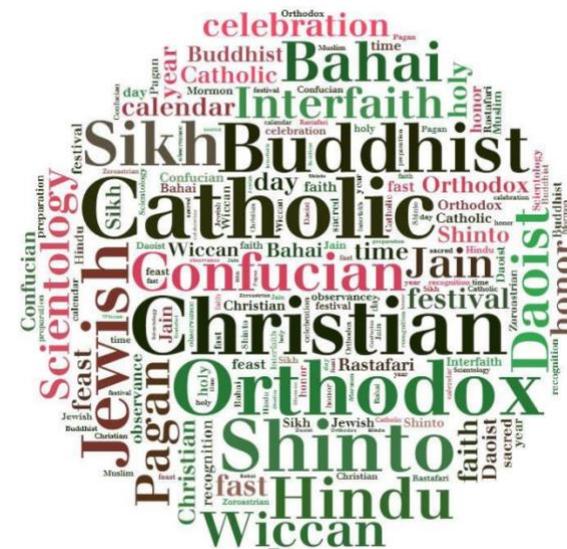


Session/date	Session title	Session leader
Session 1 Mon 28 Jan	<b>Introduction: Six kinds of dialogue</b>	<b>George Ballentyne</b>
Session 2 Mon 4 Feb	<b>Parliamentary dialogue</b>	<b>Alan Race</b>
Session 3 Mon 11 Feb	<b>Institutional Dialogue</b>	<b>Tom Wilson</b>
Session 4 Mon 18 Feb	<b>Theological Dialogue</b>	<b>Angela Jagger</b>
Session 5 Mon 25 Feb	<b>Dialogue in Community</b>	<b>Kartar Singh</b>
Session 6 Mon 4 Mar	<b>Spiritual Dialogue</b>	<b>Tony Stellmacher</b>
Session 7 Mon 11 Mar	<b>Inner Dialogue</b>	<b>Kevin Commons</b>
Session 8 Mon 18 Mar	<b>World Parliament of Religions</b>	<b>George Ballentyne</b>

Doors open and light refreshments from 7:15. Parking normally available at venue. The course is free, although £3.00 donation per session would help defray costs. For information, contact Christians Aware, 2 Saxby St, Leicester LE2 0ND; 0116 254 0770 [eliam.christiansaware@outlook.com](mailto:eliam.christiansaware@outlook.com)



## INTER FAITH DIALOGUE



## A FAITH AWARENESS COURSE

Christchurch Clarendon Park  
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Monday evenings, 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.  
28 Feb – 18 Mar 2019

*Our spring course loosely follows the model established by the American scholar, Diane Eck (b.1945), which describes six ways that people engage in dialogue.*

**PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE** encompasses sizeable international gatherings exploring broad concerns (e.g. cooperation on global issues such as peace, poverty, and the environment) organized by such bodies as the World Conference on Religion and Peace and the World Congress of Faiths. The impetus for modern inter faith dialogue is often traced to the first World Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893.

**INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE** includes religious institutions initiating and facilitating dialogue, establishing and nurturing channels of communication between the institutional bases of religious communities. Variations of such dialogue exist on the international, national, regional and local levels.

**THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE** refers to people from different religions discussing theological and philosophical issues in a structured format (e.g. respective understandings on prophet-founders, sacred scriptures, moral values, and the role of religion in society. Academics in particular have pioneered such dialogue.

**DIALOGUE IN COMMUNITY** embraces unstructured interaction between people of different religions. "Most interreligious dialogue takes place in markets and on street corners, at times of festivals or holy days, in the course of civic or humanitarian projects, at times of community or family crisis." Importantly, it also involves cooperative social projects organized by religious groups in response to local problems and practical concerns.

**SPIRITUAL DIALOGUE** is concerned with deepening spiritual life through inter faith encounter. This type of dialogue does not struggle with theological issues between religious communities but focuses on shared experience as a means of developing spirituality (e.g. participation in joint worship experiences, common celebration of religious festivals and occasions such as World Religion Day).

**INNER DIALOGUE** takes place within each individual as religious perspectives change on encountering other faiths. This is "the dialogue that takes place in our minds and hearts when we read the Bhagavad Gita, when we meet a Buddhist monk or nun, when we hear the Muslim call to prayer, or when we share the Sabbath meal with Jewish friends."

## FAITH AWARENESS

*Making time and creating space for conversation and encounters between people of different beliefs, heritages, practices, religions and traditions; helping us learn about each other – welcoming humanity, discovering harmony and celebrating diversity.*

Faith Awareness is the inter faith programme of Christians Aware, an international ecumenical organisation operating out of Leicester. We offer opportunities for the public to learn about the beliefs and practices of the city's diverse communities in a friendly and informal setting.

We've been holding our regular Monday evening courses for more than fifteen years now. We put on conferences, day schools, guided walks and visits to places of worship and community centres and other events –all planned and delivered by a group drawn from different city communities. We produce a quarterly magazine, publish a range of books reflecting our core mission and offer package tours to sites of historical and contemporary religious and spiritual significance all over the world.

We've built up a dedicated band of friends and supporters along the way and are always happy to welcome newcomers – just like we're always glad to hear new ideas for our courses, activities and visits. No prior experience, knowledge or qualifications are required if you want to take part: just openness to learning and a positive attitude.

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