



Big change always starts small

By tending to our friends, our neighbours, and our local communities, we can challenge loneliness, break down stereotypes and nurture resilient relationships.

This Scottish Interfaith Week we invite people across Scotland to open their doors and organise meals, workshops, coffee mornings, family fun days, concerts, gatherings and more.

Local choirs, book clubs, interfaith groups, places of worship, schools, family support networks, and other community groups are the perfect places to start!

Through building sustainable communities, we can create a collective voice for change.

We have curated a collection of event ideas related to community. Let's get planning!

Event planning ideas

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.

Activism

Use the festival as a way to highlight an issue in your community and how you can work together to make positive changes for the future.

Engaging local leaders

Invite your local councilors or MSPs to your community events or ask them to participate in your Scottish Interfaith Week plans.

Book display

Work with your local library, council or school to create a book display for Scottish Interfaith Week on the theme of community.

Story of your community in Scotland

Share the story of your community's history in Scotland and explore your identity with people from other communities.

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 communities. What are the differences in your lives? What do you have in common?

Walking tours

Work with a few local places of worship to create walking tours and assemble them into a faith trail that people from all faiths and none can follow.

Reading group

Are you part of a reading group or book club? Chose a community or faith-based story for your club to explore during Scottish Interfaith Week.

Host 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 'Community' 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 of community.

Family fun day

Host a family fun day in your community with stalls, games, craft workshops, face painting and more.

Volunteer at a charity

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

Music event

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

Partner with an organisation

Partner with another community group or organisation to plan an event, and build and nurture new relationships.

Wishing Trees

Leave containers out with labels and pens for people to leave their wishes for the future of their communities. 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 or background from their own and encourage conversation over a meal or cup of tea.

Other ways to support Scottish Interfaith Week

If you don't have the capacity to hold an event but would like to support the festival then there are many ways you can help:

- Promote the festival in a newsletter

- Follow us on social media and share our posts
- Mention the festival in a community meeting
- Think about your own networks – who would be interested in putting on an event?
- Ask your local library or community space to hold an event

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