



Dear Members and Friends,

**Invitation: Calderdale Interfaith General Open Meeting & Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday 11th October 2023, 7pm

**Venue:** Hamza Mosque, Eagle Street, Todmorden OL14 5HQ

We are writing to invite you to Calderdale Interfaith Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

A General Open Meeting will follow the AGM.

Please find the following documents attached:

- Agendas for the meetings
- Nomination Form
- Minutes of the previous AGM (21 September 2022)
- Application form for membership of Calderdale Interfaith

Official business will include selecting/confirming people for positions of:

- Trustees
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Steering Group members

If you would like to nominate someone please obtain their permission in the first instance and complete the attached nomination form. Completed forms to be sent to Canon Hilary Barber to the address below or to [h.barber@halifaxminster.org.uk](mailto:h.barber@halifaxminster.org.uk) before the date of the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding any information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Trustees via this email [Calderdaleinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:Calderdaleinterfaith@gmail.com)

Please confirm your attendance by replying to this email.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

**Canon Hilary Barber, Perveen Hussain, John Buttell, Alex Mathie & Dr P B Anand**  
**Trustees of Calderdale Interfaith**

## **Calderdale Interfaith - General Open Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 October 2023**

### **Agenda**

We will hold two minutes' silence for prayer and reflection

1. Welcome: The Mayor of Calderdale
2. Speaker: Bishop Smitha Prasadam
3. Future Events
  - 12 - 19 November 2023- Interfaith Week:
  - 12 November 2023- Remembrance Sunday:
  - 16 November 2023 - Annual Celebration
  - 18 November 2023 - Faith Walk, Times and venues TBC
  - Future events / requests and suggestions for future activities
4. Any Other Business
5. International Prayer for Peace

#### **THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust  
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 11 October 2023**  
**AGM Agenda**

1. Welcome and apologies - The Mayor of Calderdale
2. Introduction – Vice-Chair Calderdale Interfaith
3. Minutes of AGM meeting 21 September 2022
4. Matters Arising
5. Trustees Report – Dr PB Anand
6. Financial Report 2021/2022 – Anne Linehan, Treasurer
7. Report of Calderdale Women’s Interfaith Group (CWIG) – Perveen Hussain
8. Appointment of Officers
  - Trustees
  - Vice Chairs
  - Secretary
  - Steering Group Members
9. Close of AGM

## NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION NOMINATED FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

I AGREE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE ABOVE POSITION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that any information you supply to Calderdale Interfaith will be held securely for the organisation's purposes only. If you do not agree to this, please let us know and we will delete your details.

# Membership Application Form

**PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM**

**Name .....**

**Address .....**

**Email address .....**

**Phone number .....**

**I belong to this Faith – please tick one**

**Baha’i .....**

**Buddhism .....**

**Christianity .....**

**Druidism .....**

**Hinduism .....**

**Islam .....**

**Judaism .....**

**Quaker .....**

**Sikhism .....**

**Other (please state) .....**

**I do not belong to any Faith .....**

## Calderdale Interfaith Aims and Objects

The charity aims to:

- Work for the purpose of overcoming ignorance, fear and misunderstanding between the various faith communities and those of secular persuasion in Calderdale.
- Move with confidence in our partnerships and contacts with faith communities.
- Promote a greater understanding of the positive role that religious faith and faith communities can play in shaping our society.
- Maintain an environment of dignity for all in social interactions.
- Work in partnership with people of all communities and their organisations.

The charity's objects are to:

- Work towards racial and religious equality in all areas of life.
- Promote the positive role of religious life in daily living.
- Influence decision making in all areas of public life, forming links with, and seeking public consultation rights with statutory and voluntary bodies.
- Share concerns and provide mutual support.

