

Person Specification for Sheffield Faiths Forum

What sort of people do we need?

Understanding

Due to the need to establish a credible and effective forum, all Forum members should be able to demonstrate:

- a detailed understanding of their own faith community as well as an appreciation of other faith traditions in the city
- an understanding of the contribution that their faith community makes to the future of the city
- an awareness of the decision-making frameworks within the city (eg Sheffield City Council and Sheffield First) and of the challenges faced by both faith groups and the wider community
- understanding of the benefits of working in partnership across different faith communities and with the statutory and voluntary and community sectors
- a clear commitment to the principle of inclusion and diversity, and respect and courtesy for people of other faith traditions, cultures and lifestyles.

Experience

Forum members must be able to show evidence of substantial experience in a paid or unpaid capacity of:

- active participation and influence in their faith community
- participation in community-wide initiatives, ideally around regeneration or community cohesion.

Skills and Abilities

Forum members must also be able demonstrate the following skills and abilities:

- the ability to work in partnership with people from other faith backgrounds and statutory agencies
- the ability to represent the Faiths Forum effectively in communication with faith groups and other partners
- the ability to analyse complex issues and prioritise
- the ability to work collaboratively, listen and negotiate
- the ability to network with wider faith communities including those with beliefs opposed to your own
- the ability to work in a way that promotes inclusion and values diversity.

It is essential that you try to cover all the above points on the application form attached to show how you will contribute to the work of Sheffield Faiths Forum. If you have any questions about the application process or about completing the application form, please contact Tim Wright at OFFER on 253 6730 or tim@offer.org.uk