Scottish Interfaith Week

8-15 November 2026

Wellbeing

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Resources designed for you

This issue of the Scottish Interfaith Week newsletter is filled with exciting resources for you.

Whether you're planning an event, spreading the word on social media or through the press, or setting up a book display for the festival - we've got you covered.

Keep reading for more about:

- Event Planning Guide
- Media Engagement Guide
- Social Media Guide
- Book List for Reading and Displays
- theme-related resources coming soon
- (and an exciting update about new funding for interfaith school visits!)

Need a little help planning your event? 🙋🏾

This *Event Planning Guide* will walk you through some important decisions you will make when planning your event for Scottish Interfaith Week.

Inside this resource you will find tips on brainstorming an event topic, identifying an event partner and intended audience, choosing an event format and building momentum in the lead up to your event.

We have also included a wee guide on designing accessible posters! 🪧 ✅

⬇️ Download *Event Planning Guide*

Promoting your event on social media 🔁

Once your event has been published on the Scottish Interfaith Week website, it's time to start promoting it!

In this guide you will find nine images and six draft posts you can use to start promoting your event on social media.

We have also included tips for tagging us on social media, using hashtags, and sharing links on Instagram.

Not hosting an event? You can also use this guide to spread the word about the festival to your friends and family! 💜

➡️ Read *Social Media Guide*

Changing the narrative together

We live in challenging times and often the media will try to divide us, whether because of our religions, cultural backgrounds, ethnicities or other differences. It doesn't have to be like this.

You can be part of changing the narrative.

If you are hosting an event for Scottish Interfaith Week, our handy *Media Engagement Guide* will help you to get your local media involved.

This resource includes tips for finding local media contacts, and two templates: a media invite (inviting the media to attend your event) and a media release (informing the media about what happened at your event).

⬇️ Read *Media Engagement Guide*

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Book List for Reading and Displays

Inspiration for reading and creating book displays for Scottish Interfaith Week 2026

Brighten up your library or home bookshelves 📚

We've collated a list of over fifty book recommendations for children and adults to learn about a variety of faiths, beliefs and cultures.

This list is perfect for finding a book for yourself or your child to engage with over Scottish Interfaith Week, or for setting up a book display in your library, shop or classroom.

You will find books from the perspectives of Bahá'ís, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Pagans, Sikhs, and those from other multicultural and interfaith communities.

We have also included each book's recommended reading age and ISBN.

⬇️ Download *Book List for Reading and Displays*

Resources coming soon... ⏳

Over the summer we have been developing even more resources to help you engage with Scottish Interfaith Week.

Keep your eyes peeled for resources in our next issue, including:

- teaching resource on the theme of wellbeing
- meditation guides
- newly designed posters
- (and more to be finalised!)

🔍 We'll share all new resources with you here first.

Interfaith School Visit

Volunteer Training Days

Share your faith or belief with pupils at primary and secondary schools across Scotland

*Travel expenses covered and training provided

Interfaith Scotland Dialogue Centre, Glasgow

Wednesday, 5th August, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dundee Central Library

Wednesday, 26th August, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Online

Thursday, 3rd September, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Register by email to sydney@interfaithscotland.org

Religions for Peace UNITED KINGDOM Interfaith Scotland

New funding: Interfaith School Visits 🎒

We have received funding from Religions for Peace UK to expand our Face to Faith school visit programme over the coming year.

With their support we are able to offer programmes to schools across Scotland, with funding available to cover the cost of our speakers travelling to schools around the country including schools in remote regions.

While the Face to Faith programme has been running since 2008, this funding will allow us to recruit and train more volunteer speakers and deliver sessions at a minimum of 10 new schools between September 2026 and May 2027.

🖐 We are currently **looking for primary and secondary schools** that would like to host a visit over the 2026-27 school year (free of charge).

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to speak about their own faith background to groups of pupils (travel expenses covered). Volunteers will attend a training session facilitated by our staff team either in-person or online in August and September.

A variety of types of presentations are available including school assemblies, classroom talks and interfaith day or half day sessions. Presentations can include an introduction to the core beliefs of the speaker's faith, how faith impacts their life and their personal faith story. Speakers can also talk on a theme from the perspective of their faith such as peace or climate change, demonstrating the common values across faiths.

Pupils can ask questions directly to a friendly and approachable volunteer about their religion which can be significant in their journey of understanding, with an aim to increase empathy, break down barriers of fear and suspicion and challenge negative stereotypes.

Schools or volunteers interested in the programme should get in touch with sydney@interfaithscotland.org 📨

Other ways to support the festival

If you can't host an event but would like to support Scottish Interfaith Week then there are many ways you can help:

- volunteer at an event near you
- promote the festival in a newsletter
- mention Scottish Interfaith Week in a community meeting
- think about your own networks – who could host an event?
- ask your local library or community hub to hold an event

#️⃣ Join us for the journey on Facebook and Instagram

Missed a newsletter?

If you missed one of our newsletters for Scottish Interfaith Week, you can read them all on our website.

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