The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum

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EXPLORING OUR FAITHS TOGETHER

2013-14

A programme of meetings and visits to renew and extend the awareness and relationships between some of the faith communities present in Northern Ireland.

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Starting just after Inter-Faith Week 2013 (17-23 November) and continuing throughout 2014, the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum will be marking the 20th anniversary of its establishment by setting out on a series of visits to local faith communities and, where possible, to their places of meeting.
and worship. As in the very early period of the Forum’s existence, members of the Forum will explore the various traditions represented in membership through this combination of talks and visits. It is also as an opportunity to renew our commitment to inter-faith communication and dialogue, to renew relationships between the various faith communities present in Northern Ireland and to reinvigorate the Forum and its membership.

Each visit will take its own format, but most will include an introduction to the faith community, input from one or more speakers, opportunity for questions to a panel of members of the community and general questions and discussion.

The planned visits are outlined opposite, although full details have yet to be confirmed in several cases. This information will be sent out from the Forum in its regular email communications and also notified on the Forum’s website.

In some cases the visit to the faith community can be combined with a visit to a place of worship or community centre, in other instances a talk and a visit may take place on separate occasions, according to the situation of each particular faith community.
Provisional Programme

**The Muslim Community**  Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Speaker: Sheikh Anwar Mady, with other members of Belfast Islamic Community  
Venue: Belfast Islamic Centre

**The Hindu Community**  Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 (2.00 pm)  
Speaker: members of the local Hindu community  
Venue: Belfast Indian Community Centre, Clifton Street, Belfast 13

**The Bahá’í Community**  Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Speaker: Edwin Graham, with local young members  
Venue: to be confirmed

**The Jewish Community**  Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
Speaker: Rabbi David Singer, with members of local Jewish community  
Venue: Belfast Synagogue, Somerton Road, Belfast 15

**The Buddhist Community**  June 2014 (to be confirmed)  
Speaker: Lynn Carrington, with Ven. Lama Panchen Otrul Rinpoche  
Visit to Jampa Ling meditation centre to follow

**The Sikh Community**  Autumn 2014 (to be confirmed)  
Speaker: to be confirmed  
Visit to Derry Gurdwara to follow

**The Christian Community**  October 2014  
Speaker: Catholic/Protestant/Orthodox panel (to be confirmed)  
Venue: to be announced – including or followed by Church visits

**Inter-Faith Relations in NI**  Inter-Faith Week 2014  
Panel from the various inter-faith bodies present in Ireland