

Faith Groups Resource Pack

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1. Useful Publications & Documents

Faith in Community Development - In March 2005 the Community Development Exchange (CDX), the Churches' Community Work Alliance (CCWA) and the Faith Based Regeneration Network (FbRN) came together to organise two seminars exploring the links between faith groups and community development. The particular perspectives and needs of faith groups in relation to Community Development were explored and faith organisations were encouraged to look at incorporating community development approaches into their work with communities.

Faith in Community Development is the report that provides a summary of key themes raised in the discussions. The Report can be downloaded as a pdf from the CCWA website.

<http://www.ccwa.org.uk/v2/downloads/cms/1144164257.pdf>

'**Priceless – Unmeasurable?** Faiths and Community Development in 21st Century England', by Adam Dinham of Anglia Ruskin University, gives a national overview of what faith communities DO in community development, what they add and what they need. CCWA website Publications Section

http://www.ccwa.org.uk/v2/index.php?section_list=Resources&subsection=Publications&content=1021

Guide to Creating Seven Year Plans The purpose of this Guide, produced by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), is to help faith communities to move into a new stage of environmental action, reflection and thought. Using the seven key areas in which faiths have power, influence or significance the Guide offers ideas and ways forward for creating a Seven Year Plan which can reflect the specific strengths of each faith community.

More information on the ARC website: <http://www.arcworld.org/news.asp?pageID=249>

100 Proven Ways to Transform Your Community, Steve Chalke with Anthony Watkis - 100 inspiring examples of community involvement, road-tested by local churches around the UK. Published by Kingsway £8.99 and available from: www.wesleyowen.co.uk

Key Communities, Key Resources: Engaging the capacity and capabilities of faith communities in Civil Resilience. At times of crisis faith communities have a role to play in terms of victim support. Strong leadership from faith communities has a key role to play when large scale incidents trigger concerns about social cohesion. Download only from the Government Communities website:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/civilresilience>

Tools for Regeneration: Practical Advice for Faith Communities - sets the context of faith involvement in regeneration, advises on setting up and managing a community organisation, community development and capacity building in faith based organisations, monitoring performance, fundraising and use of resources, partnership working, employment issues and social enterprise from basics to marketing and impact. Order from the Faith Based Regeneration Network website; <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/fbrn-publications>

Keeping It Together (KIT) - the latest addition to 'Tools for Regeneration' published by the FbRN UK. KIT has been devised to offer activity-based tools for eight aspects of faith-based community development work. Order from the Faith Based Regeneration Network website; <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/fbrn-publications>

Faith in the Community - The Contribution of Faith-based Organisations to Rural Voluntary Action - this report explores the ways faith-based organisations contribute to rural communities, the challenges they face, and how they respond to them. Download from the NCVO website: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/node/986> or telephone 020 7520 2473 for a free hard copy.

'Faith in Action in the South West' - In 2006 Faithnet South West conducted a survey of social and community action by faith groups in the South West of England. The report **'Faith in Action in the South West'** shows the contribution that faith groups are making in the provision of a broad spectrum of social welfare and community services including some key examples of the type of contribution made by faith groups in the area. The full report and summary report can be downloaded from the Faithnetsouthwest website: <http://faithnetsouthwest.org.uk/documents/index.php>

The Faith Based Regeneration Network carry a number of useful fact sheets on their website – titles include:

What is Faith-Related Community Development ?

The Golden Rules of Community Development.

Working Together in Partnership.

See these and other useful titles on the FbRN website: <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/factsheets>

The Local Inter Faith Guide: Faith Community Co-operation in Action

A guide to setting up and running a local interfaith initiative. Includes how to set aims and objectives, making links with the community, publicising what you do, building good relationships, membership structures and premises, information on funding sources, etc.

Contains examples from other interfaith groups. Download from Inter Faith Network for the UK website: <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/localguide.htm>

Interfaith Update – Newsletter of the Interfaith Network – 3 times per year. Annual subscription for hard copy is £7.50 or download from: <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

The Somerset Faith Forum has a bi-weekly e-Bulletin and a regular newsletter **For more information contact:** Revd Bruce Thompson, Temple Methodist Church revbrucet@tiscali.co.uk or Alistair Beattie, Development Officer alistair@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk

Building Good Relations With People of Different Faiths & Beliefs - Short guidelines for inter religious encounter and dialogue.

