

Religion and Belief Network



Aims and ways of operating

The 'Religion and Belief Network' aims to promote mutual respect and understanding of all religions and beliefs, and work together to identify and support the needs of people from all religions and beliefs in WCC.

It aims to:

1. Provide a respectful environment that encourages members from all religions and beliefs to take part.
2. Provide a Network in which to meet others of different religions and beliefs in WCC so that we can:
 - Get to know each other
 - Find out what are each others' issues
 - Find out what the different faiths have in common
 - Build trust between different faith groups
 - Combat ignorance
3. Promote an understanding of all religions and beliefs, and provide an environment where questions can be asked without giving offence – both face to face, through email and through Yammer.
4. Engage with WCC to provide support in consultation exercises, where views are required from people with different religions and beliefs.
5. Undertake activities that will increase awareness and understanding of others' religions and beliefs, potentially taking the opportunity to engage with 'faith' leaders in the community.
6. Help to build cohesion for people from different religions and beliefs.

Ways of operating

- Meet members twice a year; 1st meeting through a seminar, 2nd meeting through an event - inter faith week
- Mutual support and discussion through Yammer*
- Communications via email with group members where appropriate
- Annual event (inter faith week), plus attendance at other applicable events to promote staff networks
- Opportunities made available to take part in events with Warwick District Faith Forum
- Contributions to consultation exercises – face to face and via email.

* must comply with ICT code of conduct in engaging with members. Yammer should be used to discuss topics and impacts upon religion and belief, for example, consultation exercises in the design & delivery of council services (and not an opportunity for prayer).

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