

July 2023 Kingston Faith and Belief Forum Bulletin

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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.
(There is no need to edit the blue table of contents, this will automatically update when the bulletin is completed.)

Title of article or notice:	Kingston Faith and Belief Meeting Notes - 21 June
Author	Marina Payen, RBK
Short summary	<p>Some important actions have been agreed at the Forum meeting on 21 June and, further to poll and discussion, the Forum is now known as: Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</p> <p>Flagship events for the Forum were discussed, including Inter Faith Week, Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 and the formation of groups for priority topics (i.e. funerals and burials) was discussed. Please let me know if you would like to join any of these groups.</p> <p>Finally please see below poster for upcoming Volunteering Day on Thursday 20 July from 6-8pm at All Saints Church</p>
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	Click here to view meeting notes

Title of article or notice:	Free Training - 'what to do if you have a concern around an adult who works with children'
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Author	Tracey Welding, Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP)
Short summary	<p>During this session delegates will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) in Kingston and Richmond • What to do if you have a concern around an adult who works with children in your organisation. • What you can do in your organisation to prevent allegations against adults (staff/volunteers) who work with children. <p>By the end of the course participants will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained an understanding of National and local guidance in relation to managing allegations • Understand the employer's role and responsibilities and be clear about what to do if a concern or allegation is raised about an adult in your organisation. • Understood the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) • Explored how the three processes of social care enquiries, police criminal process, and the employers' responsibilities work together.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	<p>If you would like to book a place on this free training, please click on below links:</p> <p>11 Jul 2023 14:00 - 16:00</p> <p>12 Jul 2023 18:30 - 20:30</p>

Title of article or notice:	Sustainable September
Author	Terezie Wickenden, RBK
Short summary	Kingston Council is planning Sustainable September, a month of events, activities and awareness raising to get people talking about climate change and inspire them to take action. This year's theme will be the natural environment. Last year, we had various events including bat walks, nature walks, energy talks, nature arts & crafts, Dr Bike checkups, webinars on climate anxiety and more.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	If your your organisation would like to run any natural environment related events, or planning any events already that you would be happy to be promoted as part of Sustainable September, please fill in this google sheet form or let us know on climate@kingston.gov.uk

Title of article or notice:	Picnic in the Park with local communities
Author	Sybil Ozcan, Dialogue Society
Short summary	All KIFF members are invited to our traditional picnic in the park. Date and time: 09 July at 2pm Location: Bushy Park Playground
Request of the Kingston	Grab your basket and join us! Please let us know if you would like to

Interfaith Forum network	attend by emailing kingston@dialoguesociety.org
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Title of article or notice:	Cool indoor areas at faith organisations and community groups
Author	Terezie Wickenden, Kingston Climate Action Team
Short summary	Faith organisations and community groups that are able to provide a cool indoor area open to the public during summer 2023, are invited to register via GLA website . With climate change bringing more extreme heat waves across the country, cool spaces can provide necessary shelter from the sun, opportunity to cool down and rest to take respite on hot days. Registered cool spaces will appear on an interactive map of London.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	Consider providing a cool space for Kingston residents in a heat wave

Title of article or notice:	Alcohol Awareness Week 3-9 July - support
Author	Sarah.French@kingston.gov.uk RBK Public Health
Short summary	Alcohol Awareness Week in July is a chance for people in Kingston to get thinking about drinking. The harm caused by alcohol affects millions of people every year in the form of health problems and financial worries. In Kingston, alcohol is the 3rd highest risk factor for ill health in adults aged 20 to 69. Kingston e-drink-check is a confidential and anonymous tool that can help Kingston residents, workers and students find out how much alcohol they drink, what this means for their health and how to get help if needed. If someone feels their drinking is getting out of control and they want to speak to someone, Kingston Wellbeing Service provide confidential advice, tailored support and information around alcohol.
Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network	Share awareness information with your staff, volunteers and community members, and help signpost to the 2 local prevention and support services during July, or at any point throughout the year https://e-drink-check.kingston.gov.uk/ https://www.kingstonwellbeingservice.org/

Title of article or notice:	NHS Healthy Start
Author	Sarah.French@kingston.gov.uk RBK Public Health
Short summary	Healthy Start provides a prepaid card for eligible women who are pregnant, or families who have a child under 4. The beneficiary receives £4.25 per week to help towards the cost of fruit, vegetables, pulses, milk and formula, as well as providing access to free vitamins.

	<p>Around one third of eligible residents in Kingston are not accessing this support each month. In 2021 it was estimated that if a family signs up from the first opportunity (when pregnant), to when the child turns 4, this equates to approximately £1,250 per family.</p> <p>Residents can check their eligibility and apply directly through www.healthystart.nhs.uk or call 0300 330 7010, or Children’s Centres or Health Visitors can help families with the application</p> 
<p>Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network</p>	<p>Actively signpost local residents to check their eligibility and apply via www.healthystart.nhs.uk or call 0300 330 7010</p>

<p>Title of article or notice:</p>	<p>‘Future of Participation’ - series of events 7 - 12 July</p>
<p>Author</p>	<p>Mayor of London - Greater London Authority</p>
<p>Short summary</p>	<p>Community and/or Faith Leaders are invited for a week-long series of online and in-person conversations, challenges, and thought provocations between Friday 7- Thursday 13 July 2023.</p> <p>We are still grappling with the aftermath of a global pandemic, facing a pressing cost-of-living crisis, and contending with challenges to democratic participation, such as the introduction of voter IDs. We also know certain communities are disproportionately impacted by existing and deep-rooted inequalities. We know together, we can shape the future we envision and build a city, a London, where every voice is heard and truly matters.</p>
<p>Request of the Kingston Interfaith Forum network</p>	<p>If you would like to take part in any of these events, please see full information and booking details here.</p>

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All Saints Kingston





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Grab your Basket &
Join us

PICNIC IN THE PARK

with local communities

09 July 2023 at 2:00 PM
Bushy Park Playground

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