

**Visits to faith communities**

**ENRICHING  
UNDERSTANDING  
AND TOLERANCE OF  
DIFFERENT BELIEFS**

**Supporting RE and SMSC through  
visits for schools in Leeds, Kirklees  
and Calderdale**

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## Introduction

This list is provided to help schools contact faith communities. Such engagement can enrich students' religious education and enhance awareness, understanding and tolerance of religious diversity in our region.

The list covers a wide geographical area around West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester. It includes individuals who are willing to come into school to support your work and bring some direct engagement with faith communities. It also includes some general information about places and organisations.

The list is only as good as the information offered and received. We know there are many gaps! We very much welcome additions and suggestions from schools, faith communities and individuals. Please contact [enquiries@penninelearning.com](mailto:enquiries@penninelearning.com) if you would like to offer or suggest ideas to share with colleagues.

You can make contact directly with local places of worship. Anglican and Roman Catholic churches operate parish systems where there is always a local church with pastoral responsibility for the local community. It is generally easy to make contact directly or, if necessary, through the Anglican Diocese of Leeds [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

We are very clear that the purpose of visits envisaged here is to support the education of young people, not in any way to persuade or proselytise. However, we hope that direct engagement with people of faith will enliven and inspire pupils' thinking so they can make their own judgments and develop their own understanding. Guidance has been written locally and is available in all three local authorities. It can also be downloaded from [www.penninelearning.com](http://www.penninelearning.com).

Although due care has been taken to check that individuals and organisations are appropriate and bona fide, it is neither apt nor possible for us to conduct safeguarding or quality assurance checks in a comprehensive way. Please be clear that is the responsibility of individual schools to undertake normal safeguarding and quality assurance procedures for themselves. However, we are very happy to have your feedback which will help us to ensure this list is as useful and up-to-date as possible.

Any arrangements should be made directly with the people on this list. We're sorry we are not able to undertake a booking service on behalf of schools. It is also up to schools to check any financial arrangements. Many of the people and organisations do not make a charge. In other cases they are commercial organisations or individual people whose livelihood derives from this educational work. We have indicated where charges are likely. Even where these visits are pro bono, it is always appropriate to offer travel and incidental expenses.

## Welcoming Schools Quality Mark and free training



Free training is available for faith communities supporting understanding of the RE syllabus, modelling activities to use with pupils and providing guidance on protocols. Faith communities can also gain recognition of the quality of visits through the 'Welcoming Schools' logo. Communities which have gained this award are marked in the list. For more details please contact [helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk)

Useful guidance has also been published by the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE). It can be found on their website [natre.org.uk](http://natre.org.uk)

## The benefits of visits

Diversity is multi-faceted and does not only apply to ethnicity or faith. Nevertheless, engagement with people of different faiths is a critical element of this. This can take the form of a visit to a faith community or receiving a visitor in an assembly, class or special event. Many schools find it invaluable to arrange such engagement to help students to broaden their understanding and experience of our communities and world. These occasions can:

- Contribute to our obligation to promote fundamental values of respect and tolerance;
- Broaden pupils' experience and perspectives and develop their critical thinking skills;
- Build bridges in our local communities;
- Enrich the provision for religious education and fulfil requirements of the syllabus.

## Doubts and reluctance

Sometimes parents or carers are reluctant to allow their child to participate on a specific visit. All school visits require parental consent and as a concomitant, parents have a legal right to withhold such consent. While schools must always respect (and be seen to respect) parents' statutory rights, teachers can try to encourage full participation as part of every child's right to a broad and balanced education.

Be aware that parental reluctance may stem from a number of reasons and should not be automatically dismissed as ignorance or prejudice. Although these may be a factor for some, there can also be genuine fears and doubts and it is always good to encourage a parent or carer to articulate their questions.

Schools have found some of the ideas below useful in dealing with doubts or in building a culture where visits and visitors are part of the yearly routine and welcomed by all.

- It is good practice to ask to discuss such an issue face to face. There may be specific reasons why a parent is reluctant to allow consent. A meeting gives the opportunity to reassure and for the parent to think through what is best;

- Be very clear about the facts – communicate the nature, purpose and content of the visit at an early stage and continue to do so;
- Be clear about the value of the visit – how and why it will be helpful for pupils and how it links to the curriculum;
- Celebrate the event through displays and information on newsletters, website or parents' evenings. Use last year's pictures to help promote this year's event;
- Link it into a wider school context, for example as part of a sequence of visits or events that engage with diversity or as a contribution to a wider anti-bullying or tolerance agenda;
- Communicate the enjoyment and participation involved. It's a shame if a child misses out on the experience shared by others in the class;
- Involve parents – as helpers or through sharing what is happening.

