

13 March 2024 Forum meeting notes

Online meeting

Wednesday 13 March

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Agenda

Meeting chaired by Rabbi Rene

1:00 - 1:05	Welcome	Rabbi Rene
1:05 - 1:15	Chair update Discussed Current Chair, Rabbi Rene, will be taking on a new Rabbinic position in Maidenhead from September 2024. Discussion took place that if no other expressions of interest come forward, All Saints Rev Joe Moffatt would be happy to chair alongside two vice chairs (to aid community cohesion in Kingston it was suggested these could be from muslim and jewish faiths). No objections were raised by Forum members. All members are invited to express interest in chair and vice chair positions. Action Marina to share with all members the expression of interest to Chair and Vice Chair form. Action Forum - at next meeting in June 2024, hold debate and vote for new Chair and Vice-Chairs	Rabbi Rene
1:15 - 1:20	Responding as Forum to world/local events	Rabbi Rene
1:20 - 2:05	Different types of responses - overview	Marina Payen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vigil - Stand-together- Community Support- Events- Emergency response <p>Presentation - Chris Begley and Marina Payen</p> <p>📅 13 March 2024 - responding as a forum to world and local events</p> <p>Discussed different responses and processes.</p> <p>Vigils in public spaces - these are usually activities organised at very short notice. The process is to let Forum Coordinator know in the first instance what the plans are. Coordinator can then liaise internally in the Council with relevant departments with the aim to enable the activity safely (i.e. check road closures, roadworks, consult with other emergency services, check any special conditions, weather incidents etc.).</p> <p>Events in public spaces - larger scale activities that are usually organised with at least 3 months notice. Follows a formal process with risk assessment and management plans and public liability.</p> <p>Organisers are asked to communicate with Forum coordinator in the first instance. Full information can be found on Council webpages.</p> <p><u>Notes for event organisers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firstly members should liaise with the Forum Coordinator. Then, event organisers will need to complete and submit an initial event enquiry form. Due to the number of stakeholders who may need to be engaged with the planning of the event it is important to ensure enough lead time is put in place in order to effectively consult with members of Kingston's Safety Advisory Group (SAG).	(Strategy and Partnerships Inclusion Lead) and Chris Begley, Resilience Planning Manager
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- [Event Management Plan](#) and [Risk Assessments](#) will be necessary.
- It will also be required to sign up to the RBK [Climate Pledge](#), and complete the [Self Assessment](#) referred to on Council website.
- A [post event feedback survey](#), immediately after the event will be required, of how the event went and details of lessons learned.

Responding to emergencies - Following Covid 19, the Council aims to expand links again with faith and community groups in the Borough. Faith and Belief groups and places of worship play an important role in emergencies (i.e. shelters, burials and cremations, multi-faith emergency plans).

Contact details of Resilience Planning Manager - would welcome any discussions. Please contact directly:

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Action Chris Begley to coordinate internally at the Council to identify a list of all registered places of workshop in the borough.

Action Chris Begley to share first aider course

Action Chris Begley to share more information about the multi-faith plan

2:05 - 2:25	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day Event debrief</p> <p>Thank you to all organisers and huge appreciation Kingston University for hosting once again in Town House. Thanks to all speakers, performers, contributors and to Dialogue Society for providing Noah's Pudding. It is hugely appreciated that Kingston University hosts the community event and provides the refreshments and catering.</p> <p>It was noted that the attendance was even greater this year and much wider representation across the community.</p> <p>Feedback - sound is a recurring issue at Town House for many people for different reasons as well as seating.</p>	All
2:25 - 2:30	<p>AOB</p> <p>To discuss at next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to make public statements / process and principles - Upcoming events for 2024/25 (Inter Faith Week and Holocaust) - How to further develop relations in Kingston between the communities associated with the mosque/Islamic centres and synagogues. <p>Jeremy Rodell - sharing the Religion Media Centre discussion (13 March) on "Tackling Religious Hatred". VIDEO:  RMC Briefing: Tackling religious hatred</p> <p>Context: since the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October, there has been a huge rise in incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism. In this Religion Media Centre briefing, faith leaders discuss how religious hatred can be tackled.</p>	All