



## **INTER FAITH WEEK 2010 IN THE EAST of ENGLAND**

### **1. Report on activities**

**February 2011**

Inter Faith Week (IFW) 2010 took place across England and Wales from 21 to 27 November. The aims of the Week were to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels; to increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society; and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious belief.

The Week was led by the Inter faith Network for the UK, working with its member bodies and in consultation with the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Department of Education, the Local Government Association, the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the Community Development Foundation. Regional Faith Forums also played a very important role. In the East of England, the East of England Faiths Council (EEFC) assisted many groups in planning their events, as well as holding two major events that drew in broad participation.

In the East of England 43 events took place across the region:

4 in Bedfordshire  
5 in Cambridgeshire  
4 in Essex  
16 in Hertfordshire  
2 in Norfolk  
12 in Suffolk

### **Regional Launch**

The East of England Faiths Council organised an afternoon exhibition including the presentation of the East of England Inter Faith Awards. The winners were: Bedford Council of Faiths, Luton Council of Faiths and Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group. Braintree (B-Diff) were highly commended. This was attended by approximately 60 people from faith groups, voluntary bodies, public sector and social enterprises.

An early evening reception was held at Shire Hall, Cambridge and co-hosted by the East of England Faiths Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. Approximately 70 people attended, including senior Local Authority officers and councillors, local and national faith leaders, business people and academics.

Following the reception, Communities Minister Andrew Stunell MP formally opened the evening panel debate exploring the impact of religious ethics on the translation of scientific discovery into everyday technology. He praised the work of local inter faith groups in bringing together people of diverse backgrounds to work for their community, and spoke of the opportunity that Inter Faith Week presented for people to increase their understanding of other beliefs to the benefit of all.

The Council Chamber was packed for a lively discussion chaired by Dame Sandra Dawson, Professor of Management Studies at the University of Cambridge. Five eminent scientists considered how religious ethics influence translating scientific discovery into everyday technology. The topic was then opened to the floor, for over 90 guests from business, public sector and faiths to discuss.

The speakers were: -

- Professor Sir Alan Fersht KBE FRS, Herchel Professor of Organic Chemistry at Cambridge University, Director of the MRC's Centre for Protein Engineering
- Dr Usama Hasan, Middlesex University, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, former lecturer at Greenwich Observatory, writer for *The Guardian*
- Dr Roger Kingdon, a member of the UK scientific civil service for 23 years with a particular interest in the study of learning and intelligence in humans and machines; his book on this topic was published last year
- Jay Lakhani, a Theoretical Physicist by qualification, Director of Education at the Hindu Council UK, and a regular contributor to BBC religious programmes.
- Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, former Professor of Mathematical Physics at the University of Cambridge and President of Queen's College; author of 26 books on the relationship between science and religion.

## **Local events**

### **Bedfordshire**

#### **Bedford:** Mental Wellbeing and Spirituality Debate

Organised by Bedford Council of Faiths, with the University of Bedfordshire Mental Wellbeing Service and Spirituality Faith Centre at the Bedford Campus.

#### **Bury Park, Luton:** Exhibition of Photographs 22 - 26 November

Organised by Luton Culture, the photographs were taken by guided faith walk participants in July.

**Luton:** 'Declaration Toward a Global Ethic - Local Implications for Faith Communities' Luton Council of Faiths organised this event at the London Luton Airport Chaplaincy, to address the crises faced by the world today looking at the real or perceived anxieties created by the misuse of religion.

**Luton:** A youth conference 'Faith in Harmony in Schools'  
Hosted by Luton Council of Faiths in partnership with Luton SACRE and the Cardinal Newman Catholic High School.

## **Cambridgeshire**

**Cambridge:** 'We are what we eat!' event

Hosted by The Akashi Project and funded by Faiths in Action and Abcam, this event encouraged visitors to enjoy delicious food, think about what our faiths say about what we eat, think low carbon and healthy and share ideas.

**Cambridge:** Inter-Faith Fair and Celebration of Community

Under the title of 'Faith and Prayer', the 10th Cambridge Civic Celebration of Community attended by the Mayor, Councillor Sheila Stuart, was arranged by Cambridge Inter-Faith Group with the assistance of Cambridge City Council's Community Development Section. There were contributions and stall holders from many faith communities from around the City.

**Peterborough:** Interfaith Celebration of UN Children's Day

This UN Children's Day event took place at Peterborough Cathedral and brought together members of different faith communities in the City.

**Peterborough:** Interfaith Exhibition - Science and Religion

Organised by The Greater Peterborough Partnership Cohesion Team with support from local faith groups, to promote understanding amongst faith groups and wider society.

**Wisbech:** Conference 'All Together Now!'

Organised jointly by Wisbech Interfaith Forum and Cambridgeshire County Council and supported by Cambridgeshire County Council, Fenland District Council and Faiths in Action. Attended by 65 delegates and opened by Councillor Alan Melton. The keynote address was by Dr Edward Kessler of the Woolf Institute at Cambridge University; and Sandy Willat from Cambridgeshire County Council, spoke to the conference about 'community cohesion and the issues facing Wisbech'. Delegates considered '*what can we do together to improve community relations in Wisbech?*', identified specific ideas on this, and will now take forward three:

- Hold a 'celebration of diversity' event
- Support a migrant night shelter
- Provide welcome packs in places where people go, eg libraries, doctors' surgeries

## **Essex**

### **Colchester:** 'Celebrating Faith and Diversity'

A community event held by The North East Essex Faiths Forum (NEEFF) with panel discussions, display stands and contributions from a local school and college.