## Visitors to school

Schools often use visitors as well as, or instead of, arranging an external visit. Unless such an occasion is specifically part of the RE curriculum or an act of collective worship, there is no statutory right to withdraw. It can still enable pupils to understand about different people and cultures.

The Faith Visits Contacts list may help with ideas but there will also be local and personal contacts within the school community. If their contribution is supported appropriately, they do not have to have extensive teaching skills or public speaking experience. An interview or prepared questions can be a very effective way of helping pupils to learn about a visitor's faith, culture or experience.

There are some key things to consider in planning the visit:

- What are the aims? Have these been discussed and shared with the visitor?
- Ensure the school is managing the event throughout. This will help the visitor as well as you.
- Follow normal safeguarding procedures, while also offering appropriate welcome and hospitality.
- Prepare the pupils, staff and parents; celebrate the occasion and links with the wider community.

It is good to remember that staff (not just teaching staff) and parents may be a source of diverse experience that can be celebrated in school and learnt from by pupils. Sensitivity is needed, and such contributions need to be appropriate to the willingness, confidence and experience of the person concerned. At the same time this participation can affirm and enrich the participant.

## Further information

*We welcome feedback, suggestions or ideas and will include any changes or amendments in future editions.*

For queries contact [helen@penninelearning.com](mailto:helen@penninelearning.com)

*We have carefully checked information in this list but neither Pennine Learning Associates Ltd, nor any of the local authorities we serve, can be held liable for any inaccuracies or for any consequences arising from the use of this list. Please always ensure your safeguarding and quality assurance procedures are in place and check details directly.*

***Many places of worship are offering online material and virtual tours – this has been noted in their entry. Others are developing their resources in this area, so it is worth checking.***

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### Community Cohesion Initiative: Joint Q and A sessions

Joint teaching and Q and A sessions are offered to schools by arrangement in order to allow pupils to ask questions and learn how those with different faith perspectives live well together.

Rev Sue Pegg/Maysoon Shafique (EY and KS1)   **Contact:** [helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk)  
Imam Farook Yunus/ Rev George Spencer       **Contact:** [helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk)

North Kirklees Interfaith Co-Chair:

Rev Mark Umpleby/ Sheikh Irfan Soni   **Contact:** [markumpleby@hotmail.com](mailto:markumpleby@hotmail.com) 07872 333127

# Baha'i

**Marion Pollitt** is a retired secondary teacher, also responsible also for assemblies and pastoral care. Can offer assemblies at primary or secondary level, secondary carousels and children's classes at all key stages. **Alan Pollitt** has Experience of taking children's classes at primary level, lunchtime groups and school assemblies.

**Contact:** 01422 311048

**John Butterfield** is a retired Senior Educational Psychologist, with extensive school experience at all phases.

**Contact:** 01422 881230 and 07799801417 or e-mail [john.butterfield20@gmail.com](mailto:john.butterfield20@gmail.com)

**Ramona Cleasby** is a counsellor in the Health Service with extensive experience in primary schools.

**Dr Steven Cleasby** is a GP with experience of primary and secondary schools, as well as youth groups. **Contact:** via John Butterfield as above

# Buddhism



## Vajrapani Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Huddersfield

Wheathouse Terrace, Huddersfield, HD2 2UY

The centre offers well-organised, thoughtful visits for all ages, including an introduction to Buddhist teaching and daily life. Visits are usually on Tuesdays and Wednesdays - other days by arrangement. Coach drop off and public transport links available on Wheathouse Rd.

**Contact direct** to book school visits – 01484-943119 or [admin@meditateinhuddersfield.org](mailto:admin@meditateinhuddersfield.org)

**Website:** [www.meditateinhuddersfield.org](http://www.meditateinhuddersfield.org)



## Jamyang Buddhist and Meditation Centre, Leeds

Clyde Works, Ingram Rd, Leeds LS11 9RQ

The Centre offers an education programme to enrich classroom learning about Buddhism. Teachers can choose from these options:

**Path One** - A visit to the centre including a tour of the building, a short talk in the gomba in front of the altar and a "Question Time" session with a member of the community

**Path Two** - An Online Event via Zoom/Teams with a member of the community, including a virtual video tour, a look at objects and practices, and the opportunity to ask questions.

