

Auckland City Interfaith Project



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- This project focuses on religious and spiritual diversity within the community.
- Auckland City plays a role to support, promote and facilitate.
- Working to strengthen existing community relationships and foster new relationships



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- **There are already many existing interfaith relationships and a commitment to Interfaith in Auckland**
eg
Council of Christians and Muslims
Council of Christians and Jews
Auckland Interfaith Council



The project objectives are for the council to act as a facilitator and a promoter.

- To support the safety culture of Auckland city by building a community that has respect and understanding of our religious diversity.
- To establish dialogue and partnership with different organisations both nationally and locally those are working to promote inter-faith respect and understanding.
- To facilitate spaces and opportunities to bring people of different faiths together to learn more about each other
- To raise community awareness and understanding around different faiths that co-exists in the city



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- Relationship building
- Developing a faith database
- Planning Meetings with Community Leaders and Interactive Community Forum



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Interfaith Planning Workshop

*working together for collaborative
approaches to interfaith activity*

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Time: 5.30 – 8pm

Location: Council Chambers,
Level 1,
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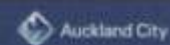
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**Interactive Community Forum on Interfaith Initiatives in Auckland
June 27, 2006**







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The strength of interfaith activity within the Auckland area was highlighted

Examples of this are..

- Service projects
- Interfaith tangihanga
- Open meditation sessions and workshops
- Relationship between Ponsonby Mosque and St Colomba Centre across the road
- Community education programmes



‘How do we live together at a grassroots level?’

Key themes

- Education – from basic info sharing to education programmes
- Media – stereotypes, misrepresentation, lack of relationships
- The importance of solidarity
- Collaborative approaches – central and local government, community
- Events – eg Concert on September 21,
- Shared celebrations



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Other focuses of the Interfaith Project

- Islam Awareness Week
- Eg of Migrant Support Services visit to Dorje Chang Institute
- Proposed Media Forum (planned for November)
- September 21 – International Day of Peace, Interfaith Concert and other planned events
- Oct 22 – International Week of Prayer
- Youth activities and events



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- Project is new and ongoing
- Calendar
- Continued relationship with Working Group and other agencies and community and faith groups
- Supporting groups via existing funds – CGAF, CBLF
- Challenges