



To tie in with Scotland's Year Of Stories, we are excited to explore Storytelling as our theme for Scottish Interfaith Week 2022.

Over five million people live in Scotland and we each have a story to tell.

As Scotland's only interfaith festival, we have the unique opportunity to explore how faith and belief impact our communities and offer resilience, connection and joy.

Through storytelling we can step into each other's worlds for a moment – through a poem, a song or a photograph. Stories enable us to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes and start important conversations.

Hold an event for this year's festival and share your stories. Through your exhibitions, conversations, and performances, we look forward to showcasing Scotland's diversity through the power of storytelling.

We have curated a collection of event ideas related to storytelling, community and faith.

Story ideas we love

Many of the event ideas below invite you to share stories from your lives and your communities. Here are some story ideas which may help with your event planning:

- A day in your life
- A moment of change in your life
- The history of your community
- Your personal faith or belief journey
- A story about a loved one who is no longer here
- Your hopes for the future

Event planning inspiration

 Open Doors Day

Open your place of worship and hold a tour during Scottish Interfaith Week. Tell the history of your place of worship and share stories from your community.

 Story of your faith in Scotland

Share the story of your faith community's history in Scotland. Explore your identity of living in Scotland and being part of a faith community.

Walking tours

Work with a few local places of worship to create walking tours and assemble them into a faith trail that people can follow.

Dedicate your book club to Scottish Interfaith Week

Are you part of a book club? Explore our Book List [\[link\]](#) and chose a story for your club to explore during Scottish Interfaith Week.

Hold a movie night

Project your favourite film that shares a story of identity, faith or community. Followed by tea, cake and a chat.

Open mic

Use the arts as a way to engage and bring people together from different backgrounds. Use the theme 'Storytelling' to plan your night.

Show and Tell

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

Poetry/book reading

Invite a local author or storyteller to perform at an event in your local community.

Get crafty together

Is there anyone you know who can share their crafting talents? Hold a workshop in your community.

Cooking and conversation

Share your favourite recipes from your community or culture, and have a conversation about the stories behind the meal.

Creative writing group

Are you part of a writing group or keen to start one? Organise a writing group to meet during Scottish Interfaith Week and share stories together.

Volunteer at a charity

Volunteer at a charity of your choice during Scottish Interfaith Week and learn more about the stories of the people they support.

Music event

Invite performers to take to the stage and tell stories through music, dance and singing.

Photography

Take photographs to share a day in your life on social media. Meet with a group online or in person to share photographs and tell stories about your lives. What are the differences in your lives? What do you have in common?

Wishing Trees

Leave containers out with labels and pens for people to leave their wishes for the future. Then hang the labels on a tree.

Interfaith Buddies

Join an Interfaith Buddies event with Interfaith Scotland or organise one in your local community. Set attendees up with a person from a different faith/background from their own and encourage conversation over a meal or cup of tea.