**Path Three** - A bespoke session based on your specific requirements.

**Contact:** [eduvisits@jamyangleeds.co.uk](mailto:eduvisits@jamyangleeds.co.uk) **Website:** [www.jamyangleeds.co.uk](http://www.jamyangleeds.co.uk)

## Kagyü Dechen Dzong Buddhist Centre, Harrogate

Offer help with delivering Buddhism in the classroom. Happy to meet individual or small groups of teachers or subject leaders of RE on a one-off or on-going basis. Drop in sessions for teachers on Friday evenings.

**Website:** [www.yorkshirebuddhistcommunity.com](http://www.yorkshirebuddhistcommunity.com) (local) and [www.lamajampa.org](http://www.lamajampa.org) (wider)

**Contact:** Howard Quinn at [howard.quinn@dechen.org](mailto:howard.quinn@dechen.org) or 01423 881647 07462 758353

### **Manchester Buddhist Centre**

Offer educational visits by arrangement

16-20 Turner St, Manchester M4 1DZ

**Website:** [www.manchesterbuddhistcentre.org.uk](http://www.manchesterbuddhistcentre.org.uk)

**Contact:** 0161-834 9232

## **Christianity**

*You can contact your local church. The churches below offer a particular service to schools:*

### **Calderdale**

#### **Halifax Minster**

The minster offers a wide range of workshops, bespoke packages and experiences for schools. £45 for a workshop for one class of up to 30 children.

**Contact:** Karen Lomas [educationofficer@halifaxminster.org.uk](mailto:educationofficer@halifaxminster.org.uk) or 07931 530601.

**Website:** [www.halifaxminster.org.uk](http://www.halifaxminster.org.uk) **Contact:** 01422-355436

#### **St Hilda's Church**

Gibraltar Rd, Halifax, HX1 4HE <https://sthildashalifax.wordpress.com>

#### **St John's Church**

Warley, Halifax HX2 7LY <https://stjohnschurchwarley.wixsite.com/stjohn>

Both churches available Monday to Friday, welcoming visits from primary and secondary schools.

Aspect of the RE syllabus can be addressed in bespoke visits as well as spirituality and prayer events.

**Contact** [rev.caroline14@gmail.com](mailto:rev.caroline14@gmail.com) 01422 363623

#### **Mount Zion Methodist Heritage Chapel, Halifax**

KS2 visits welcome with a variety of activities linked to history and practical learning.

Per Lane, Upper Brockholes, Halifax HX2 8XG

**Website:** [www.mountzionhalifax.org.uk](http://www.mountzionhalifax.org.uk)

**Contact:** Paula Prosser at [schools.mountzion@gmail.com](mailto:schools.mountzion@gmail.com) or on 07563-733148

### **Kirklees**



#### **Dewsbury Minster**

Rishworth Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8DD

The Minster Church of All Saints, Dewsbury offers visits reflecting its rich history and its present-day service to the community as it feeds those in need on a daily basis. Directly opposite Dewsbury Bus station, providing easy access via public transport.

**Website:** [www.dewsburyminster.org.uk](http://www.dewsburyminster.org.uk) **Contact:** [simon@dewsburyminster.org.uk](mailto:simon@dewsburyminster.org.uk) 01924 465491



#### **Huddersfield Parish Church**

Byram Street, Huddersfield, HD1 1BU. 01484 427964

St Peter's Church offers well-structured visits for all ages. It is a short walk from Huddersfield Rail and Bus stations, and its central location allows for the possibility of a two-centre visit to include a Mosque or Gurdwara. Cost £75.

**Website:** [www.huddersfieldparishchurch.org](http://www.huddersfieldparishchurch.org) **Contact:** [office@huddersfieldparishchurch.org](mailto:office@huddersfieldparishchurch.org)

### **St Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe**

Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe, WF13 3JR

Visits by arrangement with Rev George Spencer – Tuesdays, Wednesdays (pm) and Thursdays.

**Contact:** 07388507282 [hospitalgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:hospitalgeorge@gmail.com)



### **St John's, Newsome; St Paul's. Armitage Bridge; Holy Trinity, South Crosland**

School visits welcome. Rev Julie Anderson is also available to support RE lessons within local primary and secondary schools, by arrangement.

