

What's so important about Inter Faith Week?

Inter Faith Week 2020 survey respondents were asked what they saw as most important about Inter Faith Week. Here are some of what you have said:

“The Week helps raise awareness of the diversity of religions that exist and helps strengthen interfaith relations.”

“The national focus on interfaith encourages local activities.”

“Opening up dialogue. Getting to know others as individuals helps create respect and tolerance as well as focusing on similarities and positives rather than differences causing fear and alienation.”

“It is national and creates the space to organise and deliver activities/projects relevant and suitable for local need and interests.”

“... it inspires and provides a focus for celebrating diversity.”

“The Week is a focal point for activities and for promoting interfaith.”

“Inter Faith Week Increases bonds between different faith and belief groups. It also recognises communities that might not otherwise be [recognised].”

“It highlights that religions are important in the community and that religions can [work] and are working together happily and successfully.”

“Inter Faith Week has a national presence and provides a catalyst for schools to focus on Inter Faith. It also provides resources and ideas.”

“Countering negative stereotypes in social and other media”.

“The Week promotes interfaith understanding and therefore supports friendship against fear and prejudice.”

“The Week encourages positive connections and understanding between people of different backgrounds.”

“The Week focusses our attention and that of the media (and hence general public) on interfaith issues.”

“[The Week] promotes interfaith collaboration for the good of the local community.”

“It encourages faiths to reach out to each other, learn more about each other and work together.

The Week increases awareness among people who would not usually be involved in interfaith/religious activity.”

“It gives visibility to the important work happening.”

“It brings together the range of events happening in one place so that those who are interested can learn about new events, projects, organisations.”

“The Week provides a stimulus for local action, and a framework for planning and evaluation.”

“The opportunity to gain insights into other faiths.”

“Bringing people together.”

“It helps nationwide to promote mutual respect and peace.”

“Personal encounters between people of different faiths.”

“It draws attention to the work of different faiths, interfaith organisations and the good work that faith communities do.”

“Building understanding and raising the profile of the positive benefits of faith and worldviews.”

“Widening/celebrating understanding of other faiths and common ground.”

“The Week promotes awareness and understanding of the various faith groups and provides a focus nationally, along with good practice.”

“Inter Faith Week gets people talking and makes interfaith connections.”

“Inter Faith Week is a time for reflection, listening and appreciation of others.”

“Raising awareness and interaction between faiths.”

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