

Notes from a meeting of the Chaplaincy User Forum

Wednesday 24th January 2018

In Attendance:

Representatives from faith societies (Buddhist; Catholic; Christian Focus; Christian Union; Islamic; Jewish Israeli; Sikh)

Niall Johnson – Societies SU Sabbatical officer (Chair)

Chaplains: Anglican (Kate)

Catholic (Harry)

Chaplaincy Coordinator (Angela)

Chair: Niall Johnson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members of the Forum introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

Fishel Cohen

Rep from Hindu Soc

3. Summary of actions from last meeting

Interfaith week had taken place – to be discussed in Item 4

4. Feedback from InterFaith week and next steps

Kate and society reps agreed that the quiz night was well attended with 5 teams taking part. The Chaplaincy Open Afternoon was busier in the first hour than in the second hour, and that the tours of the Islamic Prayer Hall were well received.

Societies were happy to run with a similar format for next year, and decide the details of the events once planning for next year commences. Note for next time to check for timetable clashes when selecting the date for the Open afternoon, and to start planning in term 1.

Request from CathSoc to consider a termly Inter-Faith Social. Noted that the Welcome Lunch for new execs takes place in term 3, although this was only for execs. Week 8/9 suggested as a possible date for term 3 (number in bold the most popular). For term 2, week 7/8 was the preferred week, avoiding Wednesday if possible.

Other suggestion noted – invite speakers to come to the Chaplaincy for a multi-faith “Chaplaincy Lecture”.

Action: Chaplains will look into organising the “Chaplaincy Lectures”. Student Faith Societies to contact Kate or Angela with any suggestions for speakers.

Angela to contact students again re termly social.

5. Warwick Welcome Week Wk beg 24th September 2018

For events planned for Warwick Welcome Week, booking requests will need to go to the Warwick Welcome team and not the Chaplaincy, although this will need further clarification.

Action: Angela to contact the Warwick Welcome team to ask for confirmation of how SFS can book the Chaplaincy space and offer further guidance. In the meantime, it was recommended that societies look ahead and aim at the very least to book their main event in March when booking opens through the Warwick Welcome Team

****UPDATE – The Warwick Welcome team have confirmed that bookings for Warwick Welcome Week will need to go through them and NOT the Chaplaincy.***

Noted that if the Societies’ Fair was to be on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th September, then this would exclude reps from JISOC from taking part, as they are Jewish festivals. Noted that the Chaplaincy has already made the organisers aware of this and have asked them to consider this when setting the dates.

Chaplaincy was planning to run Fribble every day during Warwick Welcome Week between about 10am – 1pm (exact times to be confirmed), so the Chaplaincy would not be available for other bookings any morning through that week.

6. Update from Student Union (Chair)

Noted that nominations for new Sabbatical Officers was now open and that elections would be in week 8. Any students wishing to nominate themselves have until week 6

7. Any questions or issues raised by SFS representatives:

Update from Faith Societies:

CU – have their main event, Wonder 2018, in week 5 which will include talks, live music and evening events.

BuddSoc – regular Monday Meditations still running and they are planning a weekend retreat.

JISoc – holding regular bagel lunches and Friday night dinners. The Festivals of Purim and Pesach will be in March, and that they were screening a film for Holocaust Memorial Day Film Screening on 25th Jan.

Sikh Soc – holding their regular weekly meditations and inviting speakers each fortnight. The discussion being held in week 5 is open to all members and they are holding a large event in week 9.

CathSoc – in addition to the regular Bible Study and social, speakers are being organised for the near future.

CF – recently had a guest speaker from Christian Aid talking about environmental issues, and are holding regular meals and bible studies.

ISoc – recently hosted their Discovering Islam week. Elections are week 3, and they are holding a games night.

- ***SU update on discussions with the SU about faith societies giving food to non-members***

Noted that Niall confirmed that it is no longer a problem to give food to non-members as long as it is within the aims and objectives of your society.

8. Update from Chaplaincy (Angela)

Health and Safety in the kitchens

Angela thanked the societies for helping to keep the kitchens in a less cluttered and cleaner state. It was acknowledged 2 of the kitchens have a lot of non-society users, so it was greatly appreciated that societies had offered so much support to help keep them within Health and Safety standards.

Re request for Chaplaincy to provide tea towels - it was thought that they weren't as hygienic as allowing items to air dry, but Angela has ordered some to trial them. It was recommended that societies might prefer to buy and wash their own to avoid them being used generally by other kitchen users.

Planning ahead: SFS elections and Food Hygiene course

Action: Angela to be sent contact details of new execs once election results have been confirmed.

Action: Faith Societies involved in food preparation need to alert new execs to the need to nominate someone to attend the Food Hygiene course, as this is likely to be early in term 3/late term 2. Angela will share the date when it has been confirmed.

Arts Centre Building Project

Noted that the heating is currently off because of the work being done in the Arts Centre. Radiators have been supplied but it might get cold in the evenings. Societies are to let Angela know if more heaters are needed and they will be informed of any future issues that may affect the Chaplaincy.

9. National Hate Crime Awareness Week 14th-21st Oct - how easy is it to report hate crime

Noted that members had missed the information on how to report hate crime.

Information is all in the intranet at

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/supportservices/preventionandsupport/hatecrime/report>

10. SU training sessions

Noted that the SU run useful training sessions and are happy to run one at the Chaplaincy for faith societies to attend together.

Action: Angela will share the training list when the next one is published.

11. AOB

Nominations were invited for 2 students to attend the Inter Faith Network focus groups sessions to be held in Birmingham on Tuesday 20th February.

Action: if any student would like to be considered for nomination, contact Kate or Angela.

12. Summary of actions agreed (Chair)

13. Date and time of next meeting – proposed date Term 3 week 1 – 25th April