**Contact:** [julie\\_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk)



### **Huddersfield Methodist Circuit**

Huddersfield Methodist Circuit welcomes invitations to work with schools; offering assemblies, support with RE lessons, Godly Play, festivals (other RE) workshops, lunchtime clubs and also visits to places of worship.

Suzanne Bridges (Children's Work Coordinator for the Huddersfield Methodist Circuit) offers Godly play sessions and other support for KS1/2. Chris Mason (Circuit Youth Worker for the Huddersfield Methodist Circuit) offers support for KS3-KS4 focus.

Contact Suzanne for details of Methodist church visits in the Huddersfield area.

**Contact:** Suzanne Bridges [suzhmc@gmail.com](mailto:suzhmc@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.huddersfieldmethodists.org.uk](http://www.huddersfieldmethodists.org.uk)



### **Lepton Methodist Church**

The Square, Highgate Lane, Lepton, HD8 0HB.

Lepton Methodist Church offers assemblies to local schools and welcomes school visits for activities and workshops at Christian Festivals and other times. Visits to **Kirkheaton** United Church and **Gledholt** Methodist church can also be arranged.

**Contact:** [revsuepegg@outlook.com](mailto:revsuepegg@outlook.com)



### **Christchurch, Moldgreen and St James' Parish Church, Rawthorpe**

School visits welcome by arrangement. Rev Charlotte Cheshire is a former youth and schools worker and currently also Chaplain to Huddersfield University.

**Contact:** [Charlotte.cheshire@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:Charlotte.cheshire@leeds.anglican.org) 01484 982373



### **Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist), Dewsbury**

Princess of Wales Precinct, Dewsbury, WF13 1NH

The church hosts school visits and offers 'Rewind to Christmas' and 'Rewind to Easter' for local schools. Short walk from Dewsbury Bus station, providing easy access via public transport.

**Website:** [www.longcauseway.org.uk](http://www.longcauseway.org.uk)

**Contact:** 07591582848 (Office)



### **United Reformed Church, Moldgreen**

**Contact:** Church Office 01484 430556



**Christ the King, Battyeford, Mirfield:**

**Contact:** Natasha Lee [ctkyouth@christ-the-king.co.uk](mailto:ctkyouth@christ-the-king.co.uk)



**Holy Trinity Church, Trinity St, Huddersfield HD1 4DT**

Holy Trinity Huddersfield is an Anglican (Church of England) church close to the town centre. We have a long history of work with children and young people, and would love to welcome class groups of any age to explore our 200 year-old building, to learn about how we worship God, and how we express our faith in seeking to share God's love with our town. We can host whole-class sessions (KS1, KS2, KS3) any day of the week based on themes of your choice, including: Christian festivals, what Christians believe, how we worship, the Bible, sharing faith, caring for our neighbour etc. There is no charge to visit Holy Trinity.

**Contact:** Janet Joseph 01484 513213 [cfm@holyltrinityhuddersfield.com](mailto:cfm@holyltrinityhuddersfield.com)



**New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield**

Age-appropriate visits are themed around what you would find in a church, about initiation ceremonies including baptism (there is a baptistry (pool) in the church).

**Contact:** Mark Janes 07852490034 or [rmijanes@aol.com](mailto:rmijanes@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.newnorthroad.org.uk/](http://www.newnorthroad.org.uk/)

**The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon)**

116 Halifax Rd, Huddersfield HD3 3BS

Visits welcome from all ages.

**Contact:** [abi.peel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abi.peel@hotmail.co.uk) or 07931 362817

## Leeds



**Leeds Minster**

St Peters House, Kirkgate, Leeds LS2 7DJ

**Website:** [www.leedsminster.org](http://www.leedsminster.org)

**Contact:** 0113- 245 2036 or [contact@leedsminster.org](mailto:contact@leedsminster.org)

**Cornerstone Baptist Church, Leeds LS6 3LF**

Able to offer church visits and also offer: Rewind to Christmas, Rewind to Easter and 'It's your Move'.

**Contact:** [info@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:info@cbcl.org.uk) or 0113 275 4989 **Website:** [www.spbc.org.uk](http://www.spbc.org.uk)



**Gateway Church, Leeds**

St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road, Leeds, LS2 9AF

School visits for primary and secondary schools by arrangement. Online visits offered.

