

## Redbridge Faith Forum E-News Bulletin - November 2020

We do hope that this bulletin finds you safe and well. Although our office is closed, we are continuing to work remotely to update you with helpful information both via e-news bulletins and website posts so please do keep in touch and send us any details of any information or events you would like us to promote.

This is the link to the current advice regarding social distancing to stay safe [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Meeting with others safely \(social distancing\)](#) In view of the current ongoing risk of covid19 transmission our events will continue to be held virtually for the time being.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO INTERFAITH WEEK 8-14 NOVEMBER

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#### **Sunday afternoon 8th November at 3pm via Zoom – “Love & Remembrance”**

Redbridge Faith Forum is delighted to invite you to join us and The Worshipful, The Mayor of Redbridge, Councillor Zulfiqar Hussain, on Sunday afternoon 8th November at 3pm for our “Love and Remembrance” Event launching our first ever Virtual Walk of Peace.

**Booking details:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82218979321?pwd=WE1NS3pydzdRUktFVXVYNDY0E1QT09>

**Meeting ID: 822 1897 9321    Passcode: RFF123**

A highlight of our RFF year is normally our Walk of Peace which is always a very popular event with a large number of people joining us to walk together in fellowship and receiving a warm welcome into a variety of faith venues. We were so sorry that it is not possible for us to hold this safely in 2020 so we have decided that the next best thing would be to start Interfaith Week with an event launching our first ever “Virtual Walk”. So please do join us so we can gather together remotely to watch the video tours our trustees have prepared to show you around their places of worship. Work is still in progress, but we hope to be able to piece the videos together with photographs from past walks. As this is also Remembrance Sunday, we will be taking the opportunity to hold a minute’s silence to remember those who are no longer with us. We know what a difficult year it has been for us all and many of our members and supporters have been bereaved over recent months. We particularly wish to remember our founder and ex-Chair of Trustees Jacquie Grieve who has left us a wonderful legacy of service to others. In this event we will focus on the importance of “loving our neighbour” and will be dedicating this event to her memory. Please do invite friends and neighbours to join us in this community event to learn more about our faith communities.

**Advance registration is not essential but is helpful so if you can please Email**

[faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk) **to reserve your place**

#### **Wednesday 11th November 2020 1-2.15 pm via Zoom – “Repairing the World”**

##### **Women’s Workshop**

This workshop will be the first of a new series on the topic of “Repairing the World”. We will hear briefly from Christian, Jewish and Muslim women who will share the practical steps their faith

communities are taking to care for our living world. In future workshops we will hear from women of other faiths. The short talks will be followed by breakout groups so participants can share what they found inspiring in the talks. We will end the workshop with questions and comments. We hope that you will find something inspiring in these workshops which you can take away and put into practice in your own faith community

**Booking details:**

Email [faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk) to reserve your place - we will email you the 'zoom link' to join the workshop nearer to the time

**NEW RFF EVENT – Wednesday 2nd December 2- 3 pm via Zoom**

**Suicide Awareness Resource**

Our planned suicide prevention awareness and training workshops had to be cancelled in the summer due to the pandemic – whilst it is not yet possible for us to deliver these workshops we are delighted that Papyrus have offered us an online awareness session

**SP-ARK'ed** Suicide Prevention – Awareness, Resource, Knowledge **e-delivery**. An introduction to POPYRUS and Suicide Prevention

The key objectives are:

- To raise awareness of Suicide and Suicide Prevention
- To provide information about POPYRUS – Prevention of Young Suicide
- To develop Hope and encourage action for a suicide safer community
- To understand the importance of self-care.

**Places are limited so please email us at [faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk) to reserve your place and the zoom link will be sent to registered participants nearer the time.**

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **Tuesday 27 October – Redbridge a Child Friendly Borough?**

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Members and supporters of Redbridge Faith Forum were delighted to have the opportunity to hear from Redbridge teenagers about their involvement in the Redbridge Youth Council, Ambassador Panel and Children In Care Council in the October Network Meeting which fell in half-term. Their eloquence and enthusiasm were much admired, and it was great to hear from them – young people are our future. The borough recognises this and is bidding to become a Unicef accredited child friendly borough aiming to give children and young people a bigger voice in the areas that affect them. Every secondary school has appointed a Child Friendly Ambassador to link with the council. The top two priorities that young people have identified is feeling safe and secure and being healthy and work has commenced on these two areas with the young people producing a leaflet for pupils returning to school after lockdown with much signposting information and tips on mental health, travelling to school, careers guidance (this is available on request from the RFF Office). Developing safer routes to school is another project with pilots due to start in Ilford and Barkingside with input from the schools police officers. Another welcome new initiative is the Out of Schools Settings

Support Service – see further details later in this bulletin about the membership scheme and a free webinar taking place on 5th November.

## CONGRATULATIONS – Queens Birthday Honours

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Redbridge Faith Forum is delighted to announce that two of our members have been recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours



Parminder Kaur Kondral (née Mudhar) has been recognised to receive an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen in the Queen’s Honours list 2020 for Parminder’s services as the National Co-ordinator of UK Sikh Chaplaincy services for the Community.



