

Our Members

Each of the seven main faiths of Northampton are represented at our meetings by at least 2 representatives, space is limited, but if you are interested in becoming actively involved please contact our Chair.

Northampton Inter Faith Forum invites members of Northampton's faith communities and the general public to participate in our activities and events. These are promoted through a range of local media including our website.



From the descriptions of the seven faiths it is clear that there are differences between different faiths in both beliefs and practice, but ALL are agreed in principle to what is often called

"THE GOLDEN RULE"

Baha'i

"Desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself".
Baha'ullah

Buddhism

"Hurt not others with that which hurts yourself".
Udana 5:16

Christianity

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you".
Matthew 7:12

Hinduism

"Never do to others what would pain you".
Panchatantra 3:104

Islam

"None of you is truly a believer until he wishes for others what he wishes for himself".
The Qur'an

Judaism

"What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbour".
Talmud, Shabat 31a

Sikhism

"Treat others as you would be treated yourself".
Adi Granth

Contact us

We are very happy to hear your comments, suggestions, respond to your queries, receive event information details or help you in any way we can on matters within our remit.

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How to make a donation

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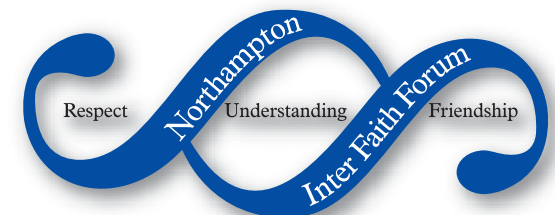
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Northampton Inter Faith Forum

A voice for faith in Northampton
Bringing together faith communities



Who are we?



Northampton Inter Faith Forum (NIFF) was formally launched in 2006 for the mutual encouragement of individual faith communities, and to work for better understanding between members of different faiths within Northampton and surrounding areas.

Our main objectives include to promote understanding and co-operation between people of different religious traditions. Our members hold many different beliefs. We do not promote any, but we do respect all.

NIFF primarily covers Northampton Town and District, but also plays a role in inter faith networking across the County of Northamptonshire.

The forum is made up of representatives from each of the seven major religions found in Northampton - Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Sikh. These representatives meet to determine the business of the Northampton Inter faith Forum. This includes a number of public meetings and events each year.

Our website contains news and information about NIFF. We list our future public meetings and events as well as other local events which may be of interest to you. Also detailed is our Code of Conduct that all members adhere to.

What we do

Northampton Inter Faith Forum links faith and non-faith communities within Northampton and surrounding areas by organising a range of events, activities and meetings.

These events provide an opportunity for people from different faiths, and indeed members of the general public to learn and share together in activities that reflect common enthusiasms and interests from throughout our diverse community in Northampton.

National Inter Faith Week:
Provides opportunities to visit a number of different faith centres each year in Northampton.



Childrens Art Exhibition:
An opportunity for children of Northampton's faiths to show their thoughts, feelings and talent through art and words.



Inter Faith Football Tournament:
Energetic, fun and a great way for children to meet other children of our diverse community.

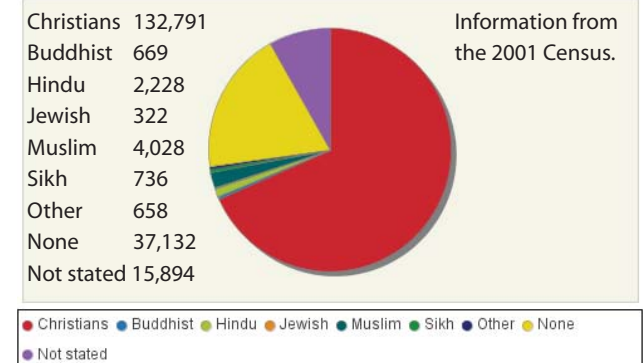


Family Day In The Park:
Fun, games, food, music and local faith information. A relaxing and enjoyable day for the whole family.



Faiths in Northampton

In the 2001 Census 73% of those counted in Northampton identified with a particular faith community. Christians are well-represented across the town with increasing population of Muslims and Hindus. The Jewish, Buddhist, Sikh and other faiths including Baha'i are small in number but are well-represented in the Northampton Inter Faith Forum work. The table below shows the breakdown of faiths within Northampton.



Faith Directory

Northampton Inter Faith Forum with support of Northamptonshire County Council, Wellingborough Inter Faith Group, and Faithworks Northampton produced a directory of faith groups within the county.

Public bodies, including Local Authorities, Emergency Services, and other agencies will continue to find this directory helpful in those many situations where a person's or a group's faith and their roots are of importance; and where faith groups are significant providers in their communities. Without doubt, this directory helps to promote social cohesion within the County. View the directory online on our website.