



**SIFW** Scottish  
Interfaith  
Week

Connecting

8th - 15th November 2020

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Please see below some ideas to help you plan your SIFW events. If you are planning a face to face gathering, please ensure that it is held in a way which reflects the most recent COVID-19 guidance at that time such as social distancing, numbers of participants and hygiene measures.

**Show and Tell:** Host an online event where attendees bring along an item that is attached to a memory from their respective faiths or religious festivals for discussion and sharing

**'Virtual doors open for SIFW':** Open your places of worship and hold a virtual tour during SIFW

**'Faith and food':** Exactly what it says on the tin! Share recipes and understanding of your faith with others

Hold a watch party and have an interfaith Movie Night. Project your favourite film connected to faith, followed by tea, cake and a chat

Dedicate your book club in November to an interfaith based book of your choice. Meet online and discuss

Host an online event to connect people from different generations and backgrounds for a dialogue on tackling loneliness and isolation, with a focus on the healing power of 'connecting'. Or hold a dialogue event to discuss how to tackle loneliness in our communities when we are not allowed to meet face to face.

**Climate Change:** Host an online event to highlight how essential it is for people from all backgrounds coming together to sustain the planet

**Virtual open mic:** Use the arts as a way to engage and bring together people from different backgrounds

**Penpals, who remembers having a penpal?** Let's get connecting through writing for SIFW. Connect with other community groups or places of worship and share your stories online with a virtual cuppa

Many people across Scotland and around the world have been experiencing loneliness throughout the pandemic. Why not hold a socially distanced coffee morning or a small meet up during SIFW to reconnect.

**Get crafty together.** Is there anyone you know or part of your group who can share their crafting talents online?

Get involved in Mitzvah day (15<sup>th</sup> November) and share your good deeds on our socials #SIFW2020 #keeponconnecting



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Cooking and conversation. Why not set up a Watch Party on Facebook and get cooking together.

Set up a quiz to test your interfaith knowledge

Work with a selection of local places of worship to create online tours of these and assemble them into a faith trail that people can take part in online or visit in person depending on what is possible in November

Hold an online art or music class to get connecting through creativity

Why not volunteer during SIFW and learn about the awesome work the faith communities have been doing throughout the pandemic

Create an on-line 'faith fair' for your workplace or Student Union with information about different faiths and beliefs

Can you create art that can be displayed outdoors during SIFW? At bus stops, train stations, school gates. Why not connect with a local council to make this happen.

Ask your local museum to hold a talk about some of the artefacts in their museum that is linked to particular faiths

Community singalong: pick a song, share lyrics, and schedule a time to step outside and sing together

Wishing Trees: leave a tupperware out with labels and pens for people to leave their wishes for a post Covid world