

Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the **Onyx Link Foundation's** quarterly newsletter.

Editors Note



After a wonderful Summer, enjoying the sun, sand and sea (and sometimes saying 'it's too hot'), I'm really looking forward to Autumn.

Whether you plan on picking pinecones or kicking crinkly leaves, we hope you have some time to catch up on all of the OLF news.

In this edition, we'll bring you up to date with post conference plans, as we catch up with the wonderful conference speakers. You can also read about our delightful visit to Newport Cathedral, St Woolos where we met The Dean, the Very Reverend Lister Tonge and Reverend Canon Dr Mark Diamond.

And finally, our Chair and Operations Director, Dr Abdalla Mohamed OBE goes 'Under the spotlight'. So, slide your slippers on, sink into the sofa and relax with our Autumn edition.

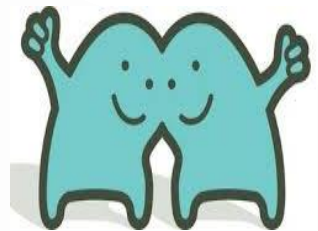
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A meeting of great minds...over dinner

Although our Wales Interfaith Conference took place in May, we're still working hard on this important project.



We invited the conference speakers for dinner to obtain feedback and ideas about what they would like to see happening in our future interfaith projects.

The group agreed that we should focus on working with the younger generation to promote positive interfaith relationships in the future. It was also agreed that we should start working with schools, religious studies departments, and local councils to help support and encourage our interfaith work.

Other topics of our meeting included celebrating our commonalities whilst still respecting our differences and humanity before religion.

The meeting was a great success. However, there is still much work to be done on this project. Don't worry, we'll be sure to keep you up to date with developments.

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Love life in Autumn...

- Read a great newsletter ✓
- Walk in the wilderness
- Ride a bike
- Go on a picnic
- Gaze at the stars
- Take time to relax



FEATURE STORY

We were delighted to receive a personal invitation to the Flower Festival & Week of Welcome event at Newport Cathedral, St Woolos in July. So, we put our hiking boots on (I'll explain later) and made our way to meet with Reverend Canon Dr Mark Diamond.

Not only did we receive a very warm welcome from the Reverend, but we received a grand tour of the beautiful Cathedral too! And there's more! We were given a brief history about the historic building and a tour of the bell tower!

Our hiking boots came in handy on the tower tour. We had to maneuver up (and down) a narrow stairwell, tiptoe on slender steps and cling on to a rope railing! The journey was worth it though, as the views at the top of the tower were spectacular. The interior features and character of the cathedral were very special too!

During our visit, we also had the pleasure of meeting with The Dean, the Very Reverend Lister Tonge. Both the Dean and the Canon spoke with great passion about the cathedral but also about how it could benefit the OLF's interfaith work.



Pictured above, Reverend Canon Dr Mark Diamond and some of the OLF team discuss ways in which to collaborate and work together on interfaith projects in the future.

It was a great pleasure and honor to meet such positive and encouraging individuals. Their upbeat attitudes really had an impact on us and we left the cathedral feeling confident and optimistic about our future relationship with our new friends and neighbours.



Pictured left, Reverend Canon Dr Mark Diamond with some of the OLF team on top of the tower.

Under the spotlight... Chair & Operations

Director, Dr Abdalla Mohamed OBE.

Q. Describe the OLF in three words

A. Hope, Help, Happiness

Q. What's the best part of your job?

A. Getting to know people

Q. What is your biggest achievement to date – personal or professional?

A. Establishing the Onyx Link Foundation



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