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How you can help Thursday’s Child

As a small charity we need funds to grow and develop our Peace work. Your help is crucial for Thursday’s Child to become an annual event and visit every city in the UK.

Please consider these methods of support – and if you have ideas of your own please do write to Vivienne@Thursdays-child.co.uk

On behalf of the Trustees and Working Group I thank you for your support today

- Donate
- Become a Friend of Thursday’s Child
- Volunteering
- Organise a fundraiser
- Join a group in your area to fundraise
- Place a collection unit at your place of work
- Nominate Thursday’s Child as the Charity of the Year at your place of work

I would like to help - please do contact me

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Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Email address _____

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Thursday’s Child
– a celebration of faith

Charity registration number: 1117454



Welcome to Thursday’s Child a Celebration of Faith

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Inter Faith and Peace Festival

Saturday 7th July

10.00am Opening - 7.00pm

Sunday 8th July

11.00am - 5.00pm

Welcome from Vivienne, Founder of Thursday’s Child

Welcome to “Thursday’s Child – a Celebration of Faith” – I hope you have the opportunity to attend Workshops, enjoy the Talks, take some time out for Spiritual devotion and experience other’s beliefs simply and importantly to help understand one another. This is the first of what is expected to be an ongoing commitment of Faith Celebration with Peace in mind and I hope it will touch your heart and soul in a real and positive way. It is my wish that the event will help to *turn a supposed source of conflict into a resource for peace and harmony – giving voice to the silent majority of peace loving people.* “This project has shown me you see that we can all do something for Peace - we can’t just sit back and think that the world leaders can or do get it right - in the UK alone there are 64 million of “us”...that overshadows the numbers of politicians, religious leaders and so on doesn’t it!”

www.thursdays-child.co.uk



The background in brief

The London bombings on Thursday, 7th July 2005, affected every single person in the UK in some way or another. It proved to have a galvanising effect on Vivienne Woolston, business person turned peace worker, spurring her on to establish *Thursday's Child – a Celebration of Faith*.

Sincere thanks from Vivienne

On behalf of the *“Thursday's Child – a Celebration of Faith”* team we send a sincere thanks to the Working Group who have all in their own unique manner helped this huge Peace project. Similarly the Volunteers working here today are helping with Peace on their mind for the greater good of man and women kind.

Message from Ken Livingstone

“I would like to send my best wishes to all taking part in the Thursday's Child event. Londoners are proud to live in a city that welcomes and celebrates its diversity, where people of all faiths or none are free to live the lives they choose while respecting the rights of others to do the same. Therefore, I am pleased to offer my support for the aims of Thursday's Child to encourage greater knowledge and understanding of all our diverse faiths. I wish the event every success”.

Ken Livingstone - Mayor of London; 24th May 2007

Evaluation

Thursday's Child is keen to organize future events and promote inter faith, diversity and harmony and with this in mind your views will help us achieve this

Please complete this short section – we thank you

Age: please circle

Under 13 14-19 20-29 30-39 50-59 60+

Gender:

Male/Female

Faith or belief system: please circle

Baha'i; Buddhist; Brahma Kumaris; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Pagan; Sikh; Sufi; Zoroastrian;

Ethnic background;

white; mixed; Indian; Pakistani/Bangladeshi; Black Caribbean; Black African; Chinese

1) Please tell us which workshops you attended on Saturday?

2) Please tell us which workshops you attended on Sunday?