### **Harlow:** Service to Celebrate Inter Faith Week

Hosted by the Jewish Community in Harlow, a Shabbat morning service to which people of all faiths were welcomed.

### **Harlow:** A visit to the Shelter for the Homeless

The visit was arranged by the Jewish Community of Harlow for Mitzvah Day.

### **Thurrock:** An Inter Faith Day

To facilitate a conversation about establishing more structured inter faith work in the area. Following presentations from Councillors Graham Carey and John Kent (Leader of Thurrock Council), Jenny Kartupelis (Director of EEFC) gave a short talk on the benefits of faiths working together and with the statutory services. The 30 or so delegates present, from a wide variety of local faith groups, agreed that they wished to take forward the formation of a new Inter Faith Group, and a small Steering Group is now progressing this.

## **Hertfordshire**

### **Elstree and Borehamwood:** 'A Celebration of Faith'

Organised by Hertsmere Forum of Faiths. The Mayor of Hertsmere welcomed visitors to this event.

### **Hatfield:** Inter Faith Group Road Show

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group.

### **Hemel Hempstead:** Winter Festivals Celebration

Dacorum Interfaith Forum invited all people to this celebration to help understanding of other faiths' festivals.

### **Hemel Hempstead:** Question Time and Debate

Sharing of Faiths Dacorum invited people of different faith and belief to join in this topical debate - 'Religious belief is bankrupt and has nothing more to offer society'.

### **Hemel Hempstead:** Hajj Pilgrimage Talk and Eid Party

Held as part of Dacorum Interfaith Week promoting good interfaith relations.

### **Watford:** Interfaith Pilgrimage

Organised by Watford Inter Faith Group. People from various faith traditions visited five places of worship around Watford, from the District Synagogue and ending at the Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha. Numbers participating were greatly increased compared to last year and were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received everywhere.

**Welwyn Garden City:** 'Open Door' day

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, 'Open Door' gave the opportunity to visit places of worship within the Christian faith communities.

**Welwyn Garden City:** invitation to a Quaker Meeting

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, this gave visitors the opportunity to join the Sunday Meeting at the Friends' Meeting House.

**Welwyn Garden City:** Tour of Synagogue and Anne Frank Exhibition

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, the Synagogue was opened and the Anne Frank Exhibition installed.

**Welwyn Garden City:** a meeting and Christian 'Permission to Speak' discussion

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, the theme 'On being a Christian in our Contemporary Society' was explored in depth.

**Welwyn Garden City:** 'Story Telling by the Wartime Refugees'

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, the experiences of wartime Jewish refugees and the Quakers who helped them escape from Germany were told to an audience of 50. Afterwards survivors and audience met in the Synagogue for refreshments.

**Welwyn Garden City:** 'Bring & Share' Meal

Organised by Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, the Bring & Share Supper was held at the Focolare Centre for Unity. The Muslim community brought vegetarian options and the Jewish Community contributed a Kosher Table. Nearly 80 people came, ate, talked about topics suggested in a discussion menu and enjoyed a multi-faith talk on Hair and Hats in Religion. The evening ended with a Baha'i singer.

**Welwyn Garden City:** Open Door Muslim Prayers

Organised with Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, Muslim Friday Prayers were open to visitors with explanations of customs.

**Welwyn Garden City:** Baha'i Evening of Song

Organised with Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group, a Baha'i evening of Music & Reflection at the Free Church.

**Norfolk**

**Norwich:** Conference 'Loyalty in Love'

Norwich Interfaith Link hosted this conference at Norwich Anglican Cathedral to explore all aspects of Loyalty in Love and covered subjects such as Courtships, Marriage and Divorce; Civil Partnerships and People of Faith; Spirituality and Parenthood; Domestic Violence.

**Norwich:** Christian Muslim Dinner

Arranged by Christian Muslim Friends in Norwich and hosted by the Islamic Society of the University of East Anglia. About 70 delegates enjoyed and shared a dinner and heard both Muslim and Christian speakers on 'Jesus in the Bible and the Koran' followed by discussion, debate and conversation. It was a landmark in relations between the two communities in Norfolk.

**Suffolk**

**Bury St Edmunds:** Exhibition of the Work of LSP Faith Representatives  
Organised by SIFRE.

**Bury St Edmunds:** Forum of Faiths

Organised by SIFRE, this Forum of Faiths focused on 'Where are we now?' There was also a report on 'Islam and Democracy - recent soundings'.

**Ipswich:** Suffolk County Launch of Interfaith Week

SIFRE organised an exhibition to include displays of school children's work in the Hospital Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, police custody multi-faith provision and the work of LSP Faith Representatives.

**Ipswich:** Talk 'A Jewish Perspective - the Book of Exodus'

The Speaker was Rabbi Elkan Levy, Director of Small Communities.