<http://www.interfaith.org.uk/publications/buildinggoodrelations.pdf>

Challenging Communities Booklet - the participation of the community has been placed at the heart of neighbourhood renewal under the Government's new strategies. The church is one of the key agencies working in our most marginalised communities and is now seen as a vital link in sustainable community development. The booklet gives practical advice on engaging the Church in local partnerships to harness its valuable resources. The style is accessible and it contains informative case-studies that makes it a useful resource for Church workers, local Government officers, and anyone engaged in neighbourhood renewal. The Booklet can be purchased from the CCWA website:

http://www.ccwa.org.uk/v2/index.php?section_list=Resources&subsection=Publications&content=276

Faith Identity & Belonging: Educating for Shared Citizenship – report on a seminar held on 7 February 2006 by the Interfaith Network for the UK and the Citizenship Foundation. Looking at the challenges and possibilities of equipping young people for active citizenship in a multifaith society. <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/publications/sharedcitizenship.pdf>

Working Together: Co-operation between Government and Faith Communities - This Report, published 1 February 2004 makes a number of recommendations, for both Government Departments and faith communities, and offers guidelines to help Departments improve their engagement with citizens from the faith communities in matters of national policy. Download from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/workingtogethercooperation2>

Working Together: Co-operation between Government and Faith Communities - Progress Report August 2005 - A report on progress against some of the specific recommendations relating to central consultative arrangements. A revised set of criteria developed in consultation with stakeholders, for measuring progress in engaging with faith communities, is also presented. The second part of the document is progress report on the record of engagement between Government Departments and faith communities since the Working Together report was published in February 2004, and as a focus for discussion. Download from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/workingtogethercooperation>

Face to Face and Side by Side – A framework for partnership in our multi faith society. Published by Dept. for Communities & Local Government 2008. This document sets out how faith communities, Government and wider society can work together, at all levels, to encourage and enable greater local activity which brings people with different religions and beliefs together.

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/facetofaceframework

Believing In Local Action - A report, commissioned by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), shows that communities are best served by local faith organisations and local infrastructure organisations (LIOs) working together. The report was referred to by Hazel Blears MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in her speech on the Government's new inter-faith strategy on 21 July 2008. The report can be downloaded from the Church Urban Fund website: http://www.cuf.org.uk/Believing_in_Local_Action.aspx

In Search of Living Waters: by Tim Lawrence, compares the community development approach, compared to traditional community work. It uses New Testament parables such as the Samaritan woman at the well to challenge concepts of community development in practice. Order from the Livability website £2. <http://www.livability.org.uk/page.asp?id=1664>

Distinctly Welcoming - Christian Presence in a Multifaith Society

Richard Sudworth - a practical guide to the core issues and challenges for churches engaging with those of other faiths. This is not an in-depth guide but an exploration of key issues with activities and resources for those wishing to explore further, and examples of good practice. Published by Scripture Union Publishing at £8.99 and available from: www.wesleyowen.co.uk

Making Church Buildings Work, by Maggie Durran (Canterbury Press, £14.99) A

comprehensive guide to maintaining church buildings and making church halls useful to the local community presented in a simple and easy to read language devoid of jargon. Gives clear guidance on technical issues of concern such as health and safety; increased access to all people (including the disabled), changing of use or additional use of the building(s). Includes a discussion of the issues involved in major building projects, including funding. To order this book online, please visit the Church House Bookshop (£14.99)

<http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/product.asp?id=2384733>

Guidance on New Measures to Outlaw Discrimination on Grounds of Religion or Belief

Free to download from: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/guidancenew>

She Who Disputes - Muslim Women Shape the Debate. This report challenges the stereotypes which exist about Muslim women as suppressed and unwilling to make their own choices in life. <http://www.equalitysouthwest.org.uk/esw/live/about-us/promoting-equality-for/religion-and-belief/useful-documents--religion/SheWhoDisputesNov06.pdf>

Love Thy Neighbour - Faith And Homosexuality - Produced by Stonewall - Stonewall is a lobbying group which has put the case for gender equality on the mainstream political agenda. http://www.stonewall.org.uk/documents/love_thy_neighbour.pdf

Faiths and Frontiers on the Starship Social Enterprise

boldly going as faith based entrepreneurs? A report on the implications of faith involvement in social enterprise, based on five seminars with faith based practitioners in different areas of England. Available from the Faith Based Regeneration Network website:

