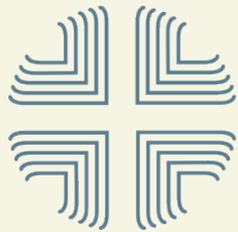


Dublin City  
Interfaith Forum

‘An Interfaith approach to Integration  
and Social Cohesion in Dublin City’

# Background



**Churches  
in Ireland**  
Connecting  
in Christ



**Dublin City Council**  
Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

# Overall aim

To facilitate the integration of migrants by developing platforms for intercultural and inter-religious dialogue through the establishment of a Dublin City Interfaith Forum



## Public Launch of Dublin City Interfaith Forum – 31 January 2012

“It is with initiatives such as Dublin City Interfaith Forum that we dialogue and work together through building relationships that promote integration, nurture harmony, and deepen understanding and respect.” 2012, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Andrew Montague

A decade later marking this important milestone last year’s Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland stated:

“I believe in working together we can all reach out the hand of friendship to communities and across communities to break down stereotypes, to deepen understanding, to build bridges, to share common ground and to promote integration and social harmony.”

# Membership

25 people, representatives from seven major world religions

10 Christian.

(3 Catholic 2 Orthodox [1 Eastern 1 Oriental] 1 Church of Ireland 1 Presbyterian 1 Methodist 1 Lutheran 1 Redeemed).

5 Muslim (representing 3 different city mosques)

2 Baha'i 2 Buddhist (2 different groups) 2 Hindu 2 Jewish 2 Sikh



# Intercultural and Interfaith Activities

- Building knowledge and awareness of others' traditions
- Working together on common issues
- Creating and supporting spaces for dialogue
- Learning about each other's work
- Discussing visions for interfaith activity



## WORKSHOP

## YOUTH DECIDE

your future. your vote.

### "HOW LOCAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE"

- BALLOT PAPERS
- THE BALLOT BOX
- CASTING A VOTE



**SPEAKERS**  
MR. IBRAHIM HALAWA  
DR. JAMES CARR  
MR. JOE O'BRIEN

DATE: 30 MARCH 2019 | TIME: 11.00AM - 1.30PM  
VENUE: ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE OF IRELAND  
19 ROEBUCK RD, DUBLIN 14, D14 YD91

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Ireland



# Interfaith Walk of Peace



# Current Plans



- Intercultural and Interfaith education – schools and colleges
- Intercultural and Interfaith awareness – communities citywide
- Faith in the City Programme
- Regular meetings with Garda Síochána
- HSE - Intercultural Strategy
- Hospitals
- Research - Centre for Religion, Human Values and International Relations, DCU

# Intercultural Cities - Cities Faith & Community Forum - EU Conferences



# Developing Resources



- 'Dos and Don'ts – New resource booklet'
- 'SAFE HAVEN'
- 'Interfaith Voices'
- 'Youth Interfaith Leaders'

# Key Challenges

- Very low levels of religious literacy among general public
- Difficulty in securing internal funding in short time frame.
- Recent mass migration (war or climate related migration)
- Covid-19 Pandemic
- Increasing division and polarisation in communities
- Issues of human rights abuses, violations.



# Opportunities and Potential

- DCIF a hub of intercultural education and communication.
- DCIF key role in advancing integration and challenging discrimination in Dublin City
- DCIF vital role in promoting the importance of interfaith work and its role in the life of the city and its people.
- DCIF to develop role in policy making and building up faith communities and promoting integration and cohesion