**Ipswich :** Pilgrimage Tours

Organised by SIFRE, walking and transport tours visiting Mosques, the Jewish Cemetery and some local churches in Ipswich.

**Ipswich :** Book launch of 'Sharing Mary' - Bible and Qur'an Side by Side

Hosted by SIFRE, reflections from Muslim and Christian theologians for anyone interested in understanding their Islamic neighbours in relation to a shared scriptural and cultural heritage

**Ipswich:** Celebrating Faiths in Health Care

Organised by Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy at The Post Graduate Centre, Ipswich Hospital.

**Lowestoft :** Exhibition of the Work of LSP Faith Representatives

Organised by SIFRE.

**Lowestoft :** Forum of Faiths

Organised by SIFRE, to focus on 'What can we offer the community?'.

**Melton:** Exhibition of the Work of LSP Faith Representatives

Organised by SIFRE.

**Needham Market:** Exhibition of the Work of LSP Faith Representatives

Organised by SIFRE.

## 2. Media relations

### a. **The East of England Inter Faith Awards 2010**

The Award had three winners and one highly commended. Each of these four had a separate press release. These press releases were sent to the local media in each area: Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and Luton.

Coverage:

31 October interview on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, Jenny Kartupelis, EEFC

Luton Council of Faiths award

1 December 'Council hailed for inter-faith practice', Luton & Dunstable Express

28 November ' Faith Council's excellent practice rewarded', Luton on Sunday

### b. **Inter Faith Week Events and activities**

IFW releases were prepared for each county within the region according to the local activities; six regional press releases, daily version and monthly version. Two press releases were also sent by EEFC to daily and non-daily national faith media.

It is not possible to know what coverage was achieved, as there was no press cutting service in place. However, we are aware of:

5 December interview on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, Jenny Kartupelis, EEFC

16 November, "Religions link to promote cultural understanding", Cambridge News

21 November, interview on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire with Harriet Crabtree, Director, IFN

### c. **Local Inter faith organisation activities**

Coverage:

Cambridge Inter-Faith Group

16 November, "Religions link to promote cultural understanding", Cambridge News

Watford Inter Faith Group

November, Watford Observer website

Watford Observer: Also printed a letter from one of the councillors in the paper, saying how much he enjoyed the pilgrimage, and how good it was to see so many come together in this way, and how kind and accommodating all the host places of worship were.

Hertsmere Forum of Faiths

25 November, Borehamwood Times

25 November Borehamwood & Elstree Times website

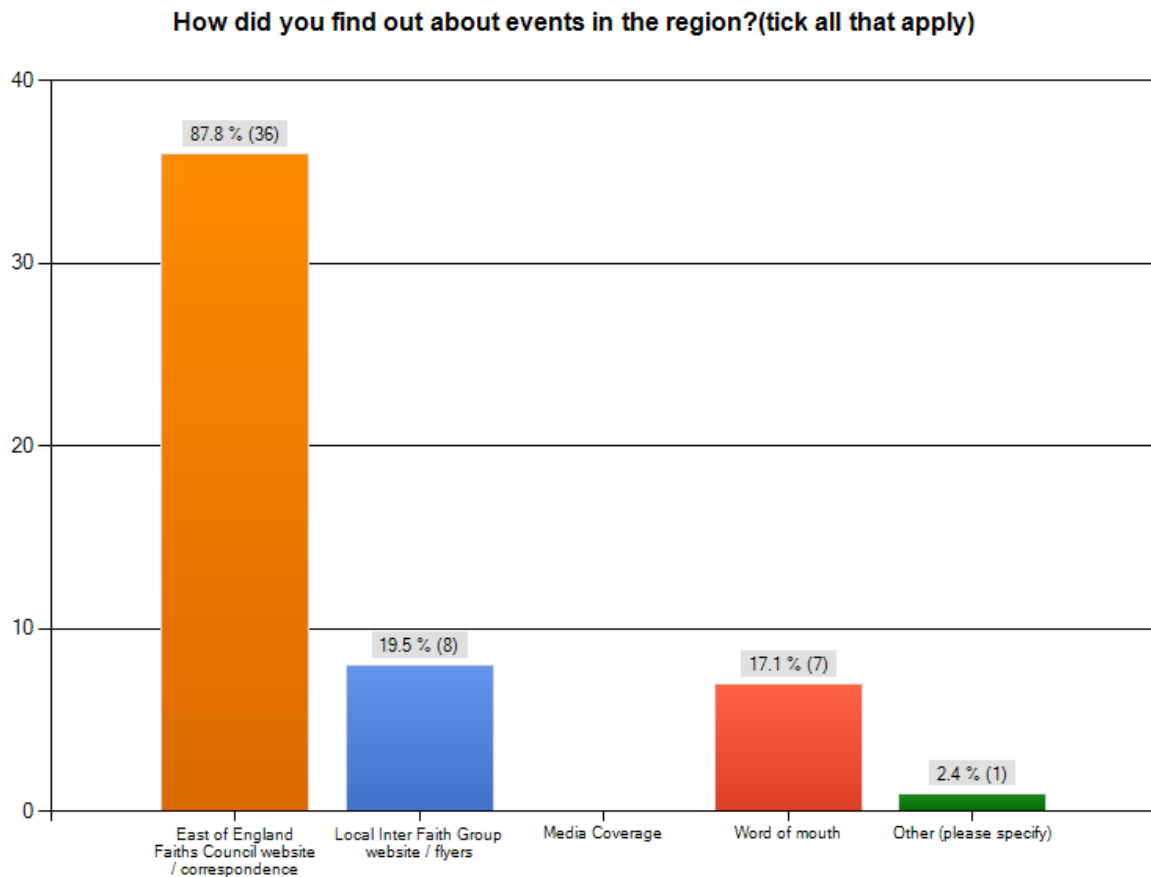
### 3. Results of regional evaluation survey undertaken by the East of England Faiths Council

