



19th July 2007

Dear Mr Hirani,

The London Borough of Harrow enjoys the widest, richest range of faith communities of any Local Authority in the country. Our faith communities support and encourage each other. In our schools and colleges young people express knowledge and understanding of their personal beliefs and traditions and learn from each other, thus gaining a vision of a truly cohesive community.

The Multi-Faith Calendar is a work of depth, detail, scholarship, information and artistic expression and will make a magnificent contribution to the way people approach and respect festivals. It offers stories of tradition and meaning, thus enabling all to have a flavour of the intense meaning of the celebrations and commemorations for believers. It is developed from a world perspective, giving for the first time religious unity for faiths, in whichever country they practise.

We, in Harrow, are excited that this calendar of great worth will appear in our libraries, schools, colleges, community centres and faith communities to be enjoyed, absorbed and studied by students of all ages. It is a worthy volume that will enhance our community, where faith is promoted by such a range of beliefs, philosophies, traditions, scholarship and creative expression, which are all part of our shared experience.

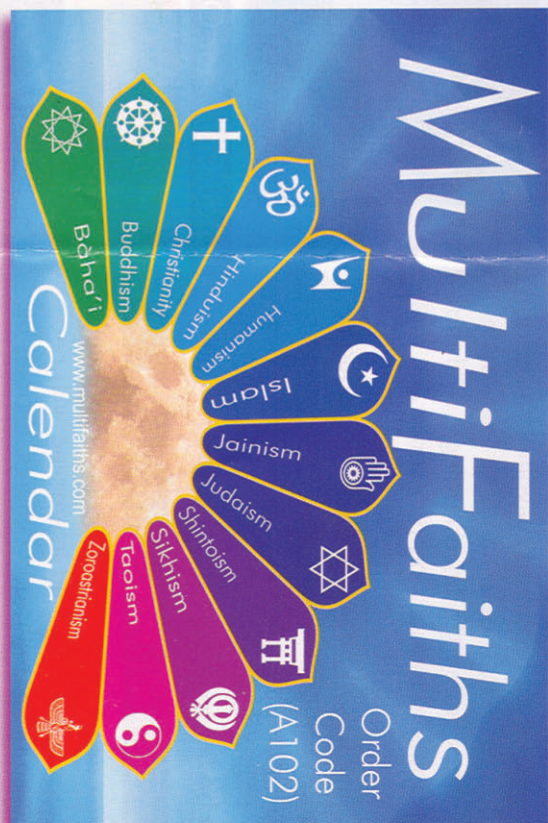
Thank you Mr Hirani for your insight in producing the calendar. It will give us untold pleasure and much food for thought.

With every good wish,

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- Making connections with local organisations from your community & voluntary sector, the faith sectors, trade unions as well as the business community. Encouraging people to participate in formulating and spreading the vision of nation building and world peace.
- Using existing channels like race equality councils, black and minority ethnic networks, local interfaith bodies, the youth service, parish and town council networks and voluntary bodies to consult with local communities

Community Cohesion

Exploring an interfaith encounter with your neighbour. Meeting and interacting with people from other faiths and cultures, enables us to learn about different traditions and cultures.

Reference Guide for Schools, Local Authorities, Hospitals, Police, Hotel and Travel Business.

Festivals are special occasions that offer people the chance to celebrate together, culture concepts of life & death, history, myth, legend, worldview and morality in the mankind.

Multifaith calendar book shows commonality expressed through different faith practices, ideas, beliefs and experiences which can be practically applied in your encounters at home, work or within different faith communities.

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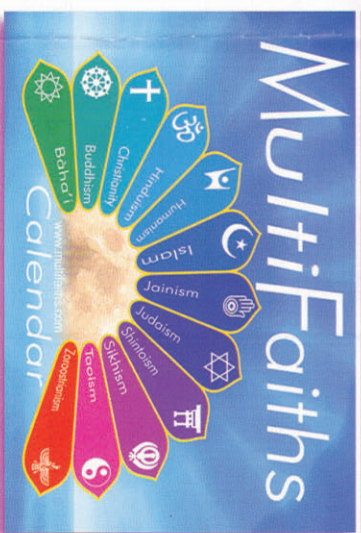
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Diversity, Equality, Race Relations

The Community Cohesion Review Team
Chaired by Ted Cattle investigated the circumstances that surrounded disturbances in Bradford, Oldham and Burnley in 2001.

1. The report identified the role of schools as being central to breaking down barriers between young people and helping to create cohesive communities. 2. A cohesive community is one where: there is a common vision and a sense of belonging for all communities;
 3. The diversity of people's different backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and positively valued. They all have similar life opportunities; and strong and positive relationships are being developed between people from different backgrounds in the workplace, in schools and within local surrounding areas.
 4. The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places particular duties upon all public bodies, including schools, to promote race equality.
- Community cohesion should address a wide range of potential social divisions because of age, race, faith and geographical areas.

	Baha'i		Jainism
	Buddhism		Judaism
	Christian		Shintoism
	Hinduism		Sikhism
	Humanism		Taoism
	Islam		Zoroastrian