

# Moving Beyond 'Us' and 'Them': Challenging Discourses of Religious Otherness and Building a More Inclusive Society

A one-day interdisciplinary colloquium to establish a network of academics, practitioners, activists, and the general public to challenge binary divides and religious othering in the UK

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 Cumberland Lodge, Great Windsor Park 9am – 7pm

### **Keynote Address - Emeritus Professor Martyn Barrett, University of Surrey**

"Competences for Democratic Culture and Intercultural Dialogue: An Education Initiative Aimed at Building More Inclusive Societies across Europe"

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### Moving Beyond 'Us' and 'Them' Programme

09.00 Arrival and Registration

09.30 Welcome & Introduction

**Dr Owen Gower,** Director of the Cumberland Lodge Programme **Teresa Whitney,** Cumberland Colloquium Committee Chair **Mohammad Saeed Bahmanpour,** Lecturer at Islamic College of Advanced Studies, London

10.00 **Suniya Qureshi**, CEO Qismat Foundation *Broken Identities: Being a Muslim in Contemporary Britain* 

11.00: Coffee & Tea Break

11.15 Engaging in Difficult Dialogues: the Constructions of 'Us' and 'Them'

**Dr. Reza Gholami**, Sociology of Education, Middlesex University, Non-Islamiosity within London's Iranian Diaspora: Research Implications and Possibilities

**Rev'd Dr. James Walters,** LSE Chaplain & Interfaith Advisor, Creating the LSE Faith Centre: Moving from Importing Conflict to Exporting Peace

12.45 Lunch

14.00 Can 'You' and 'I' become 'We'?: Negotiating Belonging in a Multicultural Society

**Aidan Cottrell-Boyce**, Faculty of Divinity Cambridge, *Religious Belief and the Excluding Excluded: The Role of Belief in the Development of Resistance Identity* 

**Dr. Leda Blackwood**, School of Psychology St. Andrews, *Flying While Muslim: Citizenship and Misrecognition in the Airport* 

**Catriona Robertson,** London Boroughs Faiths Network, Citizenship: How Does Religion and Interfaith Relations Impact on Political Participation? 15:30 Coffee & Tea Break

16.00 Uncertain Futures: Youth Education as a Driver for Social Change

Dr. Mike Diboll, Institute of Education UCL, TBD

**Fiyaz Moghul OBE FCMI FRSA**, Faith Matters, How Youth Education on Mobilising Young People Can Tackle Radicalization and Extremism

**Rosalind Birtwistle**, Interfaith Marriage Network, "Strange Bedfellows?": Interfaith Couples, Dialogue and the Engagement between 'Us' and 'Them'

17.30 Conference Conclusions and Closing Comments

18.00 Short Break

18.15 Keynote Address:

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19.15 Conference Dinner

\* All panel presentations will be followed by a brief Q&A, and each session will culminate with a group discussion.

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