**I wish to be a Member of the Calderdale Interfaith**

**I support and will promote the Aims and Objects**

**Signature** .....

**Date** .....

**Please return the completed form to [lorettalinehan49@gmail.com](mailto:lorettalinehan49@gmail.com) or by post to:**

**L A Linehan**

**5 Orchard Walk**

**Mytholmroyd**

**HX7 5PW**

Calderdale Interfaith Council – Annual General Meeting  
Brighouse Central Methodist Church

Wednesday 21 September 2022 – 7.00pm



**Present:**

The Mayor, Cllr Angie Gallagher  
Alex Mathie  
Jenny Lynn  
John Boutell  
Joanna Christina  
Perveen Hussain  
Dr Anand  
Howard Blagborough  
Sail Suleman  
Deborah Rolland  
Margaret Barnes  
Martin Russell  
Hilary Barber  
Ramona Cleasby  
Jane Scullion  
Anne Linehan by Zoom

Apologies: Rev Andy Williams, Zohrah Zancudi, Nadeem Mir, Cllr Anne Kirkstone, Cllr Dot Foster; Rev Vicky Atkins, Madeline Russell

**Minutes**

1	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies – The Mayor of Calderdale</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above.</li></ul>	
2	<b>Introduction – Perveen Hussain and Prof pb Anand</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PH and PBA introduced themselves as the current Co-Vice Chairs of Calderdale Interfaith.</li></ul>	
3	<b>Minutes of AGM Meeting – 22 October 2020</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</li></ul>	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting was held at St Michael’s Church, Mytholmroyd. JL moved that with this correction it was an accurate record.</li></ul>	

5	Trustees Report
	<p>Perveen Hussain and Prof Anand shared the following report (will be prepared and circulated beforehand in future):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom has kept us together for meetings and discussions over the last year or so and it will be good to be back to in person meetings from the summer onwards.</li> <li>• After the deliberations and promises of COP26 in 2021 it was felt we must offer a conference event on <i>Faith &amp; Climate Change</i>. On 14 October we had 3 speakers, a networking lunch and then workshops from within the community. Feedback was excellent and local communities and students who came over from Bradford were very supportive of the day. As a result...</li> <li>• A further conference event was planned and held in May 2022 on <i>Faith &amp; Mental Health – A Celebration</i>. Following an event in Halifax organised by MP Holly Lynch, HB and PH realised we could offer something valuable in this context in partnership with the Healthy Minds initiative. HB, PH, AM and JL took the initiative along with AL organising lunches once again. The day ran along similar lines with 2 keynote speakers, lunch and afternoon workshops. The morning was also host to a drama presentation from Calderdale College facilitated by AM. The need for awareness of our mental as well as physical health was clear and self-help resources exhibited in the workshops was invaluable. We will continue to organise further conferences going forward. Next up is <i>The Moral Economy</i> in October 2022.</li> <li>• The Trustees delegate the day to day running of Calderdale Interfaith to the Steering Committee, who continue to meet monthly. Support from the Council regarding Administration will be sought as part of the Faith Covenant following the reassigning of Donna Turner within the council. We thank Donna again for her excellent contributions to the organisation.</li> <li>• 18 November annual celebration 2021. We met at Halifax Academy who provided food from their community kitchen which had sprung up in response to pandemic needs in the community. We were hosted by students from the school who also spoke about projects they had been involved in over the pandemic. Representatives from HOTS, the Community Fridge and other initiatives spoke of the benefits of serving our community and the willingness to maintain the connections made. See PH’s CWIG report below for more detail.</li> <li>• 21 November – Prof Anand reported on the Faith Walk to places of worship in Bradford (no Jewish Synagogue in Halifax meant Bradford was chosen). Hosts from all faiths were welcoming and it was a joyous encounter with others.</li> <li>• Our thanks go to the Trustees for their commitment and diligence, and to the Steering Committee who make things happen and keep us alive as an organisation. This year we welcome Mayor, Cllr Angie Gallagher, as our new Chair of Trustees, and we record our thanks and gratitude to Cllr Chris Pillai for his support over the last year in his time as Mayor.</li> <li>• Perveen Hussain and Prof PB Anand are formally appointed at this AGM as co-Vice Chairs of Calderdale Interfaith; Proposed by Cllr Blagborough who thanked Rev Canon Hilary Barber for his</li> </ul>



most valuable work as Vice Chair for so many years and for connecting us even more firmly to the UK Interfaith Network.

