Monthly Newsletter—Issue 41—January 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of Faiths Engage

A Happy New Year to you. This first edition of *FaithsEngage* for 2023 looks back over the whole of 2022. We've had some truly remarkable and rewarding interfaith encounters over the past year; only a small fraction are pictured here. Once again, thank you for all your support in enabling our work. Here's to another year of learning to live well together.

Revd Dr Tom Wilson, Director, St Philip's Centre

Near Neighbours—Celebration Event









Intergenerational Linking

Queen's Jubilee Speed Faithing Event























Church-facing Work—Seminars and Visits



Bishop Saju's Induction



Prevent Community Events





Ben Smith, Leicester Prevent Co-Ordinator, pictured on a visit to Warning Zone.

Right: Two photos from a 'Meet the Agency' event at Shama Women's Centre when Nicola Benyahia came to speak recently.





Education Work



Cops, Communities, Consent Exhibition at Leicester College



Corporate Training

RISE Programme

Towards the end of 2022, our RISE (Resiliency Interfaith Skills & Employability) life skills programme for students at Gateway College gathered pace. One of the sessions was led by Leicestershire Police and involved a decision-making role play under pressure. Students were given an insight into a fast-moving situation and were asked to assess their options. The workshop was extremely well received and the students expressed a wish to visit Police HQ in the future.



University of Leicester

At the end of November, Riaz gave a briefing on religion and belief to staff at the University of Leicester. It was a very productive afternoon with some interesting discussions.

Ratcliffe College

Riaz delivered a tutorial on the 'Multi Faith Mosaid' which is the city of Leicester to children at Ratcliffe College. The session was highly engaging and led to a series of useful conversations about migrations to Leicester.

Leicestershire Police—New Recruits

In December, the final session of Religion & Belief Training of 2022 was carried out for Leicestershire Police Recruits., making eight sessions in total. There are two more sessions already planned for 2023.



Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service

In November, a training session was held for Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service. The photo shows some of the faith practitioners with some of the fire service personnel.



Census 2021

Following the national release of the Census 2021 data for religion and belief, Riaz Ravat was asked to offer his comments to the Leicester Mercury. The article was subsequently shared on other national media and is available at: https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/leicester-among-first-cities-uk-7876039

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