

Redbridge Faith Forum (RFF) Annual General Meeting followed by an Evening of Entertainment

Redbridge Faith Forum held its AGM on 6th July in Ilford Lane Methodist Church Hall – those attending heard about the excellent work and events carried out by the charity in 2016/17 to further respect, co-operation and understanding between different faith communities and accepted the Annual Report and Accounts of the charity. Thanks were expressed to funders London Borough of Redbridge, Comic Relief, MOPAC and Joint Jewish Burial Society.



This was the last meeting to be chaired by Jacquie Grieve who is standing down from the Board of Trustees having been a founder member of the Charity and instrumental in its development and success since the Faith Forum was launched in 2003. Ms Grieve thanked volunteers, members, fellow trustees, past and current staff and council officers without whom the charity would not have been able to thrive. Special mention was made of past Chair & past Mayor of Redbridge Filly Maralava and council officers John Turkson, Janice Daley, Michelle Epstein and Shila Barber. Trustees Phil Butcher and Mo Dedat were appointed Co-Chairs and will lead the charity which will continue to arrange many worthwhile and informative events such as quarterly network meetings, Annual Walk of Peace, Women's Interfaith Workshops, Public Forums and social events to bring people of all faiths and none together.



Filly Maralava proposed a vote of thanks to Ms Grieve for her outstanding commitment and contribution to community cohesion in the borough. Staff presented Ms Grieve with flowers and a fellow trustee Carol Khorsandyon presented her with a certificate of achievement.



The AGM was followed by a delightful multi-faith evening of entertainment and a ploughman's supper followed by strawberries & cream.



The audience enjoyed a good variety of entertainment from performers representative of a wide age range and faith backgrounds. This included dancers from the VHP Temple and the Sayuri Serasinghe of the Sri Lankan Traditional Dance Academy, and musical performances by a young cellist, a dhol player, a guitarist, The Drive Methodist Church choir, Band of Brothers and a Yiddish singer.

Everyone agreed it had been a very enjoyable event with the opportunity to foster new friendships.



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