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REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM LOOKING FORWARD

Tuesday, 30th July RFF Network Meeting – 12 noon – 1.30pm
in Community Hall of Vine Church – access via Holstock Road IG11 1LG

Greening Redbridge, Facing the climate crisis in our borough

Our objectives for the event are to:

- Learn from groups across Redbridge who are working on environmental concerns in order to address the Climate Crisis
- Raise awareness about climate change issues affecting people living in Redbridge
- Suggest activities that Faith organisations could carry out to protect the environment

At this event, we hope to bring together individuals, voluntary, community and faith sector groups and organisations in Redbridge including sections within LBR and Vision which are working to draw attention to the threat of climate change, through their different kinds of environmental work. So far the following groups have agreed to participate.

- LBR Air Quality Control Team,
- LBR Our Streets Team,
- Nature Conservancy,
- Cleaner Greener Wanstead
- Wanstead Climate Action
- Transition Town Ilford
- Trees for Cities
- Barkingside 21

The event will be held in the Community Hall at Vine Church in Holstock Road, IG1 1LG, Central Ilford. For running the main session we will use the “*world cafe*” method, with 4 to 6 organisations hosting a table each, and addressing a different aspect of the climate crisis.

For further information about the event you can email PeterMusgrave1950@gmail.com

Or Redbridge Faith Forum (faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk)

Sunday, 15th September - 1.00-4.30pm RFF Multi-faith Walk “Caring for Creation”
Commencing at the Holocaust Memorial Garden, Valentines Park IG1 4TG

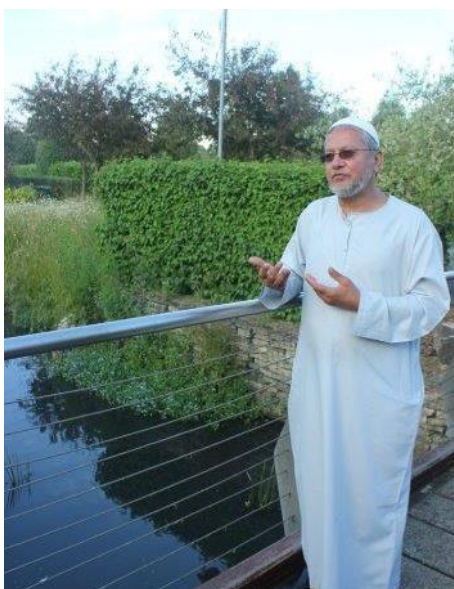
Please do keep this date free to join us on our walk this year which has the theme “Caring for Creation”. We will assemble in the Holocaust Memorial Garden (accessed via Cranbrook Road entrance) in Valentines Park to hear from a Jewish perspective. We will then proceed to visit the Buddhist Vihara, Hindu Temple, Ilford Islamic Community Centre, St Albans Church and culminate in a visit to the Karamsar Gurdwara (400 High Road). Refreshments will be provided en route and the Gurdwara extend an invitation to all to enjoy the Langar (vegetarian meal). The full route and timings are available

REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM LOOKING BACK

Tuesday, 2nd July 6.30 pm RFF Annual General Meeting
at Gardens of Peace, Hainault, IG6 3SW

Our AGM was hosted this year at the Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery in Hainault. All our current trustees were reappointed and the annual report and accounts were presented to our members and accepted. These are available on our website

Mohamed Omer then took everyone on a most interesting tour of the beautiful Cemetery and gave a full explanation of its history, bereavement support offered to families and burial customs and practices. The surroundings were so peaceful apart from beautiful birdsong emanating from the wonderful array of trees and everyone was so impressed with the well-kept grounds and the generous hospitality and refreshments.



Tuesday, 16th July RFF Quiz Evening
at The Drive Methodist Church Hall, IG1 3PP

This event was cancelled at short notice due to bereavement. Everyone who had indicated attendance was contacted, a notice was put on our website, a notice was put up at the venue and someone attended at the venue to advise anyone that turned up. We apologise for any inconvenience and do hope to rearrange this event later in the year.

AUGUST FAITH FESTIVALS

A full list of all the festivals can be found on our website under resources just follow this link [here](#)

REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM

What is it and what does it do?

RFF hold regular public meetings to discuss social issues affecting faith communities such as education, health, and give people the opportunity to meet and share with other faiths.

RFF was set up in 2003 following a faith conference set up by Redbridge Council, which brought faith leaders together to talk about their communities' needs.

- RFF bring together local members of different faith communities.
- RFF promote social harmony.
- RFF foster a community spirit within Redbridge and the local area.
- RFF recognise the important contribution that religion and spirituality makes to the lives of Redbridge residents.
- RFF lobby relevant organisations that affect faith communities.

Current Trustees

RFF is an independent organisation with a charitable status (1118675). RFF has a board of trustees composed of representatives of different faiths :

Christian: ✝ Phil Butcher Rev Bernardino Mandlate

Hindu: ॐ Vinaya Sharma, Appathurai Ramkumar

Jewish: ☆ Rabbi Larry Becker, Angela Banner

Muslim: ☪ Mo Dedat (Treasurer), Mohamed Omer (Chair), Imam Khurram Rafiq

Sikh: ੴ Harbans Singh Seehra, Harmander Singh

Buddhist: ☸ Rev P Hemaratana, Dr Suhasini

Bahai Carol Khorsandyon

We hope that you will understand that in order to continue our work to the benefit of all living in Redbridge, the Faith Forum needs to raise funds to cover the various activities we organise. Membership is open to all and there are a range of options available.

