

A close-up photograph of several children's hands reaching for and playing with large, colorful plastic alphabet blocks. The blocks are in various colors including red, blue, green, yellow, and white. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

Educating *for* Understanding

Challenges and Opportunities in Inter Faith Learning

St Thomas' Church, Belfast
Saturday 13 October 2012

Organised by the Inter Faith Working Group
of the Church of Ireland

Our increasingly multi-cultural and multi-religious society raises many challenges and opportunities for us. In particular, those involved in education (both formal and informal) face many unprecedented issues.

This half-day seminar, organised by the Inter Faith Working Group of the Church of Ireland, will provide a space to address some of the theological, pastoral and practical implications of “Educating for Understanding.”

The cost of the conference (including lunch and tea/coffee) is £20 or €25. Students may attend free of charge. The fee can be paid by cash or cheque on the day but those wishing to attend should register in advance with the Revd Darren McCallig by email mccalld@tcd.ie or by telephone 353(0)1 896 1402.

TIMETABLE

1.00 – 2.00

Lunch

2.00 – 2.45

Inter Faith Challenges in Education
Inderjit Bhogal

The Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE is leader of the Corrymeela Community. Nairobi-born Dr Bhogal is a former President of the British Methodist Conference. He also spent five years as Chief Executive of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum.

2.45 – 3.30

A One-Woman Ecumenical Movement
Katy Radford

Dr. Katy Radford MBE is a member of the Executive Council of the Northern Ireland Jewish Community. She is a Social Anthropologist working at the Institute for Conflict Research on issues of social inclusion.

3.30 – 4.00

Tea / Coffee

4.00 – 4.45

Religious and Cultural Diversity in Schools:
Challenging the Learners or Challenging the Teachers?
Norman Richardson

Norman Richardson MBE lectures in Religious Education and diversity/intercultural education at Stranmillis University College, Belfast. He is a member of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum and the UK Inter-Faith Network and is involved in a range of national and international bodies concerned with Religious Education.

4.45 – 5.30

Panel Discussion and Closing Plenary

The seminar is being held in Saint Thomas' Parish Church, 1A Eglantine Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6DW.

Saint Thomas' is located at the end of Eglantine Avenue at the junction with the Lisburn Road.

We are very grateful to the Rector and Select Vestry of the Parish for their support. Parking will be available at the church.

