

To: Secondary Headteachers & Heads of RE

3 July 2006

Dear Colleague

OFFER OF INTER FAITH PANEL TALKS TO KINGSTON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

I am writing to you on behalf of the Kingston Inter Faith Forum (IFF) which I chair. This body was formed three years ago to bring together people from different faiths and to enable greater understanding within communities. We are very interested in raising the awareness of different faiths amongst young people and feel that a good approach would be to offer the possibility of Panel Talks to 6th formers and perhaps to those following GCSE RE courses from September 2006.

We have a number of Inter Faith Members who would be delighted to join panel discussions representing their own faiths:

Jewish

Rabbi Danny Rich, Chair of the Kingston IFF & Chief Executive, Liberal Judaism UK
Rabbi David Mason, Kingston Orthodox Synagogue
Fleur Standing and other representatives from the Kingston Liberal Synagogue

Muslim

Imam Shahid Hussain, Inter Faith Advisor to the London Central Mosque
Rashid Laher and other representatives from Kingston Mosque
Nazim Ghauri, Ahmadiyyan Muslim Association

Christian

Reverend Bruce Stuart, United Reformed Church
Reverend Jacky Bone, YMCA Chaplain
Reverend Stan Brown, Ecumenical Chaplain, Kingston University
Reverend Mandy Beck and representatives from the Kingston Borough Deans
Edith Jayne, Society of Friends (Quakers)

Sydney Assor and representatives from the Three Faiths Forum (Christian, Jewish and Muslim)

We suggest that Panels have three representatives of different faiths. Each member would briefly outline what it means to be a member of that faith and a question-and-answer session would then follow.

If your school is interested in this proposal, please contact Jean Cousens, Democratic Support Officer at Kingston Council. Jean can be contacted on 020 8547 5023 or by email to jean.cousens@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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