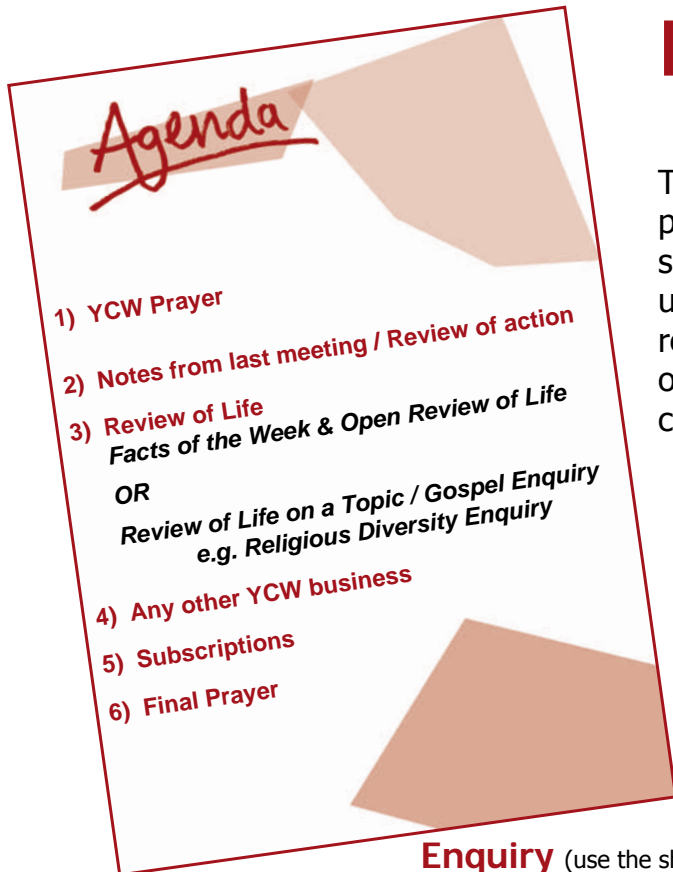


Religious Diversity

Mutual understanding or mutual love?

There are many people of different faiths. Some people know a lot about other people's faiths, some don't know very much. Fear of others makes us act differently towards them. How much do we really understand and tolerate faiths other than our own? What are we doing in our own lives and communities to improve things?



Enquiry (use the short enquiry below or the fuller one overleaf over several meetings).

SEE

- ◇ How much do we know about our own faith? Do we share this with others?
- ◇ How much do we know about other religions?
- ◇ Do we know of any tensions between religions in our area? What happened?

JUDGE

- ◇ How important is it to raise our understanding of different religions?
- ◇ What effect does our awareness of international situations (war, terrorism etc) have on our understanding of other religions? Is this fair?
- ◇ What does our own faith say about tolerance and respect for other beliefs?

ACT

- ◇ Do we need to look at our own attitudes towards those of other beliefs?
- ◇ How can we come to understand other beliefs better and promote that understanding to others?
- ◇ Can we organise and host an event for young people of different faiths?
- ◇ How can we share our own faith in a positive way?

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SEE

- ◇ How much do we feel we know about our own faith?
- ◇ What other religions do we come into contact with?

Watch the DVD **Religious Diversity SEE**

- ◇ Anything strike us about the comments on the DVD?

Lorcan said: "I don't know much about religions."

- ◇ Would we say the same as Lorcan?
- ◇ What difficulties do we experience while talking to others of different belief?
- ◇ Who in our friendship circles has a different religion to us?
- ◇ Does religion affect our friendships with others?
- ◇ How do we express our beliefs, whilst respecting others?

Tim says: "I only know people who are Muslim by playing football"

- ◇ Where/how do we meet people of other faiths?

On the DVD Tim said that religions "cause tension".

- ◇ How true is this in our own experience? What tensions have we seen between members of different religious groups?
 - ◇ What happened?
 - ◇ Who was involved?
 - ◇ What caused it?
 - ◇ What were the consequences?

*The Secretary
takes brief
notes during
the enquiry*

Preparation for next meeting

- ◇ Collect the newspapers for a week

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