**Contact:** [Chris.frost@gatewayleeds.net](mailto:Chris.frost@gatewayleeds.net) or 0113 2443245/ 07717 825864

**Website:** [www.gatewayleeds.net](http://www.gatewayleeds.net)

## Other Christian organisations

### Christian Aid

Available for primary and secondary schools, based in Kirklees.

**Contact:** Barry Lee [barryslee@live.com](mailto:barryslee@live.com)

**Christian Initiative in Calderdale Schools (CICS)** works alongside staff in both Primary and Secondary schools and seeks to support the spiritual development of young people through assemblies, RE/PSCHE lesson delivery, Info Point, Faith/RE days, out of school activities and individual/group mentoring. Free of charge except for mentoring (£20 per hour donation).

**Contact:** [office@cicscalderdale.org.uk](mailto:office@cicscalderdale.org.uk) **Website:** [www.cicscalderdale.org.uk](http://www.cicscalderdale.org.uk)

### Godly Play Storytelling

Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to RE that invites children to participate in the meaning and wonder found in stories from the Judeo-Christian tradition. Based upon Montessori principles, it uses symbols and objects as well as words to help children make connections. It is a strategy recommended in the local Agreed Syllabus 'Believing and Belonging'.

#### Contacts:

Denise Brogden [denise.brogden@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:denise.brogden@yorks.ac.uk)

Suzanne Bridges (Huddersfield area) [suzhmc@gmail.com](mailto:suzhmc@gmail.com)

Hand to Mouth (see details below)

**Hand to Mouth** is a Christian charity that works in primary schools in Kirklees and Calderdale, supporting the spiritual development of children through RE Days, assemblies, Godly Play and Spiritual Journeys. **Online Collective worship recordings are available from November 2020.** Charges approximately £300 a day.

**Website:** [www.handtomouth.org.uk](http://www.handtomouth.org.uk)

**Contact:** [office@handtomouth.org.uk](mailto:office@handtomouth.org.uk) **Tel.** 01484 315600 or 07905112345 or 07905466393

### Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds

The diocese covers most of Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds and can put you in touch with a local parish.

**Contact:** the diocesan RE coordinator, Chris Devanny [chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

You can also contact your local parish direct.

## Hindu Dharma



### Hindu Temple, 20 Zetland St, Huddersfield, HD1 2RA

Visits can be arranged on most days. The temple welcomes all ages, offering group activities, personal reflections and music as part of the learning experience. Suggested donation £70.

**Contact:** Kiran Bali [huddersfieldmandir@googlemail.com](mailto:huddersfieldmandir@googlemail.com) 07944 335855

### **Shree Bharatiya Mandal - Indian Association Tameside**

103 Union Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8JN

The Ambaji Hindu Mandir (Temple) at Indian Association Tameside, welcomes schools or other faculties of education on a guided tour of our place of worship. Trained and DBS qualified staff will assist in exploring the Hindu faith and its celebrations to support the RE curriculum and workshops.

**Charges:** Free, donation welcome.

**Website:** <https://sbm.org.uk/>

**Contact:** Dinesh Chauhan [dineshelenchauhan@gmail.com](mailto:dineshelenchauhan@gmail.com) and Hariom Bhatt [hariomb@gmail.com](mailto:hariomb@gmail.com)

## **Humanism**

**Humanists UK** offer free, trained, and experienced volunteers who can help you and your school. Using their life experience and knowledge, School Speakers can bring a personal dimension to young people's study of humanism that goes 'beyond the textbook'. They can:

- Talk about humanism and take part in a Q&A in an assembly or in the classroom
- Share their personal experiences, beliefs, and values and explain what being a humanist means
- Give a humanist perspective on a contemporary debate (eg. assisted dying, wealth and poverty, prejudice and discrimination)
- Contribute to a specialist day (i.e. 'collapsed' or 'off timetable' day) for a whole-year group
- Work directly with teachers by providing specialist information or material

<https://humanism.org.uk/education/teachers/request-volunteer-school>

### **Local Humanist Contacts:**

Hannah McKerchar (Kirklees SACRE, Humanists UK School Speaker, Humanist Celebrant)  
at [theonelifewehave@gmail.com](mailto:theonelifewehave@gmail.com)

Dermot Bolton: [dermotb@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dermotb@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07811 197053

