



DECLARATION OF THE WALES INTERFAITH CONFERENCE 2019  
FAITH & CITIZENSHIP

FROM OUR SHARED VALUES TO OUR SHARED CITIZENSHIP

*We, the faith leaders and communities meeting at the Wales Interfaith Conference in Newport 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, on Faith & Citizenship: From our Shared Values to our Shared Citizenship, agree on the following:*

**World** religions and beliefs have a deep concern for maintaining the wellbeing of both the family and society upon their time honoured moral values.

**Hence**, citizenship, from a faith perspective, may be modelled with the family system. The faith based values underpinning family bonds, family order, and commitment to family responsibility, may be extended to strengthening community relations, maintaining social order, and observing civic responsibility.

**A** good follower of one's faith, i.e. one who adheres to the values that underpin the wellbeing of family and society, is indeed a good citizen. Such a person will respect the rights of fellow humans, treat the other as one's self, maintain peaceful coexistence with all people, observe the civic responsibility, and advance the common good.

**Our** agreement on the above will ensure our civic responsibility and pave the way for our wilful collaboration in the common good including community engagement, participation in the democratic process and caring for the environment.

SIGNATORIES:

Rev Canon Dr Mark Dimond  
Christianity, Newport Cathedral, Church in Wales

*Mark Dimond*

Mr Hardeep Singh  
Sikhism, Deputy-Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations

*Hardeep Singh*

Cllr Neeta Baicher JP  
Sikhism, Active in Social Work and Education

*Neeta Baicher*

Mr Vivian Bartlett  
Baha'i Representative in the Interfaith Council of Wales

*V. Bartlett*

Dr Sibani Roy  
Representative of the Hindu Faith

*Sibani Roy*

Wiccan High Priestess Jemma-Jane Thompson  
Representative of Pagan Earth Religion

*Jemma-Jane Thompson*

Sheikh Mohamed Toulba  
Islam, Imam of South Wales Islamic Centre

*Mohamed Toulba*

Rabbi Ben Abrahamson  
Judaism, Director of the Al Sadiqin Institute

*Ben Abrahamson*

Ngakma Nor'dzin Pamo  
Chairperson, Buddhist Council of Wales

*Ngakma Nor'dzin Pamo*

Dr Abdalla Yassin Mohamed OBE  
Chair & Operations Director of the OLF

*Abdalla Yassin Mohamed*