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Interfaith Week 2009

Interfaith Week 2010 - 21st to 27th November

In 2009 people of faith from across England came together to mark the first Interfaith Week. Nationally 352 events took place and in the South East alone there were more than 30 activities including, conferences, performances, lectures, celebrations, tree planting and coffee mornings. Those who attended described them as creative, enthusiastic, ingenious, inspirational and energetic. Audiences included people of many faiths as well as those with no faith tradition. And some of the events made it into the media with Interfaith Week featuring on local television and radio.

A round-up of some of the events that took place in the South East is now available on our web site www.se-faithforum.net. It's inspiring reading for anyone thinking about organising or attending an event for Interfaith Week 2010.

If you would like to organise an event for Interfaith Week or want to find out about what's happening near you please take a look at our web site www.se-faithforum.net for more information.



This year Interfaith Week will see even more activities taking place across the three SEEFF sub regions. Some events will be celebrations open to all whilst others will be opportunities for those working in the faith, public and voluntary sectors to learn from each other and develop their skills.

The aim of Interfaith Week 2010 is to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels in our increasingly diverse society.
- Encourage local faith groups and communities to reach out to each other and build stronger bonds of understanding and cooperation.
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, with a particular focus on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.
- Gain positive profile for inter faith initiatives, locally, regionally and nationally, as well as for the overall work of building good inter faith relations.
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non religious beliefs.
- Encourage the development of new partnerships within local communities and by faith communities with statutory and third sector partners.



Information on organising an event for Interfaith Week www.interfaithweek.org and www.se-faithforum.net

Events in the South East: South East England Faiths Forum website www.se-faithforum.net has a listing of events planned across the South East: contact@se-faithforum.net

Inter-Faith Week events across the UK: www.interfaithweek.org

Enquiries about the Week can be sent to: enquiries@interfaithweek.org.uk

Inter-Faith Week 2010

Linking Faiths and Communities in the South East

21st - 27th November

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The South East England Faiths Forum

Sub-Regional Areas

Economic Impact of Faiths



The South East England Faith's Forum (SEEFF) brings together faith communities, local authorities and regional bodies. It is natural for government to be focused on practical outcomes while people of faith will concentrate on the spiritual. Through SEEFF we support and learn from one another and help to shape the communities in which we live.

Faiths share considerable common ground in our aspirations for a harmonious society and the need to care for all the community. It is through cooperation in these matters that trust and understanding are nurtured.

In the last year SEEFF has carried out an Economic Impact Assessment to show the huge contribution people of faiths make to our region in economic terms. A strong economy is, amongst others, a measure of the well being of any community. We've shared some of the results of this research in this leaflet.

Please take a look at our web site, www.se-faithforum.net, and sign up to receive information and become a member of your Faiths Forum.

Rev.d Canon Chris Rich
Chairperson of SEEFF

All photographs in this leaflet are from Interfaith Week 2009's wide range of events

The forum has divided the south east into three sub regions, each with its own group of dedicated members. They act as a link with projects, groups and individuals in their area.

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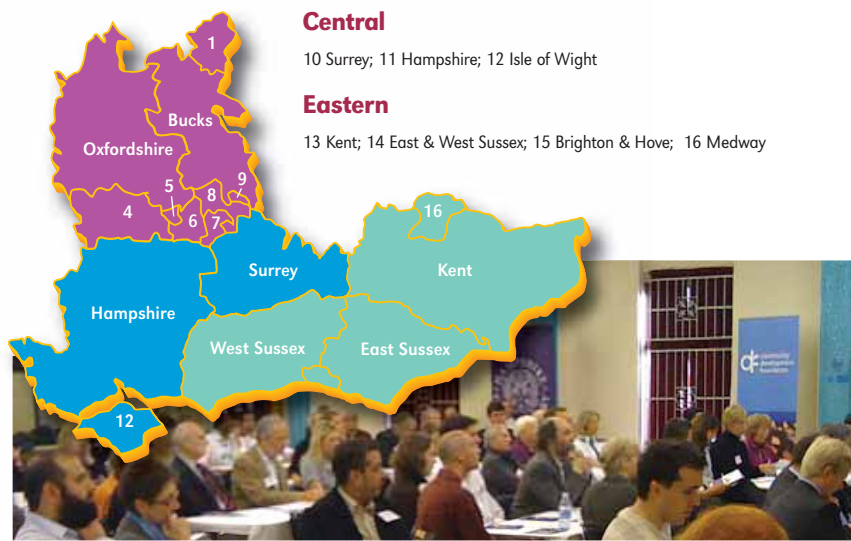
1 Milton Keynes; 2 Oxfordshire; 3 Buckinghamshire; 4 West Berkshire; 5 Reading; 6 Wokingham; 7 Bracknell Forest; 8 Windsor & Maidenhead; 9 Slough

Central

10 Surrey; 11 Hampshire; 12 Isle of Wight

Eastern

13 Kent; 14 East & West Sussex; 15 Brighton & Hove; 16 Medway



To find out more ...

You can find out more about our work and how to join your local forum by visiting our Website: www.se-faithforum.net

And you can join our mailing list to be kept up-to-date with news, funding opportunities and events in the South East by emailing us at: contact@se-faithforum.net

Communities and
Local Government



The South East is the largest region, by population, in the UK, with 8.3 million inhabitants at the last census. Faith groups contribute significantly to the well-being of the region, but often in ways it is hard to measure. SEEFF commissioned an economic impact assessment to provide evidence of that contribution and we've listed some of the most revealing results here.

Did you know?

- About 200,000 people work on a voluntary basis for their faith groups in our region. The time they give is worth some £95 million each year to the region's economy.
- Faith groups in the South East also deliver a range of services on behalf of the public sector, about £13 million of work, generating the equivalent of 400 full-time jobs.
- Some 750,000 tourist visits happen because of the major places of worship in the South East, bringing about £26 million into the region.

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Copies of this report and other SEEFF activities are available to download from the 'Projects and Activities' page of our website www.se-faithforum.net