Rob Billson: [rbbillson@gmail.com](mailto:rbbillson@gmail.com) or 07540 888641

**Teaching resources:** <https://understandinghumanismorg.uk/> and <https://assembliesforall.org.uk>

## **Islam**



### **Equilibria**

Equilibria is a UK based charity working to advance the education of the public in the subject of Islam. We offer workshops, assemblies, CPD and Mosque Visits for primary and secondary schools. Our interactive sessions are a perfect balance of being fun and informative. We also coordinate joint Exploring 3 Faiths visits with other places of worship including the Synagogue and Church where students can visit up to three places of worship in one day. Workshops can be offered online with accompanying artefacts and resources delivered to schools in advance.

**Contact via the website:** [www.equilibria.org.uk](http://www.equilibria.org.uk)

## **Kumon Y'all**

Kumon Y'all is an organisation offering school workshops and mosque visits in the Dewsbury area. A number of Imams in the network are available to take assemblies, Q and A sessions and workshops on social and religious issues, particularly aimed at secondary age pupils. Mosque visits are based at Zakariya Mosque, Savile Town; the visit includes lively, interactive activities, Q and A and refreshments. No charge, but donations welcome.

Contact: [farook@kumonyall.co.uk](mailto:farook@kumonyall.co.uk) 07515 634970

## **Calderdale**

### **Dr Fiaz Farooq**

Member of Calderdale SACRE and local GP.

Available to offer sessions to primary and secondary school pupils about Islam, the Arabic language and culture. Contact: [fiazf@yahoo.com](mailto:fiazf@yahoo.com)

### **Hassan Riaz**

Hassan is a pharmacist. He has put aside one day a week to volunteer in schools and offers assemblies and RE via Zoom and in person.

Contact: Hassan Riaz [hriaz92@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hriaz92@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Kirklees**



### **Dawatal Islam Masjid**

West Acre Drive, Soothill, Batley, WF17 6PE

School visits welcome by arrangement. Up to 60 pupils may be accommodated; visits are well-organised and interactive.

Contact: Suleman Aswat (Chairman) [sulemanaswat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sulemanaswat@hotmail.co.uk) 07736-871173

Email: [dawatalislam.mosque@gmail.com](mailto:dawatalislam.mosque@gmail.com)

### **Imam Saeed Makda**

Imam from Batley who also teaches in a madressah.

Contact: [mohammedsaeedmakda4@gmail.com](mailto:mohammedsaeedmakda4@gmail.com) T: 07498-280022



### **Jamia Masjid Noor**

Crosland Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield, HD1 3JS

The mosque welcomes visits from up to 60 pupils. Sessions are exceptionally well-organised including a wide range of activities. Visits to schools can also be arranged.

Contact: Abdul Majid [jamiamasjidnoor@gmail.com](mailto:jamiamasjidnoor@gmail.com) T: 01484 423081 or 07553 693325

Website: [www.jamiamasjidnoor.com](http://www.jamiamasjidnoor.com)

### **Al-Hidayah Mosque**

Caledonian Rd, Dewsbury

School Visits by arrangement. Visits include interactive learning, question and answer as well as a tour of the mosque.

Contact: Kaushar Tai [kaushartai@hotmail.com](mailto:kaushartai@hotmail.com) 07813 811914

### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (Huddersfield South)**

Baitus Samad Mosque, 41 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield HD1 6AS

Visits to schools or to mosque arranged, including information about charitable work. Presentations available on any topic related to Islam or any contemporary issues.

Contact Fatihul Haq 07547-870197 or [fatihul-haq@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fatihul-haq@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association (Huddersfield)**

Contact Resham Masood [resham.masood@hotmail.com](mailto:resham.masood@hotmail.com) or 07522961057

**Yahya Delair** is involved with work of humanitarian nature, and has a special interest in youth work and the study of the Qur'an.

**Contact:** [yahyadelair01@gmail.com](mailto:yahyadelair01@gmail.com) T: 07592-110594



**Al Mu'Minun (The Believers)** is a non-profit organisation which holds seminars, events, workshops and school visits to educate the community on matters pertaining to Islam and to eradicate myths and misconceptions relating to the religion.

Maysoon offers class sessions to schools, and can host visits to Kirklees mosques by arrangement. Online options available.