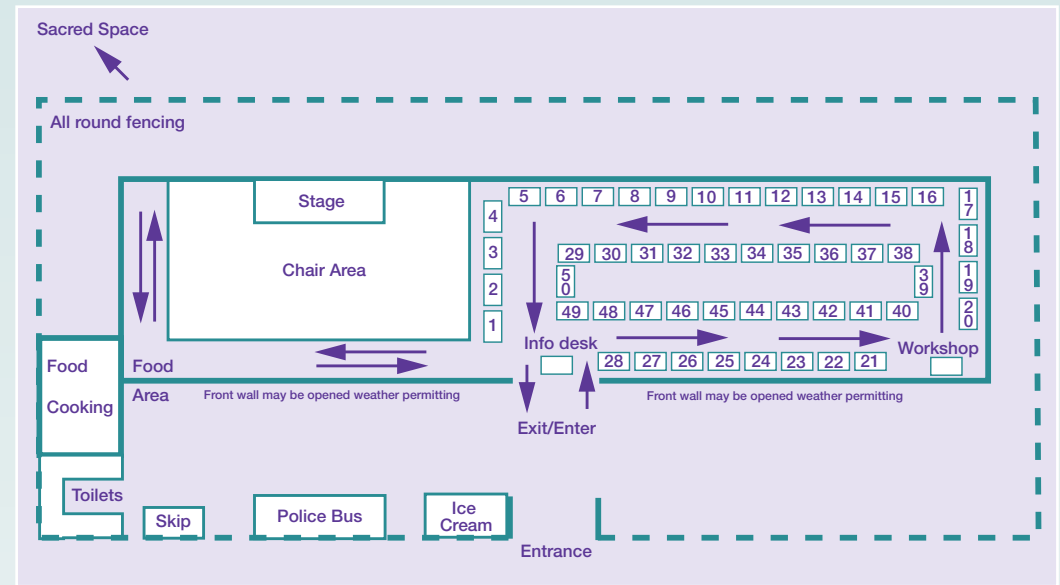
3) Which session in the Sacred Space did you attend?

4) Which performance on the stage did you most enjoy and why?

5) How can we improve for future events?

6) How did you hear of this event?

Thank you for completing this section – please take to the Information desk



THURSDAYS CHILD MARQUEE PLAN

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Thursday's Child - Saturday 7th July

10.00am - Opening with Sir Robin Wales – Mayor of Newham

10.05am - Faith Leaders and Representatives say prayers for Peace

STAGE in Main Marquee
10.30 Zoë Gospel Promotions
10.40 Gospel Singing
10.50 'Gyenyame' Baha'i Band
11.00
11.10 Hindu Talk and Q&A
11.20
11.30 Mayura's Dance Akademi
to be confirmed
11.40
11.50
12.00 Brahma Kumaris Talk and Q&A
12.10
12.20
12.30 Zoroastrian Talk and Q&A
12.40 Gabriella sings
12.50 Stage cleared for Peace Song procession to arrive
1.00
1.10 Singing for Peace
1.20 Newham Arts
1.30 Education Festival –
1.40 Bring It 2 Thursday's Child.
1.50
2.00 Pagan Talk and Q&A
2.10
2.20 'Gyenyame'
2.30 Baha'i Band
2.40
2.50 Sikh Talk and Q&A
3.00
3.10 Gabriella sings
3.20
3.30
3.40 Zoë Gospel Promotions
3.50 Gospel Singing
4.00
4.10 Buddhist Talk and Q&A
4.20
4.30 Mayura's Dance Akademi
4.40 Christian Talk and Q&A
4.50
5.00 Zoë Gospel Promotions
5.10 Gospel Singing
5.20
5.30 'Gyenyame'
5.40 Baha'i Band
5.50
6.00 Gabriella sings
6.10
6.20
6.30 Stage closes
6.40
6.50
7.00 **Event Closes**

WORKSHOPS in Main Marquee

Brahma Kumaris

Story Telling: The Golden Thread, stories to unite faiths
 Sarah Clive
 'State of the Heart Storytelling'

Workshops closed for Peace Song in the main marquee

'How to listen to everyone with compassion and integrity'
 Masana De Souza

God only knows!
 Greg Peachey
 FREdome

Mark my words;
 "memorising Gospel – not as difficult as you think"
 Nicholas Maude

'Visitors Voices' -
 Discuss your Faith. Open to all – Come and join in!

Speak Out!
 Young people (13year - 18 years) Come and learn how to speak with impact and confidence. Meet up at the Speakers Bank Stand in Main Marquee
 11am - 12.50

SACRED SPACE

Inter Faith Seminary – union prayers

Pagans guided meditation

Buddhism

Quiet Space for individual reflection

Brahma Kumaris

Pagans guided meditation

Christianity

Sikhism

Hinduism

Quiet Space for individual reflection

Thursday's Child - Sunday 8th July

11.00 Event Opens

STAGE in Main Marquee
11.10 Mayura's Dance Akademi
11.20 Muslim Talk and Q&A
11.30
11.40 Baha'i Faith Talk and Q&A
11.50
12.00 All World Gayatri
12.10 Consciousness & Thought
12.20 Transformation Foundation
12.30
12.40 Mayura's Dance Akademi
12.50
1.00 Glorious Life
1.10 Buddhist Chorus - choir of 50
1.20
1.30
1.40
1.50
2.00 Speak Out! Part 1. Young people speaking about what their Faith means to them
2.10
2.20
2.30
2.40
2.50
3.00 Musical interlude
3.10 Speak Out! Part 2.
3.20 Your opportunity to speak about what your faith means to You! Come and join in
3.30
3.40
3.50
4.00 Jewish Talk and Q&A
4.10
4.20 Mayura's Dance Akademi
4.30
4.40
4.45 **Closing ceremony at Stage**
5.00 **Event closes**

