

## TOP TIPS for connecting well with people from other faiths

### JUST DO IT!

Instead of learning *about* them, do something about meeting them!

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Make your motive for connecting all about love. Treat them as you would want to be treated.

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Feel free to talk about how your faith impacts you and what you love about it. You need to shelve the desire to evangelise in this type of encounter space.

### BE TRANSPARENT

Speak and behave the same whether they are in the room or not.

### REMEMBER FAMILY

The young people of other faiths you meet are inextricably connected to their parents, grandparents, and wider family. It is good to remember this.

### BE REAL

Acknowledge your own discomfort. It is ok to not have the answers.

### BE OPEN

Constructive engagement with people from another faith will change us – for the better. Being open to a change in attitude and perception is not the same as compromising your faith.

### HAVE FUN!

Laugh lots. Try new foods. Experience their cultures. Who said connecting with people of other faiths had to be serious and scary!?

## Recommended Reading about the value of interfaith engagement

### **The Feast's Guidelines for Dialogue**

<http://www.thefeast.org.uk/resources/guidelines-for-dialogue/>

### **Recommended reading**

- Speaking of Jesus: The Art of Not Evangelism, Carl Medearis
- Grace for Muslims, Steve Bell
- Between Naivety and Hostility, edited by Steve Bell
- Distinctively Welcoming, Richard Sudworth
- Young British and Muslim, Philip Lewis
- Faith, Hope and Love. Ray Gaston
- Vibrant Christianity in Multifaith Britain. Canon Dr Andrew Smith