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This bulletin has been set-up on the request of Kingston Interfaith Forum (KIFF) members who wish to share regular notices. All KIFF members have access to this document. Bulletins will be shared on the first Wednesday of the month.

How to add your notices to the bulletin next month

- Simply add your notices to an empty box below by the 25th of each month
- Please keep information short and relevant to the forum members.
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Title of article or notice:	Understanding eligibility for DBS checks in faith sector
Author	Tracey Welding, Deputy Partnership Manager, Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership
Short summary	The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) and DBS are providing this event to provide a free online course for faith-based organisations. The training is suitable for anyone working in or with a faith-based organisation who would like to know more about DBS checks and what their organisation needs to do to fulfil their safeguarding requirement.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	Link to training if you would like to share / sign-up. Spaces are limited. Date and Time: Wednesday 15 February from 18 - 19:30

Title of article or notice:	Energy efficient building of worship
Author	Terezie Wickenden, Programme Officer - Climate Action (RBK Council)
Short summary	<p>The Climate Action Team at RBK would like to create a register of places of worship/buildings they operate that would potentially be interested in retrofitting and energy efficiency measures in Kingston, as well as introducing low carbon heating systems and renewable energy generation, including solar PV.</p> <p>All those measures are not only beneficial for the environment in terms of reducing carbon emissions, but also for saving money and making our communities less dependent on expensive fossil fuel imports from abroad. Even though the Council isn't in a position to offer any funding</p>

	directly to faith groups at the moment, we are closely following external opportunities and would like to be able to signpost interested groups to sources of support.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	All faith groups considering such measures contacting the Climate Action Team as soon as possible climate@kingston.gov.uk or terezie.wickenden@kingston.gov.uk

Title of article or notice:	Faith and VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls)
Author	Keath Gaitskell (Pastor @ KingsGate Church)
Short summary	As party of my work with the Kingston Women's Hub and the Kingston Council, I am working <i>with</i> faith communities in our Borough to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness regarding (VAWG) • Equipping faith communities to deal with VAWG, and • Organise an Interfaith events which demonstrate a united front against VAWG
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	I have one main requests at this stage and that is I would love an opportunity to meet with different faith leaders in the Kingston Borough so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I can get an understanding of how different faith communities are already dealing with VAWG, and ○ Also to see what you feel your needs are in this regard, <p>Please contact me on 07886700112 or on keath@kingsgatechurch.org.uk . As best as I can, I am happy to meet you where it is most convenient and at a time that works best for you.</p>

Title of article or notice:	Holocaust Memorial Commemoration in Kingston
Author	Marina Payen (Inclusion Lead RBK)
Short summary	The annual event took place at Town House on Sunday 29th January. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the programme with such emotive singing, reading, Kingston University for hosting us and all those that joined on the day. Our guest speaker, Antoinette Mutabazi (a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda) gave a very emotive testimony. A video summary will be shared soon.

Photo gallery



