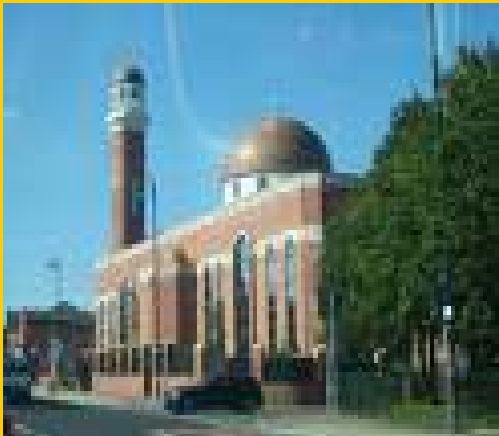


The Diocese of Salford Department for Evangelisation  
in collaboration with The Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths  
invites you to participate in:

## **'Diversity and interfaith'** **Valuing Difference & Building Communities**

**A six week course designed to build interfaith skills.  
Beginning on Wednesday 30th September 2009.**



### **An introduction to Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations.**

This course will explore key issues in the encounter between Jews, Christians and Muslims, beginning with consideration of what the '*Children of Abraham*' share in common, followed by examining major differences between the three faiths.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to reflect on the UK context. The course will not avoid difficult issues, such as those concerning gender and violence, and participants will come away with increasing understanding of the inter-religious encounter which will serve to encourage more positive relationships.

The course material has been designed for you to study in as much or as little depth as suits you. There are optional readings, reflections, and an optional exercise at the end of each chapter but if you are pressed for time and unable to complete these, we hope nevertheless that the main body of the course will give you an overview of the major issues associated with relations between the Abrahamic Faiths.



### Course Outline:

- The Children of Abraham
- Faith and belief in one God
- Scripture and tradition
- Rituals
- Law and gender
- Historical encounter
- Challenges of modernity: secularism, fundamentalism and violence.
- Contemporary encounter and the challenge for the future

### Programme Details:

The programme will begin on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Participants are required to attend three taught evening seminars on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Further weekly discussion groups will be facilitated by members of the Salford Diocese Department for Evangelisation.

The course is available *either* as an e-learning course (access to a computer and the internet is a necessity for this approach) or as a course with printed materials posted out to participants weekly.

The programme will be delivered by The Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths, ([www.woolfinstitute.cam.ac.uk](http://www.woolfinstitute.cam.ac.uk).) and the Salford Diocese Department for Evangelisation.

**The Woolf Institute**, based in Cambridge is devoted to teaching, dialogue and research in the encounter between Jews, Christians and Muslims. It is an independent educational charity, an Associate Member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, and has close links with the University of Cambridge. By the end of our first decade, approximately 1500 students have taken one or more Woolf Institute courses either in Cambridge or via e-learning, including the University of Cambridge Masters Degree in the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, which represents a unique development for the University, as it is the first Inter-faith Degree in its 800 year history.

### Dialogue and Public Education:

The Woolf Institute has a successful track record in preparing and delivering dialogue, public education and outreach programmes. For example, in the last two years it has created and delivered Government funded educational programmes, delivering a range of courses around the country on interfaith relations which promoted a sense of shared citizenship, tolerance and respect. These courses attracted a wide range of participants, such as teachers, social workers, clergy, Police Officers, local government, and members of different faith communities. By educating and bringing together key members of society, they contributed to a greater understanding of and sensitivity to faiths and to interfaith encounters and also established important contacts for the participants.

### The Patrons of the Woolf Institute are:

The Most Revd and Rt. Hon Dr. Rowan Williams,  
*(Archbishop of Canterbury)*

Rabbi Dr. Sir Jonathan Sacks, *(Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth)*

HE Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, *(Retired Archbishop of Westminster)*

Archbishop Gregorios, *(Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain)*

Commissioner Betty Matear, *(Free Church Moderator)*

Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Levy OBE, *(Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation)*

The Department for Evangelisation in the Salford Diocese is responsible for developing work in the area of :

Evangelisation, Inter-Faith, Ecumenism, Liturgy, Overseas Mission and Cultural Engagement.



**Course Cost:**

There is a £50 course fee (including the £10 Registration fee) which includes all materials and the three seminars. *(The £10 registration fee is payable to secure your place on the course– as places are limited).*

**The Venue:**

The three seminar evenings and the weekly meetings will take place at the Salford Cathedral Centre, Chapel Street, Salford.

**For more information contact Sharon Beech at  
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**Registration form.**

**An Introduction to Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations.**

**I wish to enrol for the course beginning 30th September 2009.**

*(I enclose a cheque for £10 registration and understand I will be billed for the remaining £40 prior to the course starting)*

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Tel No:** ..... **E-mail address:** .....

**I would like to take part in the course through: *(please tick)***

e-learning

Postal learning

**Please return Registration form and £10 Registration fee *(cheques made payable to The Department for Evangelisation)* to:**

The Department for Evangelisation,  
Guardian Angels Parish Office, 54 Harvey St, Elton, Bury. BL8 2RD.