Mohamed Omer, Chair of Redbridge Faith Forum, has been recognised to receive an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen in the Queen’s Honours List 2020 for Mohamed’s services to the British Muslim community during Covid-19

## LOOKING FORWARD TO OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Free Unicef Webinar – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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On Thursday 5th November from 11am-1pm the Out of Schools Settings team are running a free webinar. ‘How UNICEF Rights respecting awards can help develop your Out of School Setting’ ‘You have probably heard of children’s rights but did you know that understanding them and using them can improve your work with and for children? This webinar, delivered by UNICEF, will introduce you to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and help you to see its importance in today’s world. This knowledge will support every aspect of your work with children and young people especially around their safety, wellbeing and engagement with your setting. This award is usually only given to mainstream schools but is now being offered specifically to Out of School Settings in our borough. Financial assistance towards the award is being offered via the Out of Schools Settings Membership scheme. Places are limited. Please sign up and register [here](#)

## Redbridge Community Resilience Programme Introductory Workshop

### 11th November 12.30 pm

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The British Red Cross are running a Community Resilience Programme working with community Voluntary and Faith Sector in Redbridge to reduce the risk of emergencies, and better prepare, respond and recover from crisis.

The aim is to tap into and enable discussions, provide training, awareness and understanding to co-produce actions in regards to increasing the resilience of Redbridge communities.

They will be running regular Community Resilience Workshops and recruiting Volunteers to create the space for organisations and individuals to share their lived experiences of emergencies and collaborate with individuals and other organisations to strengthen community connections and communications. With the aim of developing working relationships between the voluntary, faith sector and local authorities to help ensure that emergency planning is co-produced, and that local knowledge and experience is captured and implemented.

They have an upcoming Zoom Introductory Workshop on Wednesday 11th Of November 12:30-13:15 to introduce the initiative and voluntary opportunities.

They then be running regular Community Resilience Workshops throughout the borough to provide an opportunity to really address what Community Resilience means for Redbridge and its neighbourhoods. While sharing learnings from responding to Covid-19 and how these can be made long term and sustainable to make Redbridge a resilient community. To enhance the co-production and to ensure that Redbridge take ownership of this space we will be also recruiting Community Advocate Volunteers.

You can register for the event on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/redbridge-community-resilience-introductory-workshop-tickets-126517514291> The zoom link will be circulated closer to the date of the event.

For any questions about the project or any areas you would like British Red Cross support (such as through volunteers), please get in touch with the project co-ordinator Ben Hannam-Deeming ( [bhannamdeeming@redcross.org.uk](mailto:bhannamdeeming@redcross.org.uk), 07803018362, [CommunityResilienceLondon@redcross.org.uk](mailto:CommunityResilienceLondon@redcross.org.uk) ).”

## Young Adult Carers Awareness Training – 3 December 2020

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### Young Adult Carers Awareness Training

Redbridge Carers Support Service are delivering an online webinar on young adult carers for all staff who work with carers, and those providing frontline support to vulnerable young adults aged 14–30. There are at least 376,000 young adult carers in the UK and they are likely to be in every school, college, university and workplace. If you work with someone who has physical or mental health difficulties, a learning disability, alcohol/substance misuse, is ill, frail or elderly, then they could have a carer.

This live webinar will be held from 10:00-11:30 on 3 December 2020. If you would like to join the webinar, please register at the following address to reserve your place:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsf-GorjMrG9yF67NOL3jxeB-bmgbWlQr>

## Out of School Setting Service

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The Out of School Settings Team is extending its work in the borough and is in the process of finalising an Out of School Settings Membership Scheme, which aims at providing you with the necessary tools to enhance and further develop your business.

The benefits to your organisation will include:

- The membership scheme will identify your organisation as 'operating best practice in the borough', making your setting stand out to children's parents and their carers through the OOSS Membership logo, which will be highly visible throughout the various Local Authority platforms. You can also use this logo for your business marketing purposes.
- The Membership scheme will offer an array of relatable courses for your staff and volunteers for example, Safeguarding/Safer recruitment/GDPR/Health and Safety, along with policy templates.
- Being part of the membership scheme will help potential fund raising opportunities with OOSS policies in place.
- We have partnered with UNICEF on the UN Convention and the rights of the child, this award is usually only awarded to Main stream Schools but has been offered to all Out of School Settings in our borough.
- As the UN Rights will be a large part of our membership scheme, your evidencing of the Rights within your setting will be added to your best practice award.
- Join us on the 5th November to hear first-hand from UNICEF on how the rights can help to enhance your setting.
- The Membership scheme and in particular, the Rights Respecting award will allow you to be a special part of one of the first UNICEF Child friendly boroughs as Redbridge has also been awarded UNICEF Cities For Communities Status.
- Costs: Minimal annual fee, to include all training/policy information.