

The Constitution

1. Aims

Cheltenham Inter Faith (CIF), founded in 2003, aims to provide opportunities for people of any religious faith or none who respect the integrity of the world religions, to meet together to learn more about the beliefs, values and cultural traditions of the major faith communities. CIF aims to encourage social encounter and personal friendship between people of different faiths in order to develop positive attitudes and understanding in the community at large.

2. Objectives

CIF endeavours to achieve these aims by arranging talks, presentations and discussions on aspects of religious faith and practice, in order that members may learn more about the life of religions other than their own, and consider differences and common ground between them. For this purpose, CIF organises monthly meetings and other events such as visits to Synagogues, Churches, Mosques, Schools, Gurudwara, Temples and Colleges, in order to meet local faith communities, understand their beliefs and attend times of worship and prayer.

3. Membership

CIF welcomes to its meetings people of all faiths and none, in particular those from 'minority faith communities'. Members are not expected formally to represent their own faith community.

4. Annual General Meeting

The AGM considers matters of policy and programme that may arise. The AGM agenda will always include the presentation of annual reports, election of Officers and election of the Committee. Notice of any formal proposal to change this Constitution must be made in writing, and reach the Chair one month before the meeting. To succeed any such proposal will require a simple majority of those present and voting.

5. The Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the CIF and meet at least six times a year. The Committee will comprise a minimum of six members, of whom at least two shall belong to 'minority faiths'. The committee will comprise the Chair, the Treasurer, the Editor of the Newsletter, the Membership Secretary, and at least two others. Other member may be co-opted from time to time.

6. Finance

An annual subscription is payable by each member at a rate to be proposed by the Committee and endorsed by the AGM. This is intended to cover expenses necessarily incurred by speakers, administration, publicity and the Newsletter. Annual accounts are presented for approval each year at the AGM.

7. The Newsletter

The Newsletter is published quarterly and is intended to inform members of forthcoming events, report past events and publicise items of interest on wider Inter Faith issues.