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"The delivery throughout was pitched at the right pace, with humour and humanity. Those delivering presented with impressive knowledge and communicated that we all share the same fears and aspirations. Thank you".
(D. Cowling, Police Staff Trainer)



"I strongly support the work of the St Philip's Centre. The excellent training provided will benefit all of us whether we are service providers, employers or indeed individual citizens. Harmony is acquired through understanding".
(Councillor Mike Jones)



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St Philip's Centre is a **charity** set up in 2006 and is rooted in the multi-faith environment of Leicester, the UK's most ethnically **diverse** city. We have a superb track record of promoting positive **community** relations through our **dialogue** groups, **leadership** programmes for young people, charitable activities and organisation of community events such as the UK's first ever Imams Vs Clergy football and cricket matches.

Why?

- It makes good business sense to be a **'faith friendly'** employer and service provider so that you can reach out to a wider pool of employees, service users or customers
- Religion and belief discrimination legislation means that more and more employers need to be aware of **good practice** in relation to faith issues to prevent unnecessary grievances and tribunal claims
- Many public bodies are required to **consult and involve** communities when planning and evaluating services but do not know where and how to involve faith groups
- Good organisations have a commitment to **corporate social responsibility**. The **St Philip's Centre** can provide your staff with **volunteering** opportunities
- Awareness of people's faith or beliefs enables you to be more **confident** in a multi faith world, where you can share and learn from others. Good working relationships serve to promote the common good
- Our staff live and work with communities every day and are well placed to provide **high quality training**

What we offer:

- **Tailor-made** training courses for public, private and third sector organisations. We can work with you to design a programme suited to your needs
- Training which allows you to practice your **learning** with case study examples
- **Help and advice** you on how to deal with individual situations before they get serious
- Help with your **organisational development** by checking your equality and diversity policies to make sure they have a real meaning with your staff rather than being 'tick box' exercises
- **Audit** how 'faith friendly' your organisation is through your recruitment, leave, flexible working and dress code policies as well as your wider employment practices
- Shorter **'lunch & learn'** sessions to fit around your organisation's demands
- For those who are interested, **opportunities** to study a range of courses at postgraduate level and through the Islamic Foundation at Markfield.

Our training participants include the Police, local authorities and NHS trusts. We have also hosted visits by groups from Europe, USA, India and East Asia.



Our trainers:



Canon Dr. **Andrew Wingate** is Director of the Centre, Bishop's Advisor on inter faith relations and was recently appointed chaplain to HM The Queen. He has over 25 years of theological education experience in both India and the UK.

Suleman Nagdi MBE DL is an independent consultant for the Centre and holds a number of other key posts. He was recently appointed Deputy Lieutenant to The Queen and is Chair of the Muslim Burial Council Of Leicestershire (MBCOL) and Publicity Officer for the Federation of Muslim Organisations.



Clare Downing was appointed Co-ordinator of Lay Training at the Centre in January 2007. She is a Minister of the United Reformed Church and before moving to the Centre, spent eight years serving two churches in Leicester.

Riaz Ravat MA is Development Manager for the faith training programme. He wrote Leicester's first audit of faith-based social action in 2004 and was part of the team that set up the ICLS course for young adults. Riaz is Advisor to MBCOL and a member of the Government's National Community Forum.



Dr. **Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi** is lecturer in Religion and Conflict, involved in cross cultural relations and dialogue processes at the Centre. He engages with centre's numerous programmes of equipping all sections of religious, cultural and ethnic communities.

Canon Dr **Alan Race** is Dean of Postgraduate Studies at the Centre. He is also parish priest at St Philip's Church and has a wealth of inter faith dialogue and academic experience.



Our external resource personnel includes **Revd. Julie Aylward**, **Winfield Belgrave**, **Hemang Bhatt**, **Revd. Stephen Burnham**, **Jasvir Chohan**, **Tove Dalenius**, **Varsana Devidasi**, **Jaspreet Kaur**, **Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra**, **Ajmer Singh** & **Rehana Valli**.