**Contact:** Maysoon Shafiq 07763353490 [maysoon\\_shafiq@hotmail.com](mailto:maysoon_shafiq@hotmail.com)

### **Bushra Taslim Hussain**

Author and Illustrator of My Islam A-Z - a picture book to teach people of all faiths and ages about Islam. Bushra is available to present to primary and secondary schools - she can speak generally about Islam or target the presentation to the topic that is being covered in class. As a self-published author, she can also speak about her publishing journey and the stages of producing a book, including the full artwork. Q and A sessions are welcomed as part of the presentation.

Please enquire for cost of session.

**Website:** [www.islamicbeginnings.com](http://www.islamicbeginnings.com)

**Social media:** @islamicbeginnings

**Contact:** [hello@islamicbeginnings.com](mailto:hello@islamicbeginnings.com) 07784 821932

**Mashuda Shaikh** works for Communities in Kirklees Council

**Contact:** [mashuda.shaikh@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:mashuda.shaikh@kirklees.gov.uk) T: 07967-547110

## **Leeds**

**Lincoln Green Mosque, Cherry Tree, Cherry Row, Leeds LS9 7LY**

School visits by arrangement.

**Contact:** Shaho [shaho84@gmail.com](mailto:shaho84@gmail.com) or T: 07746-454969

**UKIM Leeds (Iqra Centre and The Lingfield Centre), 4-6 Carr Manor Cres, Leeds LS17 5DH**

School visits welcomed.

**Contact:** Eatsam Ahmed Danish [admin@iqracentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@iqracentre.org.uk) or 07735-533703

**Jamia Masjid Abu Huraira, Catherine Grove, Beeston, Leeds LS11 6LU**

School visits to masjid welcome. Also offers visits to schools to enhance learning about Islam in an assembly or class setting. Display and exhibits available. Can help to organise a panel of interfaith

speakers to talk about faith and wider duties to community. **The mosque is currently offering pre-recorded tours. They can also facilitate a teacher coming to record a tour.**

**Contact:** Faisar at [kmwa.leeds@hotmail.com](mailto:kmwa.leeds@hotmail.com)

## Manchester

### Ashton Central Mosque

Welcomes school visits. Interactive presentations linked to the age and needs of pupils. Normally 2 hour morning sessions. Free of charge; donation welcome.

**Website:** [www.ashtoncentralmosque.com](http://www.ashtoncentralmosque.com)

**Contact:** Nabeela Akram nabeela akram nab21akr@aol.com

## Judaism

### Manchester Jewish Museum

Cheetham Hill Rd, ½ mile from Victoria Station.

School visits welcome by arrangement.

**Website:** [www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com](http://www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com)

### Freddy Naftel

Enrichment presentations and workshops for students aged 7-13, focusing on the legacy of the Holocaust and antisemitism today. from a personal point of view, concentrating on my family history. **I am currently providing Zoom presentations and have prepared a number of CD presentations, aimed at different year groups.** Charges apply.

**Contact:** Freddy Naftel 0161-280 3046 or [fredericknaftel@virginmedia.com](mailto:fredericknaftel@virginmedia.com)

## Leeds



### Sinai Synagogue, Leeds (Reform)

Roman Avenue, Leeds. LS8 2AN

School visits welcome by arrangement and can be tailored to your priorities

**Website:** [www.sinaileeds.uk](http://www.sinaileeds.uk)

**Contact:** [education@sinaileeds.uk](mailto:education@sinaileeds.uk) or 0113-266 5256

### United Hebrew Congregation, Leeds (Orthodox)

151 Shadwell Lane, Leeds, LS17 8DW

School visits welcome by arrangement.

**Website:** [www.uhcleeds.com](http://www.uhcleeds.com)

**Contact:** Sue Dorsey [sue.dorsey@ntlworld.com](mailto:sue.dorsey@ntlworld.com)

### Etz Chaim Synagogue, Leeds (Orthodox)

411 Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 7BY

School visits welcome by arrangement.

**Contact:** [admin@etzchaim.co.uk](mailto:admin@etzchaim.co.uk) or 0113 2662214

### Beth Hamedrash Hagadol (Orthodox)

399 Street Lane, Leeds LS17 6HQ

School visits welcome by arrangement.

**Contact:** [office@bhhs.co.uk](mailto:office@bhhs.co.uk) or 0113 2692181

### **Bradford Reform Synagogue**

7a Bowland Street, Bradford, BD1 3BW

School visits welcome by arrangement.