6 Financial Report 2022/2023 – Anne Linehan, Treasurer

Anne Linehan shared the following report:

Opening Balance (as at 1.4.21)	£16,547.87	
Receipts	£476.95	The Blackley Centre
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£17,024.82</u></b>	
Expenditure	- £2,666.88	
<b>Balance at 31.3.22</b>	<b><u>£14,357.94</u></b>	
Payments made since 31.3.22	£1,864.40	
<b>Balance at 21.9.22</b>	<b>£12,511.54</b>	
+ petty cash	£ 34.89	
<b>TOTAL Balance at 21.09.22</b>	<b><u>£ 12,546.43</u></b>	

NOTE: payments were made to Zurich Insurance, Petty cash, Conference expenditure, Awayday and hall hire.

The following is a list of events that the women's group have organised, partnered or attended throughout the year over and above the main events that CI organises.

On 5 October 2021- many of us attended *An Inter Faith Dialogue*

*'Exploring Inter Faith Friendship' Facilitated by Andy Williams@ the Blackley Centre*

*Bea Foster and Samina Ali talked for almost an hour about how they became friends and had supported each other through various life events over the last 20 years. we were then all invited to relate our personal stories of interfaith friendships. It was a very moving and enormously inspiring evening and so many people had their own stories to share.*

18 November 2021- annual celebration event held at the Halifax Academy. The opening address was by Jenny Lynn, Cabinet member for Public Services and communities. Various organisations shared how they had met the challenges of the pandemic. Present were:

The Community Fridge

Communities United

Halifax Opportunities Trust

The Halifax Academy pupils

Calder Cares

Community Foundation for Calderdale

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust Chaplaincy Service

Calderdale Council of Mosques

Ending with closing comments from Deborah Harkins, Director of Public Health Calderdale Council

On 28 November 2021- @ the Rex Cinema. The Bahá'ís of Calderdale invited us to a special screening of a film commemorating the centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, it was a moving and mesmerising film charting Abdu'l-Bahá's work in expanding and Consolidating the Bahá'í Community

The film charts Abdu'l-Bahá's work to set up a network of Spiritual Assemblies starting in Iran but spreading to Egypt, Europe and North America to establish knowledge and appreciation of the Bahá'í Faith in the West. He travelled widely in those countries to have direct contact with people from all backgrounds, he introduced Bahá'u'lláh's teachings to a wide range of people who would not otherwise have heard of them. His public addresses were welcomed in universities, churches,

synagogues, mosques, gaining a large number of new followers. Above all else He gave a message of equality and peace.

16 December 2021- About 12 of us met to de-stress for a coffee, natter and cake at the blue teapot in Mytholmroyd.

On 9 January 2022- we joined Calderdale's Methodist Circuit for 'walking the way' This was a planned walk from Shibden Park to Shibden Hall and up to the beacon with carefully planned reflection points along the way. And plenty of conversation too. There's something wonderfully spiritual about walking, I know the Quran mentions it frequently.

As Muslims we believe that we should reflect when we walk, and take note of the wonders of Allah's work wherever we go, we should lower our gaze, walk with humility and not arrogance and remember Allah frequently. And this is exactly what the reflection points helped us to do; we were encouraged to Pause, breathe, take in the majesty of our natural surroundings and reflect on our spiritual lives.

March 8 saw the start of the International womens day Including various workshops, which some us joined in this year rather than being a part of the planning

26 March- about 10 of us met at the central library for a coffee morning. The theme had been our spiritual reflections on the pandemic but as I remember it turned out to be something of a book club with all of us sharing and discussing the books we were reading.

April 15 2022 - the festive meal. When my friend, Katie Clarke, asked if CI would help her celebrate Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, I thought that this would be a great idea. This is why we exist, and how convenient that we can combine it with an iftar party. Soon after, I realised it was Good Friday on the same day, so with the help of another good friend, Cllr Jenny Lynn, the idea of the Festive bring and share Meal was born.

