

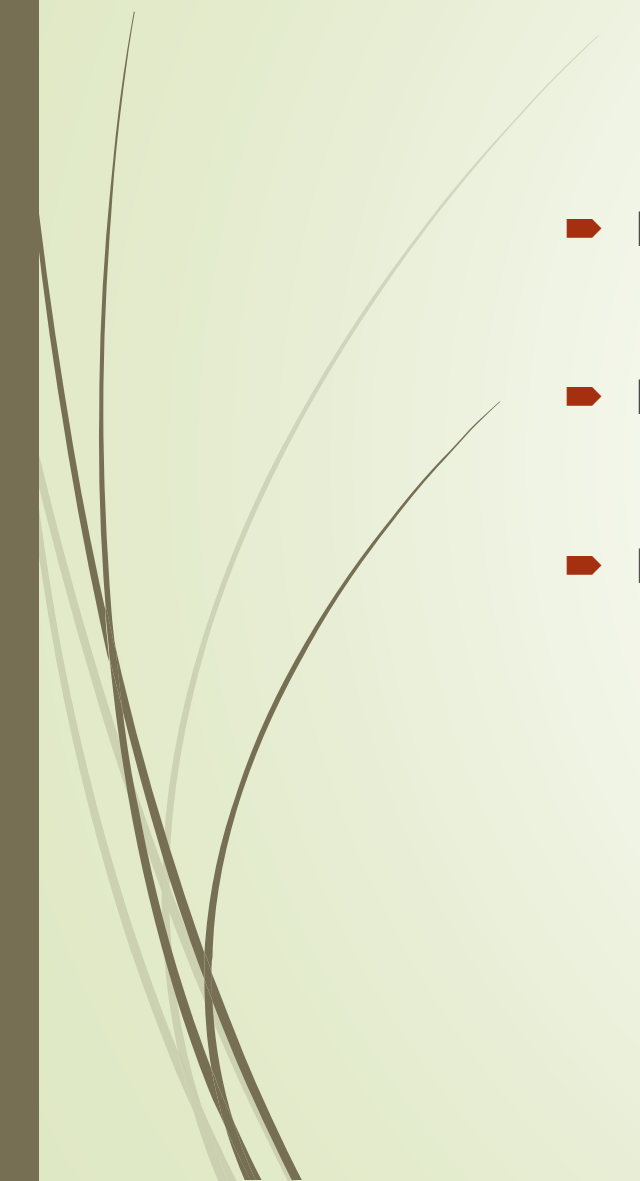


Engaging with Confidence (Faith Communities)

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Objectives

- ▶ Faith in communities & barriers to engagement
 - ▶ How to build long term trust and relationships/partnerships
 - ▶ Building inclusive models of engagement
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'If you know nothing about a people you can believe anything...'

Dervla Murphy

FREE GUMMIE FACTORY SWEETS
FOR EVERY READER

FREE BEAUTY TREATMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE WORTH £20

FREE: Plant a tree for someone you love in the Queen's Jubilee Wood

100,000 FREE TREES

MUSLIM PLOT TO KILL POPE

CHRISTIANITY UNDER ATTACK

30p GET YOUR DAILY EXPRESS FOR JUST 30p

Just why are so many people now getting cancer?

Fury at new bank chief's mega salary

'MUSLIMS TELL BRITISH: GO TO HELL!

BRITAIN GOES HALAL (...but nobody tells public)

Animal rights campaigners horrified as MoS investigation reveals how

BRIT KIDS FORCED TO EAT HALAL SCHOOL DINNERS

Muslim meals for primary tots of all faiths

MUSLIM THUGS AGE JUST 12 IN KNIFE ATTACK ON BRIT SCHOOLBOY

MUSLIM-ONLY PUBLIC LOOS

DAILY STAR BLOCK MUSLIM-ONLY LOOS!

NOW MUSLIMS GET THEIR OWN LAWS IN BRITAIN

80,000

RAMADAN A DING-DONG

- Channel 4's daily broadcast
- 'Stunt' could inflame tension

MUSLIM LOONIES HIJACK ELECTION

THE Sun

HOW YOU CAN LIVE HEALTHY ON **VEGAN BEFORE 6pm DIET**

UNVEILED



- AS JUDGE ORDERS WOMAN TO UNCOVER FACE, THE SUN DEMANDS VITAL REFORMS
- BAN veils in schools, courts and hospitals
 - BAN them in airports, banks & secure areas
 - LET employer decide if OK in the workplace
 - BUT freedom to wear them in streets & parks

Sun SAYS


...and more



Exercise 1

In your virtual rooms (15 mins):

Generate a list of questions you would like answering. Do not think any question is 'out of bounds'. Please do not limit yourself....





Main Headlines on Faith communities in the UK

- 46% of people in England & Wales identify as Christian
- 37% identify as having 'no religion'
- 6.5% population is Muslim
- 1.7% population is Hindu
- 0.9% population is Sikh
- 0.5% population is Jewish
- 0.5% population is Buddhist



Exercise 2 – discussing assumptions

1) Faith communities are...

2) They probably wouldn't be interested in...



Examples of Better Engagement

- Co-creating around Faith Festivals, with the community.
- Taking arts into faith spaces, such as Gurdwara's and Temples
- Building longer term partnerships with Faith organisations
- Creating platforms for underrepresented voices
- Training for staff on faith literacy;
 - Understanding faith and dietary restrictions
 - Awareness of key events
 - Prayer observances