



# Kingston Faith and Belief Forum

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<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 - Community Commemoration</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Faith and Belief Forum
<b>Short summary</b>	<p><b>Please join us in marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 on Sunday 25 January 2026 from 1:30pm - 4pm at Glenmore House in Surbiton.</b></p> <p>This is an important inter-faith and community event that provides an opportunity to learn the lessons of the past, honour the experiences of people affected by the Holocaust and genocide, and challenge ourselves to work for a safer and fairer future. The theme is 'Bridging Generations'.</p> <p><b>Guest speaker:</b> We are honoured to be joined by Holocaust survivor, Peter Lantos BEM.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and</b>	Tickets are free but you must register your attendance. <a href="https://KingstonHMD2026.eventbrite.co.uk">https://KingstonHMD2026.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

<b>Belief Forum</b>	
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<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Upcoming Forum meeting</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Council
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Please note the time and date for the next Kingston Faith and Belief Forum meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kingston Mosque</li> <li>• 05 February from 10am - 11:30am.</li> </ul> <p><b>Address:</b> 55 East Rd, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6EJ</p> <p>Thank you Sheikh Hanif and Badar for hosting the meeting.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	An agenda will be shared nearer the time

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Forum priority topics for 2026</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Faith and Belief Forum
<b>Short summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What dialogue topics would you like to see discussed at a future Forum meeting?</li> <li>• Are there any guest speakers or local community leaders you would like us to invite to a meeting?</li> <li>• In your view, what are the challenges currently facing faith communities in Kingston?</li> </ul> <p>We warmly welcome your views! These will be discussed at the February meeting.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<a href="#">Please share your views on this short form</a>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Health Information Week coming to Kingston Libraries</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Libraries
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>This national campaign is all about ensuring communities have access to high-quality, trustworthy health information, with libraries playing a role in supporting health and digital literacy. From advice on quitting smoking, support for a new baby, or tips on keeping your home warm and healthy, there's an event available. Full details here</p> <p><a href="https://libraries.kingston.gov.uk/blog/health-information-week-2026">https://libraries.kingston.gov.uk/blog/health-information-week-2026</a></p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please share <a href="#">Health Information Week</a> information with communities - table of activity is included below.

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Introduction to safeguarding for faith and voluntary community sector</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston & Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership (KRSCP)
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>KRSCP is hosting an "Introduction to Safeguarding for the Voluntary Sector". The event aims to enhance engagement with the voluntary and faith sector and encompass a 'Talk, Share and Learn' space.</p> <p><b>In-Person Sessions :</b>  Wednesday 11 February (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)  <b>Venue:</b> Old Malden Family Hub, 100 Lawrence Ave, New Malden KT3 5NB  <b>Booking Link:</b> <a href="#">KRSCP &amp; VCSE + Faith Organisations   Achieving for Children   Learning Portal</a></p>

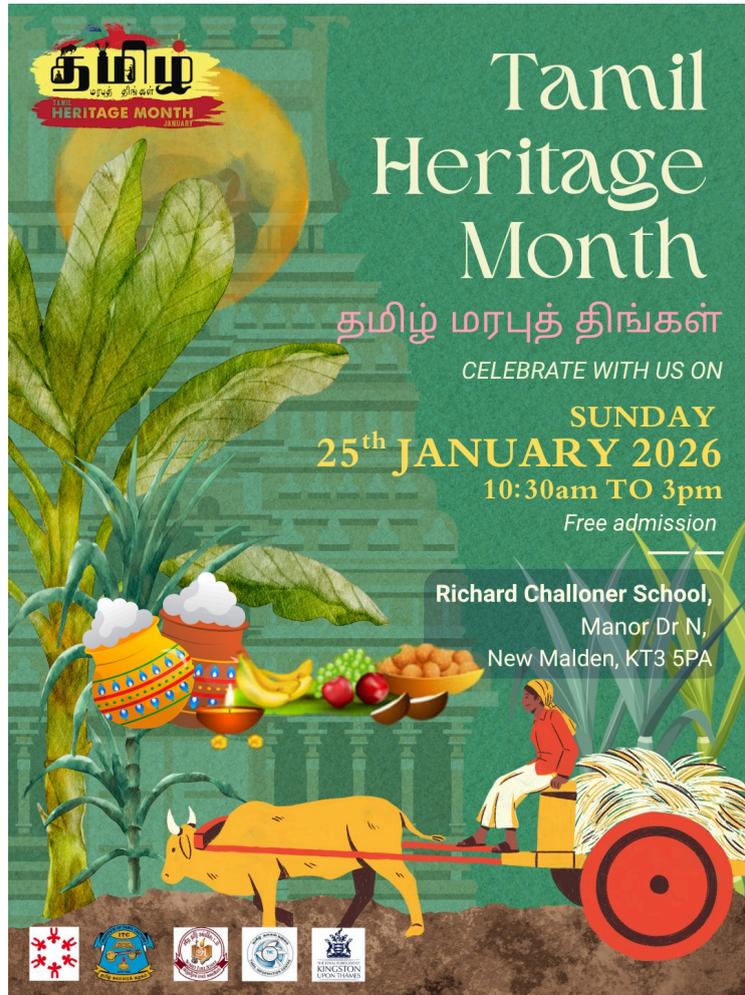
	<p>and</p> <p><b>Monday 1 June (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Salon Room, York House, Twickenham, TW1 3AA, UK</p> <p><b>Booking Link:</b> <a href="#">KRSCP &amp; VCSE + Faith Organisations   Achieving for Children   Learning Portal</a></p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please share as relevant