This rare conjunction of holidays is possible because the Islamic calendar is based on the moon and the Muslim festivals move across the western calendar, taking some 33 years to return to any particular date.

Here's some comments from those who attended.

*Alex Mathie said: When the eagerly awaited time came, the fast was opened and we all shared food together. The joy and value of meeting and eating together in this way was obvious to see. We followed the Jewish tradition of hand washing and eating the symbolic components of the Jewish Seder meal before embarking eating the food we had all brought to share. It was all 'hands on deck' from the moment proceedings began, with young people and adults alike all helping one another to feast...*

Anne Linehan said:

*"It sounded as though it would be an interesting evening and it was. great food, great company, greeting old friends and making new ones. wonderful evening."*

*Gunhild Wilcox said: "the evening was a powerful and moving example of how people of all faiths and cultures can be together in peace and mutual enrichment."*

On 11 May 2022 we had 'A celebration of wellbeing and mental health' in the form of a conference at the Minster. About a100 people attended. Our keynote speakers were Jim McManus Director of Public Health at Hertfordshire and Jonny Richardson Glenn CEO Healthy Minds Calderdale. It's a subject very close to my heart and so I was on the planning committee.

Whilst the speakers highlighted the importance of mental health provision, the drama performance from CC students showed how everyone needs to be aware of and look after their Mental wellbeing. And for me that is the crux of the issue, Just as we owe it to ourselves to look after our physical health so too do we need to do things that are conducive to our mental wellbeing. It is all about self-help – AND that is exactly what the workshops in the afternoon were all about. Activities that we can do to improve our mental wellbeing.

24 May 2022- Madeline Russell led us in a beautiful discussion titled 'sharing Mary, the Bible and Quran side by side'

It was held at the Halifax Opportunities Trust and hosted by our very good friend Suraya Bibi. There were about 35 of us.

It was a magical event with all the ESOL learners participating and well engaged in celebrating the life of a personality mentioned in both the Quran and the bible. The enormous respect and reverence that both faiths have for Mary the mother of Jesus was plain to see.

Suraya had asked if some of the interfaith members could mentor some of students and that is something that will hopefully happen with the new students who have just started with Suraya.

28 May- David Glover, organised and led a walk for us titled

### **MARY HACKETT, BELLE VUE, MODEL VILLAGE, BOMBSITE AND GIBBET**

We Started at the Lister Lane Cemetery, which was looking glorious with its wildflower planting scheme and it's 2 beehives. We couldn't bear to leave it and so by the end we were running at least 20 mins late. We then went onto Francis Street where we learnt about the tragic death of Mary Hackett and the possible wrongful conviction of a local man. Onto People's Park, then the birthplace

	<p>of Speaker Whitley, the little-known Model Village at West Hill Park on Gibbet street, the site of the Hanson Lane Bomb, the location of a fatal boiler explosion, Mackintosh’s early warehouse, Ending at the Halifax Gibbet.</p> <p>David has a fantastic way of bringing the history of Calderdale to life with really interesting facts and figures and anecdotes. May God give him a long, healthy and happy life.</p> <p>Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and people have been asking when can be organise another one.</p>	
8	Appointment of Officers	
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9	Close of AGM	
	<p>Cllr Jenny Lynn thanked the Mayor for chairing, Anne Linehan for her continuing Treasurer commitment, Hilary Barber for his ongoing support despite new pressures and Sail Suleman for his tireless and invaluable work for CI. She also thanked Perveen Hussain and Prof Anand for stepping up to take over and for making such a huge contribution to activities.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>	



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**Minutes**

1	Welcome / Two minutes silent prayer / reflection.	
	PH welcomed and introduced the Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Gallagher, who welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome to the speaker - Rev Canon Hilary Barber, Vicar of Halifax.  Thanks to Brighouse Central Methodist Church (Rev Vicky Atkins) for accommodating the meeting.	
2	Speaker: The Rev Canon Hilary Barber, Vicar of Halifax	
	The Rev Canon Hilary Barber's presentation concerned the work of Interfaith Network UK and his role as Co-Moderator of IFN's Faith Communities Forum.  HB prefaced his presentation by saying that his new role in this national body was only possible due to the experiences of working in Calderdale and with CIC. His arrival in Halifax coincided with EDL and BNP activity in the area and he vowed that 'never again' would there be riot police around Halifax Minster. He committed to taking a strong lead on working for interfaith dialogue and on challenging racism evident in our communities.	