Questionnaires were sent by email to approximately 300 faith and interfaith groups on the EEFC database in the week commencing 6 December and 41 people completed the survey by the deadline of 18 December– the graphs show basic information about their activities during Inter Faith Week (IFW) and how they feel about IFW overall.

Respondents were asked first, how they had heard about IFW. **87.8%** said that they found out about events in the region from EEFC.

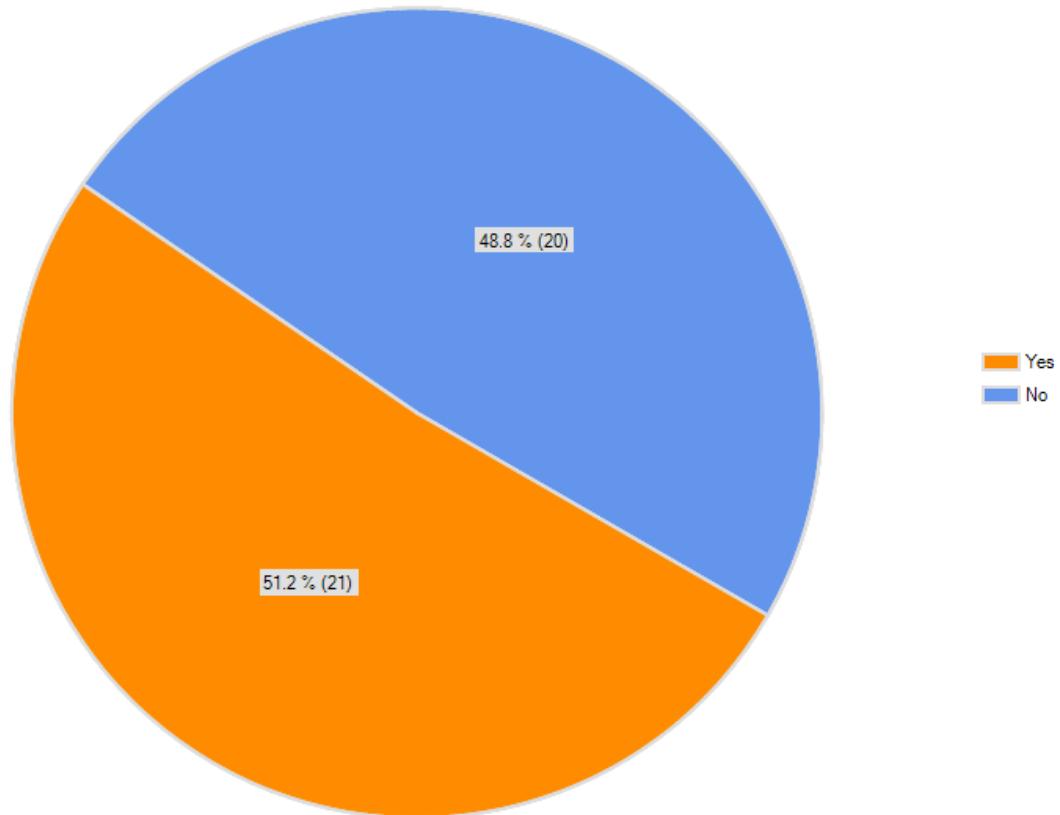
It should be noted that the Inter Faith Week national website of the Inter Faith Network for the UK ([www.interfaithweek.org.uk](http://www.interfaithweek.org.uk)) website directed, by agreement with the Regional Faith Forums, enquiries about local events to their sites, so the IFW site would not be cited by respondents as a source of information even it played an important role in providing general information about the Week, as did IFN's ebulletin which goes to LIFOs in all regions.

