

Having your say

Sheffield Faiths Forum Annual Review, 4 March 2008

Helping Sheffield Faiths Forum to prioritise issues for 2008/09

Aim

This consultation will help to:

- ensure that the Faiths Forum is prioritising issues that are important to local faith communities
- influence how the Faiths Forum allocates any available resources for the coming year
- encourage discussion between members of different faith groups and secular partners over issues of importance to faith communities.

Through last year's consultation you told the Faiths Forum that our key priorities should be:

- Support for asylum seekers and refugees
- Multi-faith initiatives at a neighbourhood level
- Improving awareness of different faiths in the city

As a result of your comments we:

- worked with the City of Sanctuary campaign to hold an event on Sanctuary, Hospitality and refuge
- directly supported faith groups in Darnall to work together and address local issues
- provided free faith awareness training for members of faith communities and started to build up a library of images of different faith communities in the city

Why this consultation is important

- If the Faiths Forum secures resources, it will be vital in directing resources to the most important issues
- If resources are limited, it will help the Forum make difficult choices over which projects can be supported
- It will help the Faiths Forum target and, hopefully, secure future resources
- It allows faith communities to lead the development of the Faiths Forum and help to gauge its effectiveness

The key results of this consultation will be shared in the event report (sent to all event delegates) and published on the Sheffield Faiths Forum website:

www.sheffieldfaithsforum.org.uk

How to “Have your say”

Over the past year the Faiths Forum has collected and recorded a number of issues of potential relevance and importance to faith communities in Sheffield. These suggestions have come directly from faith groups in the city, from members of the Faiths Forum and our partners, or as a result of work we have been involved in during the year.

If you would like to suggest other potential areas of work, please record them on the reverse of the event evaluation form, contact the Faiths Forum via the website www.sheffieldfaithsforum.org.uk or call us on 0114 2536730. Any new issues will be reviewed by the Faiths Forum over the year to assess how it effects faith communities across the city and whether the Faiths Forum can make an effective impact.

There will be a facilitator on each table (a member of Sheffield Faiths Forum / OFFER staff member) to help you with this exercise.

1	Individually, read through the attached consultation sheet	Approx. 5 minutes
2	Out of the full list of 16 issues, rank your top 3 priorities	
3	Talk to the person sitting next to you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain why you’ve chosen your priorities • let your neighbour explain why they have chosen their priorities If there is time speak to someone else on your table, repeat this conversation.	Approx. 10 minutes
4	Following your conversations, individually confirm your top 3 priorities (they may have changed!). Ensure these are recorded on your consultation sheet.	
5	Your table has been provided with a number of stickers. The 16 issues have been recorded on flip charts around the room. Take 3 stickers. Apply one sticker to each of your 3 priorities on the relevant flip charts around the room.	Approx. 5 minutes
	Detach this front sheet and hand your completed consultation sheet to the facilitator at the end of the exercise.	

If you have any questions about the exercise or need help then please ask the facilitator at your table.