<http://www.fbrn.org.uk/fbrn-publications>

Church Audit - This document from Faithworks is designed to enable you do make an accurate assessment of your available resources. This is an essential stage in planning your strategy to match the real needs of your community with the resources your church has to hand. Download from the Faithworks website:

http://www.faithworks.info/uploads/documents/Church_Audit.pdf

Other Titles from Faithworks include:

Community Audit – preparing your church for effective engagement in the community

The Faithworks Best Practice Guide: Implementing the Faithworks Charter aimed at the development of a quality assurance tool that will set the standard of excellence for Christian community projects and organisations and eventually the development of a faith standard.

A Guide To Governance For Faith-Based Organisations.

See all the titles: <http://www.faithworks.info/index.asp> Look under resources.

Church Urban Fund Xchange – has a range of free downloadable resources to help develop and sustain social action: <http://www.cufx.org.uk/resource.aspx>

Being Who You Say You Are - This is also a Faith Organisations Governance Guide produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/Publications/Publications_Catalogue/Trustee_and_Governance/Being_Who_You_Say_You_Are_%20A_Guide_To_Governance_for_Faith-Based_Organisations.pdf

2. Training

NIACE offers courses in Continuing Professional Development for faith leaders and workers see designated website: <http://www.niace.org.uk/projects/leadwithfaith/Default.htm>

Faithworks run a training programme to help individuals, local churches and Christian organisations develop their role within their local community. Look under resources on the Faithworks website: <http://www.faithworks.info/index.asp>

DEVELOP Enhancing Community Support training page lists the current DEVELOP training programme plus links to other training providers locally and regionally. You can also search the ladder4learning training site to find the course you want. Visit <http://www.developecs.org.uk/Training/index.htm>

3. Funding

Faiths in Action a £4 million grants programme open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. Sponsored by Communities and Local Government (CLG) and administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF), The grant aims to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. Information on the Community Development Foundation website: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

UK Church Fundraising Handbook – Maggie Durran - expensive repairs, maintenance bills or increased running costs, The book offers practical and imaginative solutions. Also has realistic advice on many aspects of managing money, controlling costs and maximising scarce resources. Order from the Church House Bookshop £17.99 : <http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/index2.asp>

Andrews Charitable Trust (ACT) - ACT is a Christian organisation aiming to achieve social change for faith and humanitarian reasons. **ACT support Christian, other faith and no faith organisations' work.** It can take 8-12 months to make a final funding decision but funding can last anything from 1 to 7 years. They have very strict funding criteria – full details on the website: <http://www.andrewscharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Landfill Communities Fund - Which organisation you apply to depends upon which landfill site you are near to. The Churngold Environment Fund <http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/showcontent.asp?CollectionID=@0000000388&ParentID=@0000001017> awards grants of up to £5000 to support projects which provide, maintain, or improve

public spaces and community facilities, for the public's benefit, leisure or recreation. To be eligible, community organisations must be working to benefit people who are disadvantaged or isolated, whether due to poverty, disability, age, location or culture. Priority is also given where people are helped to take opportunities that would otherwise not be open to them, where local people are engaged in improving their community and where the priorities and concerns of people living and working in the area are reflected in the work to be funded. The fund is managed by Quartet Community Foundation <http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/>

Biffaward – have several funding streams Main grants – Community (5,000 – 50,00) covers building improvements to increase the range of services on offer to the local community. (Must be within 10miles of a Biffa operation (Bristol and Swindon) enter your postcode on the site to see if you qualify. You will need to find a third party funder(s) to provide 10 per cent of the grant you are applying for. <http://www.biffaward.org/index.php/about/coverview>

CAFOD: Development Education Fund - Grant to support groups and organisations involved in global justice education work in England and Wales, with the aim of furthering CAFOD's strategic goals and education priorities. There are four funding streams: Justice & Peace; Development Education; Justice Spirituality; and Youth. Small grants up to £3,000 and large grants normally between £5,000 and £10,000 Projects applying for justice and peace co-funding must be match funded by the diocese <http://www.cafod.org.uk/uk/funding>

Lottery Funding. Although the Lottery does not support the 'promotion of religion' do not be put off in applying for funding. If your project meets an identified need in your community and it concentrates on the use of your building for, other than religious activities, then your application will be considered to be as valid as any other organisation. The Lottery recognises that faith organisations play a vital role within the voluntary & community sector. The Big Lottery Fund's guidance notes for each programme now include a section on their legal requirements, terms and conditions for church-based faith organisations. **It is important to be aware that, as the lottery money derives from gambling it is not an acceptable source of funding to all faith groups**

There are a number of lottery funding streams that may be useful to faith based organisations:

Reaching Communities – England funds projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and actively involve the community members – especially interested in supporting those most in need, including those 'hard to reach'
http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities .

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) -Repair Grants for Places of Worship

designed to help conserve and sustain heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship. Grants are awarded up to £200,000 in England Details can be found on the website: www.hlf.org.uk or telephone 020 7591 6042

Awards for All is the Lottery's small grants scheme (maximum grant is £10,000). Capital and revenue grants are awarded to projects which encourage people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Further details are on the website: www.awardsforall.org.uk or telephone 0845 600 20 40.

See Also the listings on the Church Urban Fund CUF Xchange website:

<http://www.cufx.org.uk/default.aspx>

DEVELOP Enhancing Community Support offers funding advice to all voluntary groups in B&NES. You can also access a wealth of funding information directly from our website including links to online funding search engines, our funding information pack and a list of local funders.

For more information visit: <http://www.banescvs.org.uk/Funding/index.htm>

4. GRANT-MAKING TRUSTS:

Allchurches Trust

Makes grants to the Church and Christian Community in support of churches, religious charities and community projects, relating to Christianity also to projects concerned with the welfare of disadvantaged groups. Contact details: Allchurches Trust, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ ATL@eigmail.com

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation – Anglo–Potuguese organisation which offers grants for projects across the UK funding concentrates on three key issues: fostering cultural understanding, helping individuals achieve their potential and protecting the environment.. Must be truly innovative and well thought through – does not support existing programmes or services and does not support religious activities per se. Grants in the region of £10,000 – 25,000. Apply at least 3 months before the start of the project. Applications which include plans for independent evaluation are favoured. <http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk/innovation-fund>

Laing Family Trusts - support a diverse range of charitable purposes in the UK. The Trusts fund work that advances the Christian faith and its values, and the relief of poverty in the broadest sense. Projects funded are very diverse but must be financially viable. Applications in writing at any time to: Laing Family Trusts, 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2DX. Tel: (020) 8238 8890

Oasis Trust – Faithworks Awards - available to community projects inspired by Christian faith. Projects should respond to a local need, impact on the local community and forge relationships with local government and other agencies. Grants of up to £5,000 to be used for the development of the project entered. Information on Faithworks website – you will need to register as a member but this is free: <http://www.faithworks.info>

LankellyChase Foundation – will support Churches in villages with population less than 1000 (£3,000) and Buildings of architectural/historical merit used by the community (£10,000). Will support registered charities only. www.lankellychase.org.uk

Hedley Foundation - type of work supported includes Churches up to about £15,000 - UK registered charities only. Tel: 020 7489 8076

Web: www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk

Breathing Places grants

From £300 to £10,000 to create, maintain or improve woodlands or wildlife havens. Applicants: schools, local health bodies, town and parish councils and voluntary and community sector

organisations. In association with the BBC and lottery funded. www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces (could apply to church-owned land or grounds your place of worship)

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<http://www.fbrn.org.uk/fbrn-publications>

5. Useful Links

Bath & North East Somerset Faith Forum – acts as a link body between Bath & North East Somerset council and the local Faith Communities The Forum meets on a regular basis and has a steering group composed of representatives from different Christian traditions, Islam, Jewish, and other faiths. <http://communities.beintouch.org.uk/inovem/inovem.ti/faithforum/grouphome>

Somerset Faith Forum - set up to promote harmony between people of different faiths in the local authority area of Somerset, break down barriers of prejudice, work together to promote social cohesion in the area, give faith and cultural groups a representative voice in the civic life of Somerset, work together in partnership to improve the quality of life for local people, provide an opportunity for faith organisations to network with each other and relevant bodies,, hold meetings and events, where people of all faiths can gather in an harmonious atmosphere. The Somerset Faith Forum has a bi-weekly e-Bulletin and a regular newsletter **For more information contact:** Revd Bruce Thompson, Temple Methodist Church : revbrucet@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 01823 275765 or Alistair Beattie, Development Officer, Faithnetsouthwest : alistair@faithnetsouthwest.org.uk Tel: 0117 304 2298