**FIG 1**



**FIG 2** shows how many of the respondents were involved either directly or via their own group in organising an event themselves:

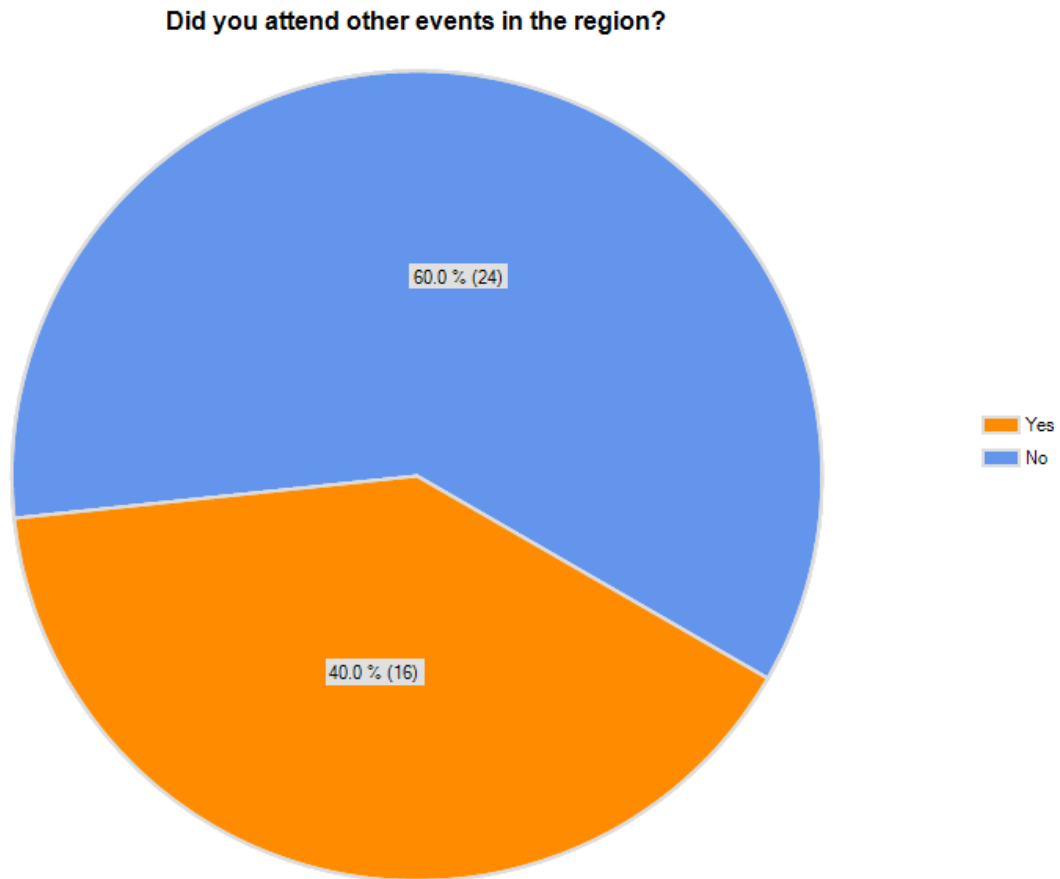
**Did you or your group organise an event?**



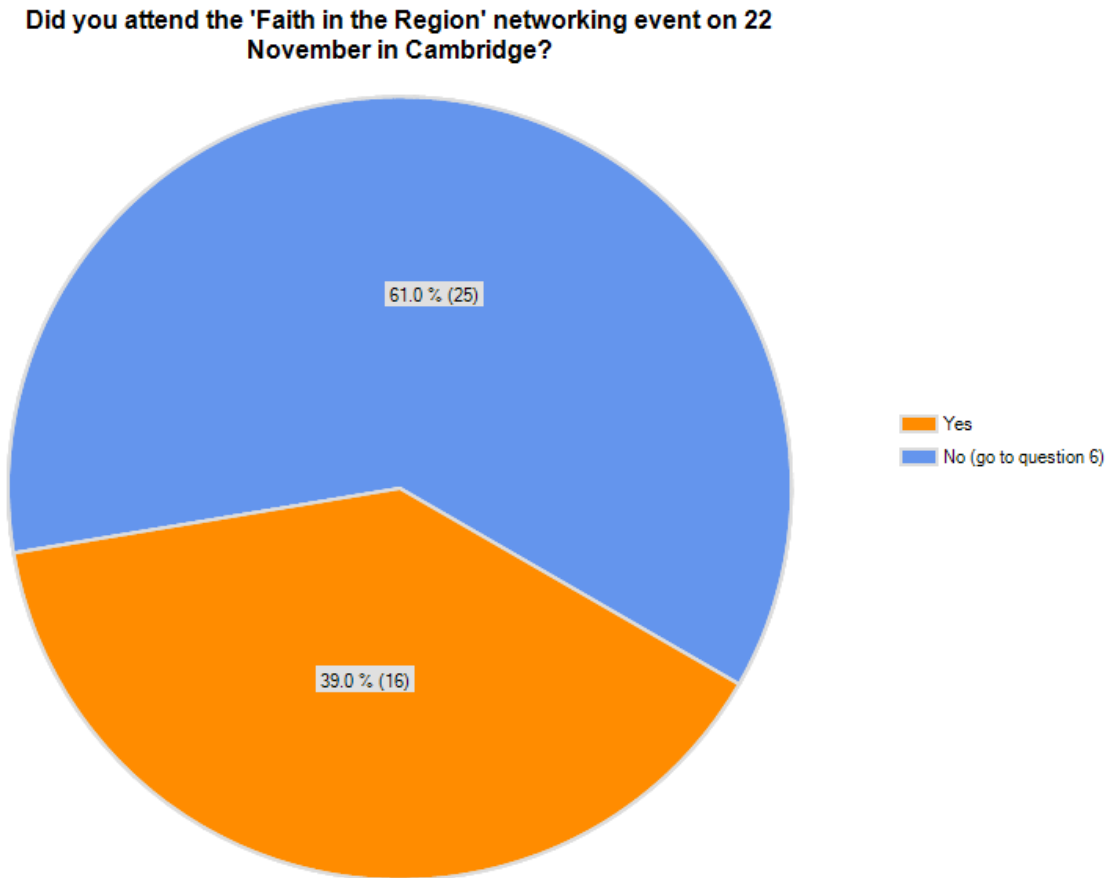
For a full list of answers see Appendix A