## Interfaith Network UK

### WHAT WE DO

The charitable aims of the Inter Faith Network are:

*...[T]o advance public knowledge and mutual understanding of the teachings, traditions and practices of the different faith communities in Britain including awareness both of their distinctive features and their common ground and to promote good relations between persons of different faiths.*

### Our Vision

Our vision is of a society where there is understanding of the diversity and richness of the faith communities in the UK and the contribution that they make; and where we live and work together with mutual respect and shared commitment to the common good.

### Our Mission

Working with faith communities, inter faith organisations, educators and others to increase understanding and cooperation between people of different faiths and to widen public awareness of the distinctive religious traditions in the UK.

Working to achieve this through: supporting and encouraging inter faith initiatives and sharing good practice between these; helping create opportunities for mutual learning and tackling prejudice; and offering opportunity for engagement between faith communities and Government and other public agencies on relevant issues.

### Our Values

The values which we aspire to reflect in all our work are:

- Service to others
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Trust
- Consultative and cooperative working
- Valuing diversity
- Inclusiveness
- Listening and openness
- Courtesy
- Mutual respect
- Respecting dissent and people's right to express this

## How do we do all of this?

- We work at a national level across the 4 devolved nations
- We work at a Regional level
- We work at the local level
- We work specifically across all government departments
- We work with SACREs and academic institutions
- National Interfaith Week

IFN has four categories of membership:

- National faith community representative bodies
- Local inter faith bodies
- National and regional inter faith organisations
- Educational/academic bodies

The Board has 22 members with two Co Chairs – one from the National faith community representatives bodies, and the other from one of the other 3 categories. Together with the Hon Treasurer they make up the Officers, who are supported by the by staff headed up by the CEO Dr Harriet Crabtree.

- [BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY OF THE UK](#)
- [BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA](#)
- [BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS](#)
- [BUDDHIST SOCIETY](#)
- [CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES](#)
- [CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS](#)
- [CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND](#)
- [CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND](#)
- [COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AND AFRO-CARIBBEAN CHURCHES \(UK\)](#)
- [DRUID NETWORK](#)
- [GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES](#)
- [HINDU COUNCIL \(UK\)](#)
- [HINDU FORUM OF BRITAIN](#)
- [INSTITUTE OF JAINOLOGY](#)
- [INTER FAITH WORKING GROUP OF THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN](#)
- [JAIN NETWORK](#)
- [JAMIAT-E-ULAMA BRITAIN \(ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM SCHOLARS\)](#)
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- [MOSQUES AND IMAMS NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD](#)
- [MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN](#)
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- [NETWORK OF SIKH ORGANISATIONS \(UK\)](#)
- [PAGAN FEDERATION](#)
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- [SRI LANKAN SANGHA SABHA OF GB](#)
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*Moderators of IFN's Faith Communities Forum*

*Co-Moderators*

The Revd Canon Hilary Barber (Christian)

Malcolm Deboo (Zoroastrian)

*Vice-Moderators*

Mr Hassan Joudi (Muslim)

Mrs Vinaya Sharma (Hindu)

Mr Mohinder Singh Chana (Sikh)

Rabbi Mordechai Wollenberg (Jewish)

Venerable Bogoda Seelawimala (Buddhist)

Mr Vinay Shah (Jain)

Mr Neil Pitchford (Pagan)

Minister David Bruton (Spiritualist)

Some tit bits:

