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## **'Faith in Intercultural Cities' Workshop, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Planned Programme**

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### **18<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

International participants arrive at Clarendon Hotel, Blackheath:  
<http://www.clarendonhotel.com/>

Evening dinner offered by the Council of Europe  
RV 19h30 in the hotel reception

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### **19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Location: Clarendon Hotel

**DAY 1: Exploring how different national contexts affect the potential role of faith within intercultural cities.**

9.30 ***Introductory activity on arrival:*** Opportunities and questions regarding including faith within intercultural cities.

10 ***Welcome and introductions:***

- *Brief formal welcome to the event, venue and local area*
- *Introduction from the Council of Europe by Irena GUIDIKOVA, ICC Programme Manager*
- *Any administrative announcements*
- *Introduction to planned approach and structure*
- *Confirmation of how any information shared will be used*

10.20 *Participant introductions*

10.35 ***Keynote presentation: "What is the Role of Faith in the Public Realm? Diverse Policies and Perspectives"*** (Professor Adam Dinham, Director, Faiths & Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London).

11.05 *Questions from participants relating to the keynote presentation.*

- 11.20 **Small group discussion** exploring:
1. The ways that policies and contexts relating to faith help and hinder intercultural interaction in your settings
  2. How the different countries present are similar and different in the ways that they deal with issues of faith and religion in their policies and contexts.
- 12.30 Lunch offered by the London Borough of Lewisham
- 13.30 **Brief introduction** to the afternoon session, which focuses on **how cities engage with faith groups, and help faith groups to engage with each other.** (Andrew Orton)
- 13.50 **Engaging and involving faith groups - Part 1: Faith in the public sphere**  
A short case study presentation by a participant, Nadar Arian, on the range of ways that faith groups have been involved in promoting intercultural interaction in Copenhagen
- 14.05 **Small group discussions** exploring what might be learnt from each other about how different cities do (and do not) involve faith groups in their settings.
- 14.35 **Engaging and involving faith groups – Part 2: Interfaith/inter-perspective dialogue platforms**  
Introductory short presentations on the challenges and opportunities presented by these platforms, by participants and Andrew Orton (Durham University)
- 15.05 *Break*
- 15.20 **Small group discussions** exploring participants' experiences of interfaith dialogue, related issues and challenges, and how such dialogue might be made more effective by learning from each other's experiences.
- 16.30 **Brief round-up of discussions and draw conclusions so far** – plenary session.

Between 17.00 and 18.00     **End of working day**

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**20<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Location: Deptford Lounge (*Transport provided for international participants from the Clarendon Hotel to the Deptford Lounge*)

**DAY 2: Exploring the practical issues and dilemmas that can arise when faith groups contribute towards intercultural interactions, and how cities can best engage with faith groups to address these.**

9.30            ***Welcome and brief introduction to the second day: Addressing dilemmas, prejudice/discrimination issues and conflict situations.***  
(Andrew Orton, Durham University)

9.40            ***Faith and intercultural interactions in service delivery and developing shared spaces: Addressing issues and dilemmas in practice***  
A short overview by Steve Miller, Executive Director of Faith-Based Regeneration Network UK, followed by short initial presentations by participants to share example experiences in London and Neuchâtel.

10.30          ***Small group discussions*** on faith and intercultural interactions in service delivery and developing shared spaces.

11.15          Tea/coffee break

11.30          ***Addressing prejudice between, within and against different faith groups***  
Brief presentation/s by selected participants including Vanja Moller, Botkyrka, to give examples of a dilemma that can arise relating to prejudice and discrimination, and a practical example of a response

11.50          ***Small group discussions*** on participants' experiences of prejudice and discrimination in relation to faith groups, the issues faced when trying to address this, and what works best in doing so.

12.45          Lunch offered by the London Borough of Lewisham

13.45          ***Involving faith groups in building peaceful relationships where there is conflict***  
Brief presentation/s by selected participants including Lia Shimada to introduce this topic.

14.15          ***Small group discussions*** on how religious faith can contribute to conflict and peace, and how local authorities can support their involvement in peacebuilding.

15.15 Break

15.30 **Drawing shared conclusions and ways forward (plenary)**

16.10 **Formal conclusion of the event**, including evaluation and considering what actions might arise as a result.

17.00 **End of meeting.**

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