The answers included estimates of attendance, and from the figures given it can be seen that the events reported by respondents attracted some very substantial attendance. Given that there were a number of other events not covered by the questionnaires returned, it can be approximately estimated that the regional attendance at events was between 2,000 and 3,000 people.

**FIG 4** shows the percentage of people who attended events in the region **other than** the EEFC regional launch.



**FIG 5** shows how many respondents attended the EEFC afternoon networking event to mark the launch of Inter Faith Week.



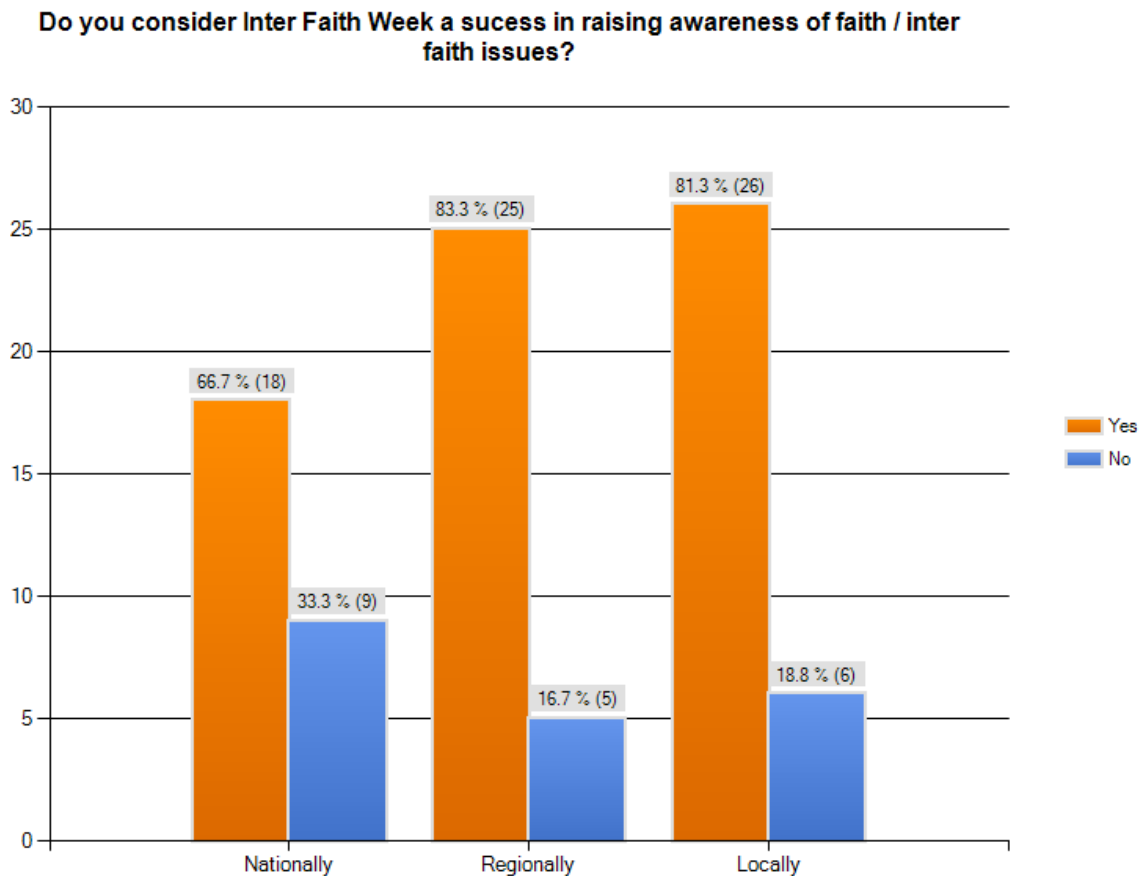
For a list of comments on these events, see Appendices B and C.

Of the respondents (16) who attended, the overall majority found the afternoon networking event useful: 93.9% or 15 out of 16 respondents. Fifteen people commented on what worked well (note that some of the comments also refer to the evening debate) and 11 commented on what they would have liked us to do differently, although in fact two of these had no criticism to make (comments no. 3 and 10)

The majority of the respondents did not attend the debate. It should be noted that although most of the people who were sent the survey were aware of the debate as a public event, they were not necessarily 'invited guests' and attendance amongst this respondent group was therefore low. The majority of attendees at the debate were invited to the pre-event reception as guests –and this group was not sent the survey.

However, of the 14 survey respondents who did attend the debate, all found it worthwhile.

