



Promoting religious literacy by understanding & celebrating diversity.

The six major world faiths are represented by a team of faith tutors able to offer a range of interfaith and diversity services to help promote respect, tolerance, equality and understanding, by dispelling myths and misunderstandings.

Alongside schools we can also support other organisations including adult groups. Previous clients include the BBC, Ministry of Defence, Job Centre Plus, universities, colleges, NHS and the Police among others.

The Ofsted Education Inspection Framework 2019 makes specific reference to “developing understanding and appreciation of diversity; celebrating what we have in common and promoting respect for the different protected characteristics.” Our service strives to help schools to fulfil this requirement by promoting critical thinking celebrating diversity and British values. Schools have reported a change in children’s behaviour following our visits or assemblies, feeling they appear calmer and more peaceful with an enhanced spiritual awareness.

Below is an outline of the services we can offer, however, if there is anything else you would like to purchase please drop us an email to interfaith@bradford.gov.uk and we would be happy to discuss your requirements.

Guided visits to places of worship

Meeting a practicing Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, or Sikh person makes a significant difference to pupils’ understanding of the impact of religion and belief. Visiting a place of worship can further strengthen this impact. The team has been leading visits to places of worship for almost 30 years and have built up good working relationships with sacred places representing the six major world faiths. You can choose how long you would like your visit to maximise the cost of travel including combining a workshop at the end of the visit.

Visiting a place of worship supports the development of knowledge & understanding in religious education by enabling learners to explore:

- beliefs in action including multi-faith day packages with visits to several settings.
- worship, pilgrimage and sacred places.
- symbols and religious expression.
- religion, family and community.

All aspects of the visit are co-ordinated by a member of the team who will send you an information pack with clear guidance on dress-code / protocols and a **detailed risk assessment** for each place to be visited. Prior to the visit you will have the opportunity to discuss the visit with the faith tutor involved, identifying learning objectives & appropriate outcomes. If parents are interested in accompanying the children on the visit they can do so **FREE OF CHARGE**.

If the cost of travel for the visits is proving prohibitive we are planning to offer a virtual experience in the form of a webinar schools will be able to access on-line.



Faith-Based Workshops

To consolidate the visit experience learners can participate in one of our workshops which will reinforce the pupils' understanding and learning in an entertaining and engaging way via some initiative workshops including Hindu dance, Sikh music, Muslim prayer mat, Islamic Garden Lotus flower, story telling and drama. Through drama, music & art, pupils explore stories from faith & culture to discover the importance of our shared human values. All our workshops have clearly defined learning outcomes. They can also be booked as a stand-alone event without having been on a visit.

RE lessons

Faith tutors will visit your school to support learning in religious education, citizenship and related curriculum areas using a variety of media and resources to support effective learning. Each session can be planned to suit your school's needs but a typical duration is one hour. The faith tutor will liaise with the class teacher to ensure that learning objectives are met and appropriate teaching strategies are used.

Collective & Separate Faith Worship

A daily act of collective worship, as well as being a legal requirement, offers a special and important time in the school day in which pupils and staff can experience and celebrate the combination of qualities and values that create the ethos of their school. It makes an important contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and also offers opportunities to develop an appreciation of shared human values whilst providing a vehicle through which pupils can understand and respond to local and global events.

The Interfaith & Diversity Education Team can support schools in meeting the statutory requirement to deliver a daily act of collective worship by:

- share in or lead Collective Worship
- celebrate a festival
- lead 'Inclusive' worship
- lead Separate Faith Worship
- advise and support school staff leading worship
- ready-to-deliver plans for Muslim Worship for use by your staff
- teaching children how different faiths live alongside each other.

The team is experienced in planning and delivering collective worship to all group sizes from a whole school to a small group. Materials have been developed to promote Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural outcomes through collective worship and Faith Tutors are happy to discuss your requirements with you.



Bespoke group training for staff

We are able to offer bespoke training for your staff which can cover any area of faith-based work according to your requirements for any type of staff including Teaching Assistants. This may be for the whole school, phase or year group. This could be curriculum based or on a wider issue for example support for settling in new year 7 pupils into a diverse school community. Bespoke group training is a cost effective way of ensuring all staff are up-to-speed with this area of work and are delivering in a consistent way. It can be delivered for an individual school or group of schools as part of a MAT, federation, LAP, cluster etc.

Subscriptions to the service

In order to get the best value-for-money from our service, you could opt to purchase a subscription of Faith Tutor Time which can be used flexibly for visits to places of worship, workshops at your school, group training for your staff or one-to-one tailored support for your RE Curriculum Leader. The package starts at just £485 for 4 hours of time and you can choose how you use this time in terms of the length of sessions. You can purchase any number of hours from 4 upwards.

Faith Resources Library

After a couple of years of absence, we are pleased to announce that the Faith Resources Library is back. This is a great opportunity to access a varied and very useful pack of resources from the Interfaith Team covering the major world faiths to support your RE curriculum work. Resource boxes provide the stimulus for the development of critical thinking, they may be used to create a classroom display or as a source of information and exploration. You can either choose from a mixed resource pack or focus on a particular faith and from 2 packages - swap your box 3 or 6 times a year.

What our customers say about us

"It was a fantastic visit. Very informative and interesting. All children were engaged and enjoyed the experience. Many expressed their dismay when it was time to leave. We had two children with severe SEND with us and they were fully included and got to touch the artefacts and benefited from the visit in their own way. On behalf of all my children and staff I wish to say thank you for a wonderful learning experience." **Bankfoot Primary School, November 2019**

"Children have been keen to learn more and make decorations in school. Faith tutor visits are a valuable resource for our school." **Eldwick Primary, November 2019**

"A fantastic session that really captured the imagination and engagement of our children. We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon and had a good discussion after." **Fagley Primary School, November 2019**

"The buzz from the children was really good. Our children gained so much from the visit and produced good work from their experience." **Merlin Top Primary Academy, January 2020**



Pricing

Pay As You Go Service:	Duration	2020/21 Price
1 hour tutor time - PAYG	1 hour	£125 (Up to 30 children)
1 hour tutor time - PAYG	1 hour	£155 (30- 35 children, for larger numbers please request a quote)
Single Faith Worship	½ hour	£120
Assembly Planning	Per Half Term	£125
Bespoke Training - 1 hour	1 hour	£160
Bespoke Training - 2.5 hours	2.5 hours	£295
Resources Library - 3 exchanges per year	N/A	£150
Resources Library - 6 exchanges per year	N/A	£250

If you would like to book Collective Worship please email interfaith@bradford.gov.uk as the nature of this service varies according to each individual school's needs.

Faith Tutor Time (Any combination of visits, workshops, RE lessons, 1-2-1 planning sessions etc.)	Duration	2020/21 Price
Visits - 4	4 hours	£485
Visits - 5	5 hours	£605
Visits - 6	6 hours	£725
Visits - 7	7 hours	£845
Visits - 8	8 hours	£970
Visits - 9	9 hours	£1,090
Visits - 10	10 hours	£1,210

If you are interested in any other combination of hours please email us for a quote. Please note that in order to ensure all pupils have the best experience during a visit to a place of worship with the greatest impact on their learning, group sizes are limited to 35.

Please note if you are a school / organisation outside Bradford interested in booking support to take place in your school / organisation rather than a visit to a place of worship in Bradford, please email us for a quote for the additional travel costs involved.

To make a booking please visit our website:

www.skills4bradford.co.uk/interfaith