



Faiths engage

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One of the particular highlights of October is the official launch of the next round of Near Neighbours funding; it's a real pleasure to welcome Viv Froggatt to her role as Near Neighbours coordinator. We've also been busy in schools, colleges and churches. A small selection of our activities are found within. There's plenty more coming up in November – follow our social media for more information.

With every good wish,
Revd Dr Tom Wilson
Director, St Philip's Centre

Near Neighbours

I'm Viv Froggatt and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Near Neighbours coordinator for Leicester. Some of you may remember the lovely Beth Henwood and before that, the wonderful and much missed John McCallum. So, I'm now taking on the role that they inhabited so brilliantly before me. I live in the Humberstone area of Leicester where I'm an Associate Minister at St Mary's & St Barnabas Church and Christchurch Thurnby Lodge. I'm also involved with school governance at the local academy trust and the wider Diocesan academy trust. You can find me at the St Philip's Centre, and I can be contacted via email or phone on Mondays and Tuesdays.



What is Near Neighbours?

Near Neighbours is focused on bringing together people in diverse communities, to create relationships of trust and to help people transform their local neighbourhoods. I'm particularly involved in helping groups apply for small grants towards projects which:

- bring together people of two or more different faiths and/or ethnicities to build friendships and build relationships of trust
- work locally to enable people from the same street, estate or neighbourhood to come together
- work sustainably to nurture long term and natural relationships that will last beyond the period of funding work to improve the community and make it a better place to live
- involve people from more than one faith group or ethnicity in planning the project and making it happen.

This year we're particularly focusing on:

- integrating refugees and migrants
- supporting vulnerable women
- supporting young people
- engaging with isolated and hard to reach communities and groups

The grants can range from £250 - £4,000. I can supply you with the criteria booklet or you can find it on <https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/small-grants>. The projects need to complete by March 31st 2023.

I'll be very happy to meet up with you for an informal chat and help in any way I can. If you are interested in taking an application forward, then you need to bear in mind that the application window is currently due to end by **9th December 2022**. This may change depending on demand.

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Church-facing News

October has seen Tom and James out and about, hosting lectures, visiting places of worship, and bringing speakers to church groups. If you'd like to know more about any of these activities or want to suggest something we could work on together, do contact James (courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk).

On Wednesday 5th October, we hosted Gurinder Mann, who shared insights from his latest book, *The Rise of the Sikh Soldier*. It was an interesting and engaging evening – thanks to Gurinder for his lecture.



On Saturday 8th October, Tom took students from the Lincoln School of Theology to visit Geeta Bhavan Mandir and Guru Amar Das Gurdwara. This was part of the module he's teaching them on interfaith relations. Interaction with Muslim and Jewish colleagues will take place in subsequent online sessions. With thanks to Neelu and Surinder for arranging the visits.



On Tuesday 11th October, Tom and Neelu visited St Anne's Mothers Union group, where Neelu gave a talk on Hinduism, followed by a discussion. It was a very informative and enjoyable session. Thanks to Neelu for her talk, and we hope to visit the St Anne's group again soon.



On Thursday 20th October, the Faith and Friendship Forum visited the Jain Centre on Oxford Street. We're very grateful to Smita and Shashi for showing us round and for explaining the Jain faith so clearly. The Faith and Friendship Forum is visiting different places of worship across the city in the coming months. If you'd like to join us, please get in touch with James.



Tom Wilson

Prevent Programme

C.A.R.E. SILVER

Confidently Addressing Radicalisation & Extremism (Prevent) Course – intermediate level

This extended day course is delivered by the St Philip's Centre and our partners and is suitable for the following sectors: *health, social care, local authority, probation, prisons, police, education, youth & community workers and the private sector.*

There are a limited number of places available for free to those who work within the boundaries of the City of Leicester. Otherwise there will be a charge of £150 per person - please contact to find out more.

The CARE Silver programme will aim to provide a safe environment for you to ask questions confidently.

This course aims to improve professional practice in your role.

Course Content

Prevent and Contest;

The Prevent Duty;

What Prevent is and what Prevent is not;

The role of frontline staff; Extremist recruitment and campaigns;

Making appropriate referrals;

The role of partners e.g. Police; Community engagement

Course Dates

Full Day Course – 9.15 am to 6.15 pm

Thursday 26th January 2023 Barnabas Centre, Oadby

Thursday 23rd February 2023 Barnabas Centre, Oadby

Thursday 9th March 2023 Barnabas Centre, Oadby

To book a place on this course download a [booking form](#) and send it to admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk

New Home Office Prevent online training launched - Autumn 2022

During Autumn 2022 the Home Office have published a new package of Prevent training resources that can be completed online. The courses are focused towards learning about the Prevent Statutory Duty and how this can be adopted into relevant sector work.

The training is primarily directed towards staff who deliver the Prevent Statutory Duty so these would include education, health, local authorities, police, prisons, probation, and youth justice. However, staff working in other sectors may also find the training beneficial.

Three new courses are now offered. Included below is a link to use the new Prevent Awareness module, it is anticipated to take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete.

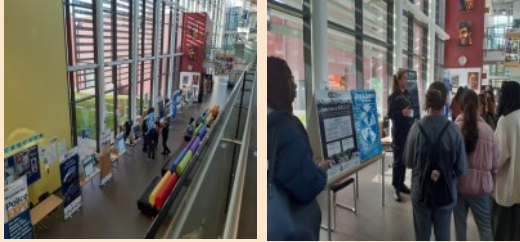
<http://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal#awareness-course>

Ben Smith
Prevent Co-ordinator

Corporate Training

Gateway College

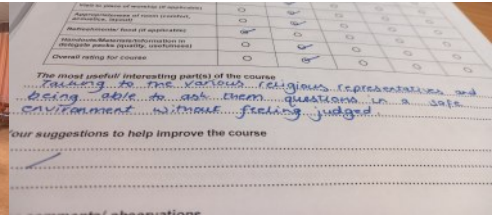
At the beginning of October, nearly 80 students at Gateway College took part in a challenging & engaging Cops, Communities, Consent seminar with Riaz Ravat & DC Chris Webster at the beginning of October. Thanks to all at Charnwood NPA .



On 25th October, hundreds of students took part in the Cops, Communities, Consent Expo. Thanks to Sgt Jen and PC Rachel for joining us.

Religion & Belief Training for new Police Recruits

The penultimate session of the year took place on 21st October, this time at the Leicester Jamatkhana. As always, we received really good feedback, particularly on the question and answer sessions with our wonderful team of faith practitioners. Thank you to everyone who took part and



New Dean of Canterbury Announced

The Centre staff and Trustees congratulate the Very Reverend David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, on his appointment as Dean of Canterbury. We are grateful for David's wisdom and insight when he chaired the Centre's trustees, as well as his continued generosity to the Centre and concern for the people of Leicester and Leicestershire. He'll be sorely missed but we wish him all the best.

David is pictured at a very wet rally in support of Ukraine earlier this year.



David Lamb R.I.P.

We were very sorry to hear the news of the passing of David Lamb in September. David enthusiastically helped us with our schools work & we are grateful for his life. May he rest in peace.

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