We also used the evaluation survey to gauge an overall reaction to IFW; see **Fig 6:**



The majority of respondents believed IFW was successful nationally, regionally and locally. However, it seems that respondents are still unsure of the impact that IFW is making on the general public, as the comments that accompanied the above question “Do you consider IFW a success in raising awareness of faith / inter faith issues?” show:

1.	The speaker came from London and covered the subject dear to the local bible class but from a Jewish standpoint. We will invite this community to our next open meeting in March 2011 at Old Newton near Stowmarket.
2.	Almost no national coverage in the press or media
3.	Didn't seem to have much of a public profile. Interesting for those already in the loop, but I'm not sure how many others it impinged on.
4.	The evening debate was a very well-attended and thought-provoking occasion with excellent contributors. It was also very well chaired.
5.	I'm not sure how much impact it has nationally. It is difficult to get an overall picture.
6.	We still have along way to go and we are really not working at grass root level nor are we giving more importance at education level.
7.	Don't know to all three! But I suspect it was successful at regional level.
8.	Interfaith week is an excellent way of getting faith and non-faith communities together and has raised awareness amongst the city and has brought linked communities in working together in partnership.
9.	It is I believe a very good initiative and well worth sustaining
10.	Not enough experience to comment
11.	It is the most work but the most rewarding and gives a well publicised reason for the public to join in. As a national event, it does not get much coverage by the press and needs more advertising at a national level.
12.	We had local paper coverage and reports in church and synagogue internal publications
13.	Unfortunately we did not attend any of the meetings, due to my knee surgery. But will be interested in attending next week. Thank -you Sushila.
14.	In our area at least inter-faith is just not on the radar (problems or forum). I think Inter-faith works best and is most important in multi-faith areas.

15. I did not hear of anything other than from EEFC.

16. I didn't notice any national coverage, though I can't say I looked out for it.

17. There was potential in what we did but I don't think it quite came off, chiefly because of uncertainty about how the event was to be publicised and who was responsible for publicity.

### Significant points from the evaluation

In conclusion, IFW in the region appears to have had an impact on people of faith, and to some extent too has raised awareness amongst others in the public sector and VCS with an interest in the issues. We have no way of judging the impact on the general public.

Judging by conversations with local inter faith organisations (LIFOs), a lot of work and energy was put into the events and those events were well attended by local people within the faith and inter faith communities, and to some extent from beyond this.

The results from this year's survey are strikingly similar to the results from our previous report on Inter Faith Week in 2009. Respondent numbers were close – 37 in 2009 and 41 in 2010. The majority heard about Inter Faith Week via EEFC: 81/1% in 2009 and 87.8% in 2010. The proportion of respondents organising an event themselves was the same, attendance figures given for these events were very close and so the assumed number of people attending events across the region is the same for both years.

One significant increase is in the number of respondents who attended more than one event in the region. Those attending events other than the EEFC launch, rose from 42.9% in 2009 to 60% in 2010. Similarly, whilst 10 of last year's respondents attended the EEFC 'Faith in the Region' networking event, 25 attended this year. Of those, the majority for both years found the experience worthwhile.

As with the previous year, a very important benefit of IFW has been the formation of new LIFOs stimulated by the focus of IFW. This year saw the establishment of a new LIFO in Huntingdon, chaired by a Hindu businessman: a significant indicator of the progress being made on drawing non-Christians into leading on such initiatives,

Based on our own experience, IFW seems to provide some very positive outcomes:

- It was a stimulus to new LIFOs forming
- It provided a clear focus for events that might not have happened without a 'driver'
- People met and shared information, in a way that was unlikely to happen without IFW
- It engaged Local Authorities and other public bodies; improving their relationships with faith groups (and vice versa)

However, from our evaluation and conversations, it would appear that the overall feeling about Inter Faith Week this year and last year is that it seems unlikely to have had an impact on people who are neither part of faith and inter faith organisations, nor dealing with them 'professionally'.

Last year the majority of respondents commented that although Inter Faith Week is, in principle a good idea, they were not sure that it could be considered a success in raising awareness of faith / inter faith issues with the general public. This year there was a slightly more positive reaction, although the majority again thought that the impact of IFW may not have been felt nationally. Both this year and last year, participants and survey respondents had noticed little or media coverage nationally or regionally. However, there are very few media covering our region as a whole, and that most respondents would not be reading the majority of national media, so would be unlikely to see coverage in either general or faith titles.

Whether or not this low level of public engagement is a problem, depends on the priorities attaching to the different aims of IFW: whether celebrating the role of faith (which implies an effect on public perception) is more or less important than promoting good relations between faiths. Perhaps the aims and priorities of IFW should be reviewed by a working group of local, regional and national participants, so that success can be built on and IFW further honed to guide the 2011 activities and publicity.

Finally it should be noted that those involved in IFW 2010 were enthusiastic for its continuation, and will welcome the announcement of the 2011 dates.

## Appendix A

**FIG 3** Responses to question: "If Yes, what was the name, date and location of your event and approximately how many people attended?"