WORKSHOPS in Main Marquee

'Man between Action and Reaction'
 Soraya Ramjane
 International Sufi School

'Faith and Conflict' Simon Keyes
 St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation

Speak Out!
 For 13-18 year olds: Learn how to speak with impact and confidence.
 Speakers Bank

'Tools 4 Trialogue'
 Nazli Ali – Three Faiths Forum

'Exploring how to be at peace with self and everyone around us'
 Masana De Souza

'Stories across the Faith Divide'
 Story telling with
 Joseph Kingsley-Nyinah

Workshops close

SACRED SPACE

Brahma Kumaris

Quiet Space for individual reflection

Baha'i Faith

Islam

Judaism

Sufism

Zoroastrianism

Sacred Space closes



David Chen – Our volunteer Presenter for the Weekend

David Chen, Ambassador for Human Rights and PEACE - over the years have contributed his time and expertise representing inner-city communities and working with ex-offenders and troubled youths in our communities. David's projects **Voicing For Jamaica** and **Positive Community Networking** aim to create **SKILLED TRADE CENTRES (STC)** focussing on customer service and presentation skills globally. Have a look at www.davidchen.co.uk and www.myspace.com/worldponty for further details.

Sincere thanks to our Sponsors and Supporters

Clarity Communications

Special thanks are extended to the team at Clarity Communications who voluntarily filmed and edited to enable the first DVD to be made, and are filming at Thursday's Child this weekend.

Latham & Watkins

We are sincerely grateful for the support of Latham & Watkins who provide pro bono legal services to "Thursday's Child". Aside from the legal expertise they have been kind and generous hosts providing space and refreshments free of charge for the regular meetings of the Working Group and Board.

Canary Wharf Group

"Canary Wharf Group is pleased to be supporting Thursday's Child. This initiative is an important opportunity for young people here in east London to understand more about each other's cultures and religions. We hope that it will be a small step along the road towards a more tolerant future where diversity is celebrated and cherished."

"In particular we applaud the ambition to create a positive legacy out of the tragedies of 7 July 2005."

Metropolitan Police

The MPS is committed to working with London's faith communities to ensure a safer London for all. The Faith team are keen to meet and listen to as many people as possible so we can improve the service the MPS provides.

The Met Careers Team aims to promote equal opportunities employment by striving to reflect the diverse community in which we serve. To this end, we will be providing our mobile Careers Advice Team in form of our Recruitment Bus, which comes equipped with

qualified staff to give out expert advice on the roles of Special Constables etc and also other audio visual aids to show just what sort of job opportunities are available to the public, within our organisation.

HSBC Insurance Brokers Ltd

"We are grateful to HSBC Insurance Brokers Limited who have supported this event by covering the insurance costs."

Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund

We are grateful of the donation made towards the work of "Thursday's Child"

Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

The Zoroastrian Community are delighted to be part of this "Celebration of Faith". Interfaith dialog is essential to ensure that people of different faiths co-exist in peace and harmony.

Muslim Aid – Serving Humanity

Muslim Aid is delighted to support the Iner-Faith Festival organised by Thursday's Child. This event and others like it are really the way forward for us all to understand each other and move forward in these turbulent times. Saif Ahmad C.E.O.

Newham Council

Sincere thanks to Newham Council for the financial contribution to Thursday's Child within the "Go For It" grant.

Aston-Mansfield

"Aston-Mansfield is a major east London charity, running two community centres (Durning Hall and the Froud Centre) as well as programmes in Community Development, Lifelong Learning and Healthy Living. 25 faith groups regularly worship in our premises."

Some words from the Faiths and Inter Faith organisations

The **Buddhist Society** is pleased to participate in this noble endeavour of Inter Faith remembrance, in the hope that it will contribute to a safer, more tolerant and peaceful world.

The **Christian** community is committed to dialogue. Dialogue among Christians themselves, dialogue with other believers and with all people of good will. Together we can build a friendlier, safer society.