Associate member: (open to everyone) receives all e-mail updates, invitations to all events, able to vote at AGM – suggested donation £10 per year.

Voluntary organisations - £20 per annum.

Place of Worship - £30 per annum

If you would like to become a RFF member please email faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Free Counter Terrorism Awareness Briefing for Faith Communities

As the current threat level from terrorism is at SEVERE which means an attack is highly likely, the Counter Terrorism team at Ilford police station are happy to come and deliver a briefing to your community members at your chosen date/time. The ACT project is a Home office led initiative to promote and encourage members of the community to work in partnership with the police to report, deter and detect terrorist activity and crime.

The briefing session provides essential knowledge in counter terrorism awareness to both help

prevent an attack and to know what to do if caught up in one and usually takes two hours to deliver. For further queries and to book a session please PC TICKNER or PC HUSSAIN on 0208 345 2601 or e-mail EastAreaEABCUMailbox-.CTPBST@met.pnn.police.uk

Help & Support for Victims of Hate Crime

Redbridge Equalities & Community Council along with sister organisations run a project – Community Against Hate Crime. A hate crime is a crime motivated or aggravated by prejudice against a particular group in society – for reasons of race, religion, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexuality, migrant or refugee...If you are the victim of hate crime please get in touch to make an appointment to see RECC advice worker on 020-8551 8178 for advice and advocacy services.

The organisation will also come along to speak at events to inform how to report hate crime and what can be done to support those being targeted and can establish mutual support groups of victims. You can also volunteer to become involved in the Community Witness & Support Team.

Email - Office1@redbridgeequalities.org.uk - 020-8551 8178

RECC, Room 203, 2nd Floor, Heraldic House, 160-162 Cranbrook Road IG1 4PE.

HAVE YOUR SAY – CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Consultation on proposed redevelopment of Gants Hill library and car park

The council are proposing to redevelop the current site of Gants Hill Library and its adjacent public car park and are undertaking a public engagement now. There is an online survey now open so please do complete this to give your views – this is the link <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/have-your-say/consultations/>

The plan is that this will become the site of a community hub serving Gants Hill, Barkingside, Clayhall, Fullwell and Valentines areas and the council have engaged consultants to get feedback from the local population.

Some suggestions so far have included:

1. making provision for charities to hold advice sessions eg macmillan for cancer patients and their carers, benefits advisors,
2. having a regular police presence so local residents could meet their neighbourhood teams,
3. providing public toilets with disabled facilities

It will be an important opportunity to find out about, share opinions, discuss the community hub with other local residents and get involved in its development. Residents may be concerned about the potential loss of parking facilities especially as Gants Hill station has step free access to the central line platforms and is therefore well used by people with mobility issues. Please note that the online survey closes on 1st September. Further information is on the council website www.redbridge.gov.uk

EVENTS TO COME

Redbridge Play Day

Wednesday 7th August – South Park, Wanstead Library & Christ church Green, Hainault Youth Centre

Free activities for young children & parents/carers – see www.redbridge.gov.uk/events for full details

Adam Day

Saturday 10TH August , 7-9.30 pm at the Old Town Hall, 29 The Broadway Stratford E15 4BQ

This event is being held to celebrate the unity of mankind with a hot buffet provided for all guests. Attendance to be confirmed by telephone, email or online

Telephone 07770 862333 Email invitation@adamday.org Website www.adamday.org

Afternoon Tea with Barkingside 21

Thursday 8th August 2-4pm at Sweet, Barkingside High Street

This is an informal social event – everyone welcome. Cup of tea or coffee and a patisserie for £3 per head.

East London Three Faiths Forum – Guided Tour to Jerusalem & The Holy Land

OUR EIGHTH GUIDED TOUR TO JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND Sunday 8th December – Sunday 15th December 2019

Led by Rabbi David Hulbert, Revd. Ulrike Bell & Imam Dr Mohammed Fahim



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit places in the Holy Land (both Israel and the Palestinian territories) sacred to our three faiths:

Jerusalem	<i>Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jesus' tomb) Western Wall Yad Vashem (Memorial to Holocaust victims)</i>
Dead Sea	<i>Masada (King Herod's palace), swim in the Dead Sea</i>
Bethlehem	<i>Jesus' birthplace</i>
Hebron	<i>Tombs of the Patriarchs</i>
Nazareth	<i>Jesus' home-town; site of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary</i>
Caesarea	<i>Capital of Judaea and major port in Roman times Boat-trip across the Sea of Galilee and many more!</i>

COST £1,500 per person, sharing twin room.

Includes:

Return coach from Woodford to Luton Airport
Return flights
Half-board in top-quality, modern hotels
Travel in comfortable air-conditioned tour coach
Qualified tour guide, with us for the whole week
All entrance fees

The **cost** is made up of a **deposit** of **£300**, payable immediately, that will buy your EasyJet ticket. The flight tickets will go up in price as the plane fills up, so it is important to commit yourself and secure this price as soon as you can.

The **balance** of **£1,200**, covering the hotels and the tour, will be payable in September. This price is unlikely to change, unless there is another major fall in the value of the £ against the \$. If you would like to come, send your name and full postal address to david.hulbert@whsmithnet.co.uk and you will be sent all the details and the booking form, with full terms and conditions.

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