Moderator

Tim Firth 01403 790038

### Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Chris Smith 01403 258334

### Secretary

Margaret Symonds

### Committee:

Jean Grainger Carol Chambers

Steve Dick Nigel Tomsett

Pam Spencer Mehrdad Kalani

## Horsham Interfaith Forum Membership Application

Please send this form with the annual membership fee of £10 to

Chris Smith, 17 Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE

Name.....

Address.....

\*E-mail.....

\*Phone number.....

\*Religious group (if any).....\*optional information

Membership details are private but, for convenience, are kept on the secretary's computer. If you object to this please put a cross in this box