We believe that Thursday's Child is an excellent initiative to bring people from different communities together. The project offers an inspiring platform for sharing our commonalities and respecting our differences. The **Hindu Forum of Britain** and **Hindu Aid** are happy to support the initiative with our presence at the stands and prayer meetings.

Paganism is an "umbrella-term" for a group of religions and belief systems. The predominant 4 are, Witchcraft, Wicca, Druidry, Heathenry. Paganism is the 7th largest religious grouping in the country, and is one of the fastest growing. The difference between Paganism and other religions is that we do not seek converts, but allow people to explore their own personal boundaries, morals and ethics taking personal responsibility for their actions.

InterFaith Seminary - Serving all with an open mind and loving heart. The Interfaith Seminary is a training for Interfaith Ministers and Spiritual Counsellors; Serving spiritual needs of people from all faiths and none.

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (UK)

Bringing together people from all backgrounds and faiths, BKWSU (UK) recognises the intrinsic goodness of all and teaches Raja Yoga meditation to help people rediscover their inner resources, strengths and values.

The Thursday's Child project is an invaluable initiative in inter faith relations, which helps in the creation of a genuine climate of friendship and respect between diverse religious communities. We assure you of the **Muslim Council of Britain's** fullest support. Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari, Secretary General, The Muslim Council of Britain; www.mcb.org.uk

It is an honour for the **International Sufi School** to be involved in such a significant event as Thursday's Child. Because difference is a necessity of life, there is no need to make any difference amongst the differences. It will be the pleasure of the International Sufi School to share our experience of sufism, through a speech, some sufi music and a workshop.

Interfusion, the Portsmouth Youth Diversity Forum, seeks understanding and dialogue between young people of all faiths and belief systems, or none, directed by an Executive Committee aged 13-19.

"**FFWPU East London**. The FFWPU (Family Federation for World Peace and Unification) is based on the principle that all humankind is created as a one-world family, transcending race, culture, nationality and religion."

"**Faithlink** is an interfaith youth network, bringing people together across race, culture, and religion. It provides a platform for friendship and understanding between faiths and encourages youth-led projects and initiatives."

Words from our participants

Faith is a source of conflict and a resource of transforming conflict. Simon Keyes will examine how our religious beliefs and attitudes can be a force for reconciliation and healing rather than a source of division and violence. Simon is

Director of **St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace** in London.

'**Tools 4 Dialogue**' is a workshop for young people from the Abrahamic religions. It is about exploring our faith(s) by reading our scriptures – not at each other, but together.

Sarah Clive and State of the Heart Storytelling are very happy to support Thursday's Child, a festival which reflects our dedication to celebrate all faiths and honour unity in diversity.

Glorious Life Chorus - Members of Soka Gakkai International, a lay Buddhist association who's activities promote peace culture and education worldwide. Our hearts sing out for world peace our songs are a joyful celebration of life

'London-based collective **Gyenyame** make the mystical real to our everyday lives, bringing the universal message of the great spiritual traditions into a world-embracing sound'.

Joseph Kingsley-Nyinah, storyteller and Lecturer has told stories for over 25 years. He is Christian and a strong believer in the power of story to unite, heal and modify behaviour.

Mayura's Dance Akademi - With Masters Degree in Indian Classical Dance, Mayura harnesses dance with a spiritual approach and divine vision. Delivers dance training in Bollywood, Bhangra, fusion and folk dances of India. www.mayura.info

Words from some exhibitors

FREdome Visionary Trust – (Greg Peachey is also one of our Workshop leaders). A shared way forward: We aim to unite whole communities behind creative positive ideas, based upon their shared consciences, for the sake of ourselves, our children and future generations.

"**God Only Knows**" - ...so let's ask Him! (or her or it...) with Greg What values to we share? How can we work on those together? How are we unique? Let's listen for common messages.

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Victim Support Newham is delighted to take part in an event, which encompasses and represents all faiths and races. It is a welcomed event to share and celebrate the diverse community we all live in. We look forward to this being an annual event.

"**Girlguiding UK** enables girls and young women to develop their full potential through a varied range of enjoyable events and activities that challenge, inform and stimulate."

Zoe's Gospel Promotion will be participating in Thursday's Child by providing gospel artistes to sing at the event. Zoe's Gospel promotion aim to foster community cohesion and improve relations between people of various faiths by coming together to interact and by providing a taste of the black heritage through performing Gospel Music. It is hoped that our participation at this event will give people from other ethnic and religious backgrounds a better understanding of what we do and who we are.