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Does the NHS App help people manage their health?</b>
<b>Author</b>	Healthwatch Kingston
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Healthwatch Kingston wants to understand if the NHS App is helping local people to manage their health, and their preferred way to give feedback on services.</p> <p>Completing the <a href="#">anonymous survey</a> will take 10 minutes and help to make sure that the people who design the NHS App are aware of the experiences and needs of communities in Kingston.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Promote the survey to communities

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Funding to enhance existing garden spaces</b>
<b>Author</b>	Seeds for Change - Faiths for London (FFL)
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>As part of our "Seeds for Change" initiative, we provide funding and support to faith communities that are either enhancing existing garden spaces or developing new ones.</p> <p>Grants are available for materials (typically £500 - £1,200)</p>  <p><b>Seeds for Change Funding</b></p> <p>Grants are available for materials (typically £500–£1,200), with the possibility of further funding.</p> <p>Successful applicants can also access staff support, as needed, to help with design, buying materials, and getting the project started.</p> <p>Please include a short description of your organisation, where the garden/green space is, and how you would use the funding (new garden or improving an existing one).</p> <p>Email</p>  <p><a href="mailto:contact@seeds4change.co.uk">contact@seeds4change.co.uk</a></p>

<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	If you are interested to learn more, please contact Seeds for Change directly on: <a href="mailto:contact@seeds4change.co.uk">contact@seeds4change.co.uk</a>

<b>Title of article or notice</b>	<b>Tamil Heritage Month</b>
<b>Author</b>	Kingston Tamil Heritage Group
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>A special community celebration marking Tamil Heritage Month! The Harvest Festival will feature Tamil heritage and cultural performances, offering an engaging and enjoyable experience for everyone. The event takes place from 10.30am-3pm at Richard Challoner School in New Malden on Sunday 25 January.</p> <p>Please encourage your communities to drop by and join in the celebrations.</p>



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Will provide a link as soon as the event is on our website!

**Title of article or notice**

**Harmony Festival**

**Author**

Namaste Kingston

**Short summary**

Celebrating the Harvest Festivals of India - Lohri, Magh Bihu, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Utaryan etc. The day will include performances by local artists and amateur performers followed by traditional festivities. There will be food stalls, kids activities, kite making workshops etc.

**When** - Saturday, 24th Jan 2026, 4.00pm to 8.00pm

**Where** - Hollyfield School, Surbiton Hill Road KT6 4TU

**Book tickets on** [www.namastekingston.org](http://www.namastekingston.org)

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**Title of article or notice**

**Resonance - Indian Classical Music Programme**

**Author**

Namaste Kingston

**Short summary**

Join us to experience the melodious soul of instruments resonating with the divinity of spectacular nature. The event will have various compositions based on Indian classical music in sync with the visuals of valleys and mountains of India.

**When :** Saturday, 7th Feb 2026, 5.00pm to 8.00pm

**Where :** Hollyfield School, Surbiton Hill Road KT6 4TU

**Namaste Kingston**  
*Invites you to*  
**Resonance**  
*Echoes of the Valley : in Music, Rhythm & Light.*

**7TH FEB, 2026**      **5:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Hollyfield school, Surbiton Hill Road, KT6 4TU**

**Saleel Tambe**  
Tabla

**Saurabh Vartak**  
Bansuri

**Ninad Daithankar**  
Santoor

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<p><b>Title of article or notice</b></p>	<p><b>Active Bystander Training</b></p>
<p><b>Author</b></p>	<p>London Boroughs Faith Network</p>
<p><b>Short summary</b></p>	<p>Combatting identity-based harassment and violence is vital for increased resilience in our communities. London is a diverse space for all, protecting those who fall victim to this kind of abuse is more important than ever.</p> <p><a href="#">Protection Approaches</a> are hosting a very important Active Bystander Training session alongside <a href="#">London Plus!</a></p>

	<p>This training is completely FREE and will teach you everything you need to know to safely address identity-based violence in your community.</p>
<p><b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b></p>	<p>Please share with communities. <a href="#">Sign-up link</a></p>