**Contact:** Richard [rstroud@thepurchasingagency.com](mailto:rstroud@thepurchasingagency.com)  
Suzie - [suziecree@hotmail.com](mailto:suziecree@hotmail.com) 01423 770458

### **Makor Jewish Culture Centre, Leeds**

Offers Primary and Secondary school visits mostly in Leeds and West Yorkshire tailored to curriculum needs and introducing Judaism. Examples include: an introduction to Sabbath with hands-on activities such as plaiting and baking challah bread; an introduction to Hebrew writing, comparing English and Arabic alphabets.

**Contact:** Ellie Ruhan 0113-218 5873 or email [ellie@makor.co.uk](mailto:ellie@makor.co.uk)

### **Leeds Jewish Representative Council.**

The LJRC is the overarching umbrella organisation for the Jewish community in Leeds and surrounding area. They can signpost to any information or organisations not directly related to synagogue matters (i.e wider cultural or historical information).

**Contact:** 0113 218 5869 or email [info@ljrc.org](mailto:info@ljrc.org)

### **Helen Frais**

Helen is a former teacher and community worker in the Jewish Community. Pupils are invited to make traditional challah bread whilst exploring the Jewish faith and chatting about aspects of Jewish practice such as Shabbat, festivals and Jewish family life. She is also developing a resource on Holocaust Education.

Bread-making encourages dialogue and introduces a skill. Pupils and staff can take the small challah breads home to share with their families. Bread can be baked in schools with baking facilities, or taken home to bake.

There is no charge but a charity donation to the Holocaust Education and Learning Centre would be appreciated.

**Contact:** [afrais@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:afrais@tiscali.co.uk)

## **Other Jewish organisations**

### **Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association**

Members offer talks for schools and other organisations.

**Contact:** [Barbara.cline@ljwb.co.uk](mailto:Barbara.cline@ljwb.co.uk)

### **Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester**

The Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region have a group of volunteer teachers who are willing to visit schools within the Greater Manchester area for an hour or a morning or afternoon. Zoom sessions are also possible.

**Contact:** Sandra Stewart [sandra.oakdene@btinternet.com](mailto:sandra.oakdene@btinternet.com)

# Sikhism

## Huddersfield



### Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Huddersfield

2 Prospect St, Springwood, Huddersfield, HD1 2NX

Welcomes visits from upper KS2 upwards which are free of charge. The visit includes a tour of the Gurdwara and a chance to eat in the Langar Hall. The Gurdwara is an easy walk from the bus and railway stations in Huddersfield.

**Contact:** To book direct contact [gurdwarabooking@gmail.com](mailto:gurdwarabooking@gmail.com)

## Leeds



### Guru Nanak Niskam Sevak Jatha Gurdwara, Leeds

78 Ladypit Lane, Beeston, Leeds LS11 6DP

Welcomes school visits, which are free of charge, donations can be made. Visits include Gurdwara tour with question and answer time. Also turban tying and music. The Gurdwara can be reached by public transport and short 10 minute walk.

**Contact:** [gsdeagon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gsdeagon@hotmail.co.uk) or via [Info@gnsjleeds.com](mailto:Info@gnsjleeds.com)

**Website:** <http://www.gnsjleeds.com>

# General

## Bradford Interfaith and Diversity Team

Bradford Interfaith and Diversity Education are a team of faith tutors representing the six major world faiths, able to offer a range of interfaith and diversity services to schools and organisations. They promote respect, tolerance, equality and understanding, by dispelling myths and misunderstandings.

They offer: Guided visits to faith settings, faith-Based workshops, virtual visits with follow up Q&A, festival assemblies and regular collective worship assemblies.

contact: [interfaith@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:interfaith@bradford.gov.uk)

**'Virtual' visits** to a Hindu temple, Sikh Gurdwara, Mosque, Buddhist Temple and Synagogue are offered as pre-recorded sessions. Schools can purchase them as a link for 24hrs or link with faith tutor who can do Q&A or storytelling to the group of learners. There are sessions for collective worship and special festivals during all terms. Follow this link for promotional offers

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwTvbEKUWNYdr\\_zrhoJVkbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwTvbEKUWNYdr_zrhoJVkbA)

**Contact:** 01274 439379 or [interfaith@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:interfaith@bradford.gov.uk)

**Website:** <https://skills4bradford.co.uk/Services/5192>