

FESTIVAL OF NON-VIOLENCE

8-20 November 2016

At The London Inter Faith Centre



London Inter Faith Centre

- Exhibition
- Talks
- Workshops



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Programme

All events at London Inter Faith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6RG
Bookings: jo.winsloe@londoninterfaith.org.uk or call 07725954005 (calls after 1 October)
See the programme on-line - <http://londoninterfaith.org.uk/study/festival-of-non-violence/>

Exhibition – ‘Weapons to Works of Art’

‘Music Man’ – a sculpture by Mozambique artist Kester on display with iconic photographs of works originally created for the initiative ‘Weapons into Art’ transforming decommissioned weapons into striking pieces of sculpture. The exhibit provokes reflection on the global trade in arms fuelling conflict, the impact of war and initiatives for peace.

Entrance free.

Silent Vigil for the Middle East

Tuesday 8 November, 5pm-6pm - *Exhibition open 4pm-5pm*

A place to come together and hold all those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East in our hearts in silence. A space for people of all faiths and none.

Free event – all welcome.

Remembering Armistice Day

Friday 11 November, 10.35am-11.10am - *Exhibition open 10am-12 noon*

An intergenerational event bringing residents, neighbours and friends with students from Al Sadiq and Al Zahra Schools and Islamia Girls’ School to mark Armistice Day, remember those fallen in conflicts around the world and as an intention to work together for peace.

Free event – please book.

Visions of Peace: achievable or not? – Keynote Event

Saturday 12 November, 4pm – 6pm (doors open for refreshments at 3pm) - *Exhibition open 3pm*

How do we make choices that value, rather than harm life? What role does our relationship to the Earth have on conflicts between people? Can individuals ever make a difference? Join us for an afternoon of thought-provoking

and lively conversation lead by a panel of inspiring guest speakers, including Marina Cantacuzino - Founder, The Forgiveness Project; Justine Huxley – Director, St Ethelburga’s Centre for Reconciliation and Peace; Usama Hasan – Senior Researcher at Quilliam Foundation and formerly a ‘Jihadist’ fighter against Russian forces in Afghanistan, and Bruce Kent, long-time peace campaigner and Vice President of CND.

Please book. £10 on the door; no-one turned away due to cost.

‘Stories to Live By: faith based stories and their meaning for today’

Sunday 13 November, 2.45pm-5pm - *Exhibition open until 6pm*

Join us for a vivid sharing of what faith traditions teach us about violence and non-violence. Is violence ever justified? An afternoon of storytelling, reflection and discussion that remind us of different paths to non-violence. Facilitated by Rev’d Maggie Hindley, Co-director of The London Inter Faith Centre and Minister of St Andrew’s.

Free event

‘Squabbling Children of Abraham? A look at the way we use polemic’ a talk by Peter Colwell

Sunday 13 November, 6pm-7.30pm - *Exhibition open from 5pm*

In interfaith dialogue we often seek after common ground, but as Jews, Christians and Muslims we also carry within our traditions polemical writings about each other which often have a persistence about them. What does polemic tell us about the relationships between these three faiths, what do they tell us about how religion interacts with wider culture, and how might we, as people of faith, make a contribution to ongoing reconciliation? Peter Colwell is Deputy General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Please book. £10 on the door; no-one turned away due to cost.

‘A teaching for all times: Non-violence and Gandhi’ a talk by William Rhind

Monday 14 November, 7.30pm – 9:30pm *Exhibition open from 5:30pm*

A talk about the life and work of M. Gandhi and its relevance and meaning for activists today.

William Rhind is Outreach Worker of The Gandhi Foundation.

Please book. £10 on the door; no-one turned away due to cost.

‘Words can be walls or windows’ a workshop with Maria Arpa

Tuesday 15 November, 6.30pm – 8:30pm

How do we break down barriers and continue having a conversation when we meet resistance, hostility, anger or resentment? Join us for an evening of learning and participation as we dip into the ‘Dialogue Road Map’ – effective communications tool created by Maria Arpa designed to break down barriers and bring engagement.

Maria Arpa is Founder and CEO of Centre for Peaceful Solutions.

Please book. £10 on the door; no-one turned away due to cost.

‘Devouring the Earth or eating ourselves: who is doing violence to whom?’ a workshop with Sarah Deco

Thursday 17 November, 10am-1pm *Exhibition open from 9.15am and after the workshop.*

Join us for a writing workshop with local storyteller Sarah Deco who will be using an ancient tale as a stimulus for our writing. No experience of storytelling or creative writing needed, just a willingness to explore thoughts, experiences and reflections through words. All welcome. Spaces limited to 12 people. Sarah Deco is convener of the North London Traditional storytelling Circle and a psychotherapist.

Please book. £10 on the door; no-one turned away due to cost.

Silence and stories - a Walk with Jules Allen

Sunday 20 November, 2pm-4.30pm *Exhibition open at 4.30pm*

An opportunity to learn about and participate in walking meditation, together with a chance to hear the stories of some of those now resting in Paddington Cemetery. Event ends with tea, cake and a space for sharing. Begins and ends at the London Inter Faith Centre. Jules Allen is an inveterate walker and meditator.

Free event – all welcome.

Getting to the London Inter Faith Centre:

The London Inter Faith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6RG

Nearest stations: Brondesbury Park (overground) and Queen’s Park (Bakerloo line). Bus 36, 206