- Home Office – national security – increase in Far Right Activity
- APPG on Faith and Society – Faith Covenants and Keeping the Faith
- APPG on Freedom of Religion and Belief – July International conference
- NHS – Covic Pandemic Response – POW - DFH
- London Bridge – Cabinet Office
- Leicester/Smethwick – unrest
- Youth - FE and HE engagement

- Sport On 14 November the Inter Faith Network for the UK, in partnership with Sporting Equals, held a special Inter Faith Week symposium entitled ‘Using the Power of Sport to Build Good Inter Faith Relations’.  
The symposium provided an excellent opportunity for practitioners from the world of sport and from inter faith initiatives to explore how sport can help people of different backgrounds to meet one another, come to understand each other better, develop skills for cooperation and build stronger inter faith relations.  
The event was held at Leicester Tigers’ stadium and participants came from national sports organisations, regional sports clubs, public sector organisations, and faith and inter faith bodies
- Education – work with SACRES, Schools, Colleges, Universities on interfaith relations for staff and students
- Religious Literacy: private, public, and voluntary/third sectors – Royal British Legion

In his final remarks HB spoke about The Faith Covenant that CI has with Calderdale Council; we were the UK’s third MBC to commit to this (after Birmingham and Leicester) and our renewal of this Covenant in November. He mentioned the Faith Report re Covid 19 - principle agents of care and community through places of worship which Calderdale can be proud of upholding. Also a commitment to the July conference on Freedom of Religion and Belief. The recent unrest in Leicester and it’s spreading shows that we stop doing this work at our peril. Calderdale Higher and Further Education vital, as is sport, in bringing people together. Having handed over the role of CI Chair to our Co-Chairs, PH and PBA, HB will continue as a CI Trustee and member of the Steering Group and assures us that the Minster will remain fully engaged in all activities.

#### *Questions*

The Mayor asked for further info on the faith Covenant and spoke of her willingness to renew this for Calderdale and to encourage Wakefield and Kirklees Councils to undertake a similar course. (There are currently 24 UK covenants in existence.) 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 event at Halifax Town Hall will mark the recommitment event. Shout it loud. HB hopes to involve Tracy Brabin, our Yorkshire Mayor, at regional level and perhaps Calderdale could take a lead in this and invite Wakefield and Kirklees to get involved.

PH: Thank you to HB for his attendance and contribution.

### 3 Future Events

- *The Moral Economy Conference: 25 October 2022*  
A conference at Halifax Minster with speakers in the morning, lunch and afternoon workshops
- *Remembrance Sunday: 13 November 2021*  
Interfaith week begins on Remembrance Sunday, wreaths have been ordered for the Borough and a service planned at the Cenotaph.

*Interfaith Week: 13 - 20 November 2021*

- Meeting of Faith Leaders arranged for Monday 14 November.
- CWIG event - The Dignity of Women – Scriptural reflections exhibition, all welcome at The Blackley Centre in Elland on 15 November
- Faith walk on 19 November – time and venues TBC
- Annual Celebration Event, Halifax Town Hall on 24 November; the event will include the renewal of the Faith Covenant. Invitations will be circulated.

*Future events / requests and suggestions for future activities*

Volunteers sought for a series of talks - about a philosopher from their faith at King Cross Library at 11 am on Saturdays

SS reported on a council project with Pennine Learning (Ian Ross) for schools. Blocks of work provided for schools to help with procedures and appropriate language use for different demographics.

A request for more events to be held in the Upper Valley was noted. A Faith trail perhaps?

*Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January* – SS said it is hoped to tie in with Calderdale College once again for marking of this event

*Spring Multifaith Celebration Meal* – Passover/Ramadan/Easter – date and venue TBC

4	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul>	
5	The international Prayer for Peace	
	<p>PH and PBA asked AM to close the meeting with a period of silence to reflect on the local communities and interfaith across the borough and to read the International Prayer for Peace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth</li><li>• Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust</li><li>• Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace</li><li>• Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe</li></ul>	