

Youth Space Policy on working with Young People from other Faiths and Cultures

- ❖ We will not criticise, ridicule or belittle other religions.
- ❖ We will not tell the young people what their faith says, nor define it by what some of its adherents do.
- ❖ We will not ask the young people to say, sing or pray things that they do not believe, understand or that compromises their own faith.
- ❖ We will value and affirm the positive aspects of the young people's culture
- ❖ We will use music, artwork and methods that are culturally appropriate. For example, Asian Christian music, pictures of people from a variety of backgrounds. We will organise single sex activities where deemed appropriate.
- ❖ We will be open and honest in our presentation of the Christian faith.
- ❖ We will be open and honest about the aims and content of our work with families, carers and other adults involved in young people's lives.
- ❖ We will seek to build long-term friendships that are genuine and not dependent on conversion.
- ❖ We believe suggesting conversion to young people of other faiths in isolation from their families is inappropriate.
- ❖ We are committed to the long-term nature of the work, for the young people now and the impact this could have on future generations
- ❖ Where young people show a genuine interest in the Christian faith we will discuss how they can be a follower of Jesus whilst being open and honest about the consequences.
- ❖ We will never suggest that the young people keep things secret from their families or carers.

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