

Welcome to Interfaith Action's Summer 2009 Bulletin keeping you up to date with our current projects, events and volunteer opportunities.

## University Programme continues for a 3rd year

The City Bridge Trust have kindly offered funding for a third year of our University Programme, supporting students to set up interfaith groups, volunteer projects and events.

Our University Programme priorities for next academic year 2009/10, include:

- Developing our unique model for interfaith action on campus and student volunteering; supporting established interfaith groups, with a specific emphasis on how to ensure sustainability from one year to the next;
- Support students to establish new groups where non-exist, supported by Interfaith Action's Student Ambassador Scheme;
- Encourage students and their interfaith groups to lead volunteer projects supporting local need in the community;
- Establish a Student Interfaith Network of ideas, resources, case studies and best practice (online); including a conference on 'Faith & the Media';

We also have new workshops and online resources available. These include Setting up an Interfaith Group; Introduction to Dialogue; Organising an Interfaith Event; Leading Interfaith Action – how to be an effective interfaith leader; and Active Listening Skills. New resources are also being developed including An Introduction to Understanding Conflict.

Get in touch if you would like us to deliver these workshops with your Interfaith Group/Society.

## Summer issue of Interact Magazine – Out Now!



Read the summer issue of Interact Magazine online at [www.interact-uk.org.uk/page2.2\\_hm](http://www.interact-uk.org.uk/page2.2_hm)

Please give feedback at survey monkey; and continue the discussion on our Facebook group – Interact Magazine.



Kathryn Luckcock (Interfaith Action) & Daniella Shaw-Gabay (Three Faiths Forum) deliver a workshop for students at the House of Commons, March 2009.



Students listen to each other during a discussion workshop about tools for interfaith on campus, at the House of Commons, March 2009.

Interfaith Action is a not for profit organisation working with young people and students from all faith backgrounds, across London to develop and deliver community volunteer projects.

Our aim is to build understanding and respect between people of all faiths (and none), working predominantly with 14-25 year olds.

We achieve this through facilitating dialogue, raising awareness and strengthening understanding; but most uniquely through establishing volunteer projects for young people to participate in over a specific period of time - building friendships and working together for mutual benefit (to them and their local community).

## Interact – Our Transformed Media Mentoring Project

Interact Magazine is the only inter-faith, culture and lifestyle magazine produced by and for students in the UK, distributed online (via [www.interact-uk.org.uk](http://www.interact-uk.org.uk)) and in print (distributed free to students at Universities across London).

Since 2006 students and graduates from across London passionate about print media, journalism, publishing and design have come together as a multi-faith editorial team of volunteers to produce each quarterly issue of the magazine.

This summer the programme is changing in response to previous volunteers experiences and feedback to Interfaith Action.

We are recruiting an editorial team of 20 student volunteers, who will commit for 10 months producing 3 issues whilst being mentored by media professionals (between July 2009 – April 2010) – increasing their interaction, understanding of different faiths as well as their personal and professional development and experience gained in producing the magazine.

If you are a student or graduate living in London passionate about gaining real print media experience as a writer, designer, editor or dealing with magazine advertising, marketing, and distribution; then contact Kat for an application pack or download off our website now.



## Interfaith Challenges



Interfaith Challenges are one-off, high impact, group volunteer events with community or environmental benefit such as renovating a footpath at a local nature reserve or painting a mural in a community centre. Each interfaith challenge involves between 10-20 volunteers (aged 16-25) over 4 hours, plus one hour for 'reflective dialogue'.

We are organising a number of Interfaith Challenges across the capital this summer and we want you to be involved. Get in touch to receive regular updates on upcoming interfaith challenges, plus let us know any ideas you have for such events.

Thanks to the Interfaith Youth Core we will also be training 10 people as team leaders, who will be responsible for running these events with us over the next 12 months.

If you're interested in being an Interfaith Challenge Team Leader please get in touch as training will begin in early July. You do not need any previous experience but must be enthusiastic and committed to the aims and values of Interfaith Action. More details available online.

## Launch of Youth Programmes in Enfield & Camden

We have recently been funded to deliver two youth-led volunteer projects in Camden & Enfield: to increase young people's (aged 14-19) awareness and understanding of other faiths; empower them to work together in volunteering projects; and embed inter faith interaction within community organisations, schools and places of worship, encouraging replication.

We are looking to partner with local community groups, places of worship and faith-based youth groups in Enfield and Camden linking up to 20 young people in Camden and 28 young people in Enfield. If you are interested in being part of this project or finding out more please get in touch on (020) 74 824020.

We would like to thank the following charitable trusts and organisations for funding our projects:



Including the City Bridge Trust - Fostering Leadership & Reconciliation; the Trust for London; Enfield Council and the Enfield Strategic Community Partnership; Camden Council & Camden Volunteer Centre; IFYC.