

Formal Crawley Inter Faith Network (CIFN) began in June 2005. Prior to this an Interfaith group had been in existence in Crawley since the mid 1980s. The CIFN has a board of Trustees which consists of seven members who determine policy and co-ordinate the overall management of the Network. Trustees are drawn from all the major faiths in Crawley. The CIFN also has an Events Sub Committee which organises events and activities.

Crawley Borough Council (CBC) as part of its responsibility for Community Cohesion, has (through a service level agreement with CIFN), kindly provided funds for the employment of a Development Worker for a period of time. The Development Worker works closely with the Trustees and Events Sub Committee to further the work of the CIFN.

CIFN holds four 'Network Meetings' each year where developments of the past quarter are shared with the members and speakers are invited from different faith groups to give a presentation. Network meetings offer members the opportunity to share information and contribute ideas.

Our Aims

- To encourage an atmosphere of goodwill and peace between different faith communities.
- To promote and reflect on common beliefs as well as acknowledge differences and celebrate diversity.
- To help create understanding and respect between faith groups.

Our Objectives

1. To celebrate cultural diversity and promote unity
2. To work towards creating common ground
3. To provide a means for everyone to be involved in multi faith activities
4. To be an initial contact point whenever there is a need for consultation or assistance on multi faith issues
5. To arrange annual/regular activities which are religious, cultural and social gatherings, in order to foster understanding and learn from differences
6. To create dialogue to support bridge building amongst faith and secular communities in Crawley

CIFN Events

Friday 4th February 2011 @ 7.00pm

CIFN Network Meeting

Celebrating the United Nations first

'World Inter Faith Harmony Week'

Civic Hall, Crawley, RH10 1UZ

Saturday 2nd April 2011 @ 7.30pm

Multi Faith Discussion

Longley Room, Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road,

Crawley, RH10 6AD

Tuesday 31st May 2011 @ 7.30pm

CIFN Network Meeting

Special Guest Rabbi Elli

talk and discussion on Holocaust Memorial Day

Longley Room, Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road,

Crawley, RH10 6AD

Saturday 11th June 2011 @ 2pm

Faiths in Sussex Multi faith Debate

at Worth Abbey, Turners Hill

Saturday 2nd July 2011 @ 11.00am

Inter Faith Picnic

Inter Faith Garden, West Green Park, Ifield Avenue,

Crawley, RH11 7LX

Other Events of Interest

Saturday 19th February 10.00am – 3.30pm

'Ethics, Ecology & the Interdependant Web' International

Association for Religious Freedom

at Croydon Unitarian Church

Please contact Richard Boeke for further information on

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Events Organised by Horsham Interfaith Forum

Saturday 29th January @ 1pm

'Baha'u'llah and New Era' - Dr. F. Tahzib

(a talk on Baha'i Faith)

At United Reformed Church, Springfield Road,

Horsham, RH12 2RG

Thursday 17th March @ 7.30pm

Spiritual Reflections

At Friends Meeting House, Worthing Road,

Horsham, RH12 1SL

Saturday 26th March @ 1pm

'Islam' - Imam Sajid

At Unitarian Church, Worthing Road,

Horsham, RH12 1SL

Please contact Tim Firth for further details 01403 790038

Events at the Hindu Temple

Apple Tree Centre, Ifield Avenue, Ifield, Crawley

Wednesday 2nd February

Maha Shivratri

Wednesday 16th February

Viswa Karma Jayanti

Saturday 19th February

Holi Festival

Please contact Ashwin Soni for further details:

07833252551 or ashel@hotmail.co.uk

Other Events of Interest (continued)

Events arranged by Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

Monday 31st January @ 1- 4pm

Status of Mary – Christian and Islamic Speakers
Furnace Green Community Centre, Crawley

Sunday 28th March @ 1-4pm

Islam on Jesus the Messiah and the 2nd Advent
Furnace Green Community Centre, Crawley

July 24th and 25th

'Jalsa Salana – Largest Muslim Convention in UK'
Alton, Hampshire

Please contact **Ahsan Ahmedi** for further details
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Speakers of different faiths are available for talks and workshops for schools and other organisations on request to Crawley Inter Faith Network. For more information please contact:

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Church Walk Crawley RH10 1HH
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Religious Festivals / Occasions



Buddhist

15 February Nirvana Day

17 May – Buddha Day



Christian

24 April – Easter

12 June – Pentecost



Hindu

19 March - Holi

4 – 12 April - Ramayana



Islamic

20 March - Eid Milad ul Nabi

28 June– Lailat ul Miraj



Jewish

19 – 26 April –Pesach (Passover)

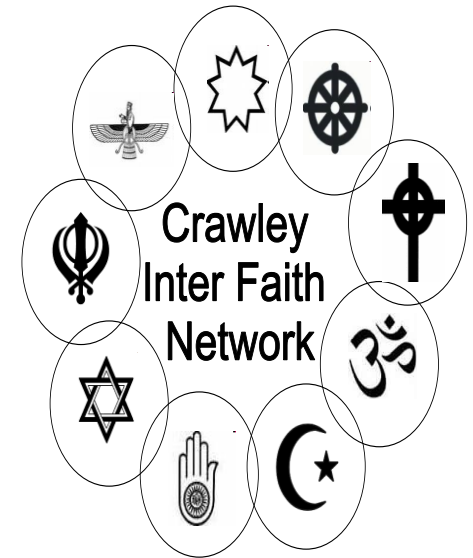
8 – 9 June - Shavuot



Sikh

20 March – Hola Mohalla

14 April - Baisakhi



Crawley Inter Faith Network

Calendar of Events

Jan - July 2011