1.	Suffolk & N. Essex branch of CCJ Approx 60 Attendees at 7.15 pm, 22 November 2010
2.	In Welwyn Hatfield: 21/11 Open day at Synagogue with Anne Frank Exhibition - 40 attendees 23/11 Quaker- Jewish meeting - 50 attendees 25/11 Shared meal - 80 attendees
3.	We participated by displaying an exhibition on Muslim contribution on the theme SCIENCE AND RELIGION.
4.	Interfaith Pilgrimage, 21 November, about 80-100 people (they came and went)
5.	Faith Fair & Celebration of Community 21 November, The Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge, approx. 60 people attended
6.	I had been to six schools and talked on the different faiths practiced in our city and world-wide. Talked on my faith Hinduism. Talked on one faith and its core value that is Human values, which are paramount. The reason is that my own faith community has become to inward looking, which is sad development.
7.	This year's Interfaith Week, GPP Cohesion Team organised an Interfaith Exhibition - Science and Religion Wednesday 24 November 2010, at the Reception Room, Peterborough Town Hall, 10am – 4pm. The exhibition was supported by local Christian, Catholic, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim and Buddhist faith communities. The exhibition was open to all and schools were particularly encouraged to attend. Over 200 attended of which 70 were school pupils.

8.	As above NIFL and Muslim/Christian dialogue meetings about 35 for first and 75 for second
9.	As above with SIFRE
10.	<p>1. A visit to the Homeless Shelter organised by the Chocolate Run in Harlow over the Christmas period. The cheder children have as their Mitzvah Day project to study and support the Chocolate Run and the Shelter.</p> <p>2. A service to celebrate Interfaith Week on Saturday 27th. Many guests attended the synagogue in Harlow.</p>
11.	<p>Open Synagogue and Anne Frank Exhibition, WGC - 40 attendees</p> <p>Quaker Jewish meeting on wartime refugees WGC - 50 attendees</p> <p>Bring and Share Meal WGC - 90 attendees</p>
12.	<p>Sunday 21st Nov Mitzvah Day &amp; Seva Day activities on 3 sites - 200-300 Borehamwood &amp; Radlett</p> <p>Monday 22nd Nov Inter Faith Panel Borough Council Chamber 30 people</p> <p>Wed 24th Nov Celebration of Faiths Allum Hall Elstree &amp; Borehamwood 200-250</p>
13.	<p>Spirituality and Mental health debate, 24 November, University of Bedfordshire approx 45</p> <p>Multi faith awareness day - part of statutory programme in young offenders institution, approx 100 young people aged between 14-17</p>
14.	<p>Event was a debate/conversation with 6 representatives of different faiths in the Council Chamber of Dacorum Borough Council on Wednesday 24 November. About 30 people attended.</p>
15.	<p>We arranged a week long teaching programme in a local secondary school with different faiths going in on different days. Approx 25 classes of Y 7-9 students were visited. These visits will continue.</p>
16.	<p>Loyalty in Love event at the Hostry in Norwich Cathedral Norfolk. attended by 25 people. Saturday November 27 at 2pm, this included 2 Guest Speakers and 3 Workshops.</p>
17.	<p>Akashi Project You are What You Eat event, 28th November at Abbey Meadows Primary School, Galfrid Rd, Cambridge, attended by 36 people.</p>
19.	<p>Declaration Toward a Global Ethic - Local Implications for Faith Communities</p>

Luton Around 45 people attended the event.  
Faith in Harmony - Youth Conference  
Thursday 25 November, 9.15am to 3.30pm, Luton (Cardinal Newman School)  
Around 100 youth and 35 adults (including trainers, teachers and reps from the local borough and faith communities) attended

20. Meeting to set up Huntingdonshire Inter Faith Forum 25 Nov Huntingdon: 25 attendees

## Appendix B

1. Was good to meet local groups delivering faith projects in the area.
2. Networking/meeting people
3. Networking with other Inter Faith Groups and the EEFC
4. Understanding other people's point of view
5. Networking opportunities
6. The discussion with the presentations followed by the debate
7. Great opportunity to network and to show off. Impressive array of speakers.
8. informative presentations by the different faith reps.
9. A varied spread of approaches and viewpoints.
10. Yes Networking but it seemed a long time to spend not doing anything else. One of our members who had taken an afternoon off work wondered if the time was well spent.
11. It was good to meet & speak other IF organisations, however, as far as I could see it was only the competition winners that came (other than those with stalls).
12. Good networking event
13. great networking, good access and parking.  
Very good speakers at the panel discussions.
14. Location, the follow on Evening Programme of Debate, which was of extremely high quality and one of its kind considering that qualified Speakers from different

faiths and cultures were there, all under one roof.

15. Range of presentations and quality of presentations

## Appendix C

1. the space was perhaps not very conducive to good networking

2. Could have had more of an event in the afternoon with perhaps presentations from the award winners.

3. I think it was well organised

4. Larger space as display stands were very close to each other

5. More time, and room, at the start of the day to talk and display

6. address how the faiths can work together on community issues

7. Because of time final responses from the speakers was somewhat curtailed.

8. Something else as well as stalls and networking and short awards ceremony. Such as cultural entertainment maybe or an activity

9. Room was very crowded and car parking was limited.

10. I cannot think of anything.

11. Better PA system

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