Faithnet SouthWest <http://faithnetsouthwest.org.uk/index.php>

Bath Youth For Christ - Bath YFC is Christian faith based youth work agency that works to see young people be fulfil their potential, running projects such as Motus Dance Academy, One Eighty, Fuse, Graff and Team ASK. Bath YFC works closely with the local authority and local secondary schools. Bath YFC is part of British Youth for Christ. www.bathyfc.co.uk

Interfaith Network for the UK - The Inter Faith Network for the UK was founded in 1987 to promote good relations between people of different faiths in this country. Useful information on the starting your own interfaith group page includes checklist for getting started, constitutions, awareness raising, fundraising, how to cater for interfaith functions, etc. <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/index.htm> has useful range of publications <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/publications/index.htm>

Churches Community Work Alliance

http://www.ccwa.org.uk/v2/index.php?section_list=Home

Faith Based Regeneration Network - national, multifaith network for community development and regeneration <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/>

Faithworks exists to empower and inspire individual Christians and every local church to develop their role at the hub of their community. <http://www.faithworks.info>

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland website has an excellent interfaith section with lots of information, sections on the different faiths, an Interfaith newsletter and resources for developing interfaith relations. The publications section is also very good:

<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CD/16> or go to www.ctbi.org.uk and enter Interfaith in the search engine

Somerset Churches Together – Information for local ecumenical groups and churches:

www.sctog.org.uk

The Cohesion Directorate works with other government departments to reduce race and faith inequalities in education, health, housing and the Criminal Justice System, as well as the labour market. <http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/racecohesionfaith/>

Faiths4Change - People in partnership working for the social economic & spiritual transformation of local environments in the North West. The Faiths4Change project uses faith communities' infrastructures, such as their volunteers and buildings in the heart of deprived communities to deliver the environmental agenda to hard to reach groups.

<http://www.faiths4change.org.uk/>

Women's Interfaith Media Literacy is a unique project providing information and resources to help women from different faith communities working together to better understand, analyze, use and evaluate the media. <http://www.diocese.cc/web/page.asp?PageID=112>

The Church Urban Fund - a not for profit organisation supporting social action in the most deprived areas of England. Working in partnership with other organisations and advocating on behalf of faith communities and their work at grassroots level: <http://www.cuf.org.uk/default.aspx>

Churches for All - a partnership of UK Christian disability organisations. challenging and enabling churches to fully include disabled people.

<http://www.churchesforall.org.uk/index.html>

6. Faith-based Environmental Organisations:

ARC – Alliance of Religions and Conservation is a Bath based organisation aiming to help faith communities to “move into a new stage of environmental action, reflection and thought.”

www.arcworld.org

Christian Ecology Link - A multi-denominational UK Christian organisation for people concerned about the environment www.christian-ecology.org.uk

Eco Congregation - Aims to encourage churches to consider environmental issues within a Christian context and enables local churches to make positive contributions in their life and mission www.ecocongregation.org

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Studies

The world's leading Islamic environmental non government organisation

www.ifees.org

The Noah Project - Jewish education, celebration and action for the Earth

www.noahproject.org.uk

Quaker Green Action - A network exploring and promoting awareness of the need for a green lifestyle <http://quakergreenaction.org.uk/>

Arocha Living Lightly – an online community of Christians committed to making changes in their personal lives: <http://arochalivinglightly.org.uk/>

7. Resources

Reaching Out Project – providing advice and skilled volunteers. Reaching Out is an England-wide project providing advice and skilled volunteers to faith, rural, black and minority ethnic, and refugee and migrant groups. With input from the project these frontline groups can strengthen their know-how and benefit from experienced REACH volunteers. Contact: 0207 840 5663 or www.reachskills.org.uk

Catering for Multifaith Events - a clear and practical guide to providing a menu acceptable to all – See the Interfaith Network for the UK website: <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/local/catering.htm>

Other useful resources for community engagement can be found on the Livability website – Livability is an organisation working from a Christian Ethos with particular emphasis on supporting engagement of the disabled in community and community development. Look under publications: Community Mission: <http://www.livability.org.uk/default.asp>