

KIFF 29/09/2022 meeting notes

Location: Guildhall, Queen Anne Suite - Hybrid meeting with Google Meet
1-2pm

Present

Marina Payen - RBK
Caren Marcelline - RBK
Shadia Snelling - RBK
Hamad Momin - Kingston University
Soltan Azizi - Bahai Community
Greta Farian - Humanist
Rene Pfterzel – Kingston Liberal Synagogue
Sarah Mehdi - Huda Surrey Islamic Centre
Marilyn Leach - St Matthews, Surbiton
Ignatius Edet - Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth
Fleur Standing - Kingston Liberal Synagogue
John Azah - Kingston Race and Equalities Council
Suzanne D-Cruze - PC Faith Engagement Officer (Met Police)
Claire Wilding - Hate Crime officer (Met Police)
Tracey Welding - Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership
Henna Biring - Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership
Michael Johns-Perring - St Andrew and St Mark
Keath Gaitskell - Kingsgate Church
Joe Moffatt - All Saints Church Kingston
Yechezkel Mandelbaum - Kingston & Surbiton District Synagogue
Rosemarie Swinfield - Christian Science Society
Raju Pandya - Hindu Priest
Atif Bhatti - Kingston Mosque

Apologies

Jeremy Rodell - Humanist
Stan Brown - Thames Methodist Circuit
Mahendra Thakar

Agenda

13:00 - 13:05	Welcome and intro's	All
13:05 - 13:10	Update on previous KIFF actions (TOR, wider engagement, website)	Marina Payen
13:10 - 13:20	Chair and Vice-Chair nominations	
13:20 - 13:40	Proposed forum initiatives (e.g. multi-faith room)	Chair and Vice Chairs
13:40 - 13:45	Collaborative borough response to the Cost of Living Crisis	Shadia Snelling
13:45 - 13:50	Kingston Faith Engagement Officer	PC Suzanne D'Cruze
13:50 - 13:55	Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership	Tracey Welding
13:55 - 14:00	AOB and discussion	All

Discussion

1. Update on actions from KIFF 20 June meeting

Updated on actions and the group agreed:

- September draft terms of reference
- KIFF website to be updated
- The development of a KIFF colour scheme (ideas to be shared and voted).
- The Forum will continue to invite representatives of other faiths and beliefs to join the group. A form will be produced for people to register interest.

Actions:

- Next meeting: include a discussion around the Forum name (following conversations about the inclusivity of the current name).
- Creation of a form for new members to register their interest
- Branding / colour scheme ideas to be developed by RBK team
- Circulation of next meeting date

2. Forum Chair and Vice Chairs

Following nominations, the Forum is delighted to welcome Rabbi Rene Pfertzel as KIFF Chair and Hamad Momin and Sarah Mehdi as Vice Chairs. Term to run for one calendar year (until 29 September 2023).

Thank you very much Rabbi Rene, Hamad and Sarah!

A brief discussion followed on vision and purpose for the Forum and potential flagship projects (i.e. Multi faith space in Kingston Town Centre).

3. Proposal multi-faith centre

Discussion on potential multi-faith space and usage.
Forum members to consider a proposal.

Action:

- Hamad, Rene, Marina, John, Raju, Suzanne to form a working group. If other members are interested in taking part, please send Marina an email.
- Group to research and design a proposal to bring to the next Forum meeting

4. Update on the collaborative borough response to the Cost of Living Crisis

Shadia - will share a presentation with links and more information concerning Warm Spaces. If any faith groups can offer a space, please contact Shadia directly. .

5. Introductions from Suzanne (Met Police - Faith Engagement Officer) and Tracey (Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership)

Noted from Suzanne: would like to do more community faith events.

Noted from Tracey: can provide advice and support. Also works closely with adult safeguarding colleagues.

AOB

Keath: Intro on support for VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls). Raising awareness among faith communities and help be a proactive force.

Invitation to all Forum members to a free lunch on 19th October Opportunity to collaborate. Would like to speak to other faith communities and will be in contact about violence against women and girls.

Action: Marina to send out details of the lunch to forum members.

John: Currently organising Black History Month and Hate Crime Awareness Week. Anyone who wants to do something themselves, or in collaboration, please contact John and look at website.

Action: Marina to share KREC website link