Religions for Peace
UNITED KINGDOM

RfPUK Programmes 2026/27

Religions for Peace UK works across the devolved nations of the United Kingdom. Using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as blueprint, we focus on six work streams: cohesive coexistence, humanitarian support, gender equity, environmental sustainability, religious literacy, and critical thinking.

Ongoing programmes

Face to Faith Schools Engagement Programme
Interfaith Scotland | May 2026 – May 2027 Volunteers deliver assemblies and interfaith days in 10 Scottish schools, reaching around 3,000 pupils.

Weekend Club for Refugees & Asylum Seekers
Interfaith Glasgow | June 2026 – March 2027 Ten family events in Glasgow for refugees and asylum seekers, reaching around 200 people. Includes two art expression sessions funded directly by RfPUK.

You Decide: Nuclear Risk and Moral Reflection
Decide CIC | August – November 2026 Eight community conversations in London using the You Decide flowchart. Trains 8–10 facilitators. Educational, multi-perspective.

RfPUK–Bold Voices Ambassador Programme 2026-27
Bold Voices CIC | October 2026 – March 2027 Three hubs, 18 schools, 108 Student Reps. Workshops and keynote talks on gender inequality and gender-based violence, with a view to developing an alumni network for continuous engagement.

PeaceBuilders Network A
free online directory for peacebuilding, interfaith, and civil organisations and individuals. Registered users can keep their entries updated. Entries are moderated.

Strategic partnerships

RfPUK works with institutions on long-term partnerships that begin with research and lead to community delivery. Two are currently active.

Newcastle University
RfPUK and Newcastle University's School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape have worked together since 2025 on religious coexistence and place, through symposia, exhibitions, and research. That research has now moved into delivery:

- **Encountering You: Religious Coexistence in Primary Education**
  September 2026 – December 2027: 35 workshops in 7 non-faith primary schools in Tyne and Wear, with teacher training, this programme is developed as a national blueprint.

- **The Garden of Encounters: Creating Places of Coexistence Together**
  September 2026 – March 2028 This project engages university students, local interfaith and civic communities, and a year-long community engagement series during the building and after the Garden is completed. It is being developed as a template for future projects.
- **Encounters Across Borders: Mobility and Conflict**
  January – February 2027 Third symposium and exhibition in the series, to take place at Ulster University in Belfast. There will be 25 papers, and the exhibition will remain open to the public for a month, opening possibilities for collaborations to emerge.

Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum A partnership responding to social division in Northern Ireland, including addressing social reactions from a new interfaith RE curriculum, rising Islamophobia, antisemitism, and violence against refugees and asylum seekers.

- **Phase 1 :** September – December 2026 Research and consultation with local organisations and communities, producing a Community Action Plan.
- **Phase 2 :** to be developed from Phase 1 Funded community projects shaped by the Community Action Plan.

Seeking continuation

- **Colours of Compassion**
  Art expression is a universal method to address the inner self and bring positive impact. RfPUK has used this method with refugee integration programmes and school interfaith programmes.
- **The Impact of AI**
  A webinar series exploring how Artificial Intelligence is shaping our world and how we can better understand AI's role in our daily lives. The next phase will be in-person sessions for schools and communities.

New concept

- **Words Matter**
  Words carry different meanings for different people, and the choice of words can start or end an argument. In a fragmenting world, de-escalation is a skill we all need to hone. RfPUK is inviting expressions of interest to develop a programme on this idea.

Get in touch

As a CIO foundation, RfPUK give grants to interfaith and faith communities, academic institutions, and civil organisations to further work that supports and align with our own aims and objectives. Whether our resourced programme can benefit your community, or you have an innovative concept you wish to consider collaboration with RfPUK, please get in touch: chair@rfpuk.org