

Our commitment

Atheist Society is committed to promoting interfaith activities. Our continued commitment to promoting relations between ourselves and the faith societies on campus has been a shining light at the university where we have provided an unparalleled range of interfaith events which no other society, nor the interfaith assembly or faith and cultural society assembly groups have managed to match.

We believe that in today's multicultural society it is critical that there is good relations between faith and non-faith groups as well as a sound understanding of what the other believes. Through this we believe we can build stronger communities, break down misconceptions and promote better understanding.

This year the society will continue to build on our extensive range of interfaith activities and have increase the amount of resources we put into doing so – for the first time this year our committee features an “interfaith coordinator” whose sole job it is to communicate with the religious groups on campus and organise interfaith events.

Upcoming events

What?	When?
<p>Redemption Interfaith assassins, hosted in association with the Assassins Guild. Each society is invited down to take part in a day of fun and games followed by a picnic.</p>	October
<p>Interfaith panel Representatives from each of the different faith societies are invited down to sit on a panel which takes open questions from the audience.</p>	November
<p>Perspective A different religion each week is invited down to talk about their beliefs for the first half of the session and take open questions from the non-believers for the second.</p>	January
<p>Also watch out for... We run a range of additional events throughout the year including debates, socials and more so keep your eyes peeled on our events timetable or join our mailing list to be kept up to date.</p>	All year



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Perspective

Launched in January 2009, Perspective is an exciting new course designed to promote conversation and understanding between faith and non-faith groups. The



course covers a different religion each week and members of that faith will be invited in to talk about their faith and answer any questions people have.

Each week a representative from a different faith is invited down to present a talk on their beliefs. They are provided with a soapbox to discuss their religion for the first half of the meeting and the second half of the meeting is given over to the floor where the non-believers are given the chance to ask any questions about the religion they have.

The first run of the course which took place in the first half of 2009 saw presentations from representatives of Bah'ai, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Paganism and

Humanism and was warmly received by all who attend.

The Perspective course is extremely important to the society as it does a great deal to promote relations between Atheist Society and the faith societies on campus, as well as better educating our members on the various religious beliefs out there.

A free dinner is also provided to all who attend the sessions and dietary concerns of each religion, as well as the dietary concerns of society members are always taken into consideration.

Interfaith panels

As a society we have hosted a number of interfaith panels in which representatives from different religions are invited to form a panel with a representative for ourselves and take open questions from the audience, each person answering from the perspective of their own faith or belief system.



These have proved incredibly popular with a wide range of societies taking part and as such the society was asked to organise and host the interfaith panel scheduled to take place during interfaith week.

Interfaith assassins

Every year the Atheist Society, working together with the Assassins Guild, hosts interfaith assassins, this year named Redemption, in which members from each religious society are invited to join us in an afternoon of fun and games, followed by a group picnic.



Debates

The society has a long running history with organising debates with other societies – we regularly send out invites to other societies throughout the year to engage in such debates and have staged dozens of debates over the years.



We can regularly be found holding debates with the Christian Union who have also shown their commitment to interfaith relations and in April 2009 we staged our first formal debate with the Islamic Society as well.