



REACHING OUT IN LOVE: FROM CHRISTIAN UNITY TO INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

TRAINING PROGRAMME

This new Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) resource offers guidance, inspiration, and practical learning opportunities for churches and ecumenical groups seeking to build understanding, cooperation, and dialogue with people of other faiths.

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- CTBI will run a pilot ecumenical training programme on interreligious dialogue from April to November 2026, designed for Christians starting out or seeking to deepen their interfaith work.
- **Participants can register for all six modules or select just the themes that interest them.**
- Please selecting **one** of the two date/time options provided.

1 The Christian call to unity empowers and helps equip us for dialogue - In this module we will reflect on the relationship between the work of Christian unity and interreligious dialogue; how the learning from our ecumenical dialogue can support interreligious engagement; setting clear intentions for interreligious dialogue.

GROUP 1
MONDAY 27 APRIL - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL - 6.00PM - 7.30PM

2 Planning for effective dialogue - In this module we will consider the factors that can contribute to successful and inclusive dialogue, with particular emphasis on preparation and first steps in encounter. We will discuss the use of tools and approaches like community agreements and consider possible challenges that may arise.

GROUP 1
MONDAY 18 MAY - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY - 6.00PM - 7.30PM

3 Can we pray with people of other faiths? - This module will consider challenges and opportunities that may arise in relation to prayer, worship and engagement with sacred space in the context of interreligious dialogue.

GROUP 1
MONDAY 1 JUNE - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE - 6.00PM - 7.30PM

4 Mind your language: negotiating our words in a multi-faith context - This module will consider in questions relating to language, both in terms of general approaches such as awareness of the impact of prejudice and stereotypes, as well as specific Christian perspectives and experiences on these challenges.

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER - 6.00PM - 7.30PM

GROUP 1
THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

5 Growing peace, not importing conflict - This module will address one of the major challenges in interreligious dialogue advocating an approach that acknowledges both the reality of the impact of conflict on our dialogue and the importance of protecting spaces for communication and relationship at times of tension.

GROUP 1
MONDAY 5 OCTOBER - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER - 6.00PM - 7.30PM

6 Dialogue deepens and enriches faith - The final module will provide space to consider how we share our learning with others, communicating about the benefits of interreligious dialogue and engaging with the fears and apprehension of others.

GROUP 1
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

GROUP 2
WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER - 6.00PM - 7.30PM