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FAITH ACTION

Regional Mapping Exercise

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1. Overview of The South East



- 1.1 General Information** - The South East region encompasses 19 county and unitary authorities and 55 districts, stretching in an arc around London, from Thanet in the south-east to the New Forest in the south-west and to Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes in the north-west.

While it is without a single dominant urban centre, the region is home to two cities with populations of around 250,000 (Medway and Brighton and Hove) and five cities with populations of greater than 100,000. The South East is home to over eight million people in some three million households.

- 1.2 Culture** - The region has a strong cultural heritage. Long established and internationally famous events such as the Glyndebourne Festival Opera and the Chichester Theatre Festival stand alongside the largest number of specially designated museum collections of any region. The region also contains two of the nine UK sports institutes and has a renowned architectural heritage.

- 1.3 Economy** - The region makes a major contribution to the UK economy, accounting for 15.6% of total UK Gross Value Added (GVA) in 2003. GVA measures the contribution to the economy of each individual producer, industry or sector in the UK.

On a European basis (2001 figures) the South East ranks 15th of the EU's 86 regional units (including accession states).

The South East also compares favourably with other English regions on indicators such as income, with household disposable income 9% above the national average. The South East, East of England and London are the only regions with incomes above the national average.

In broad terms the South East economy can be categorised as being advanced, high cost, high income, broadly based and service oriented.¹

¹ <http://www.go-se.gov.uk/gose/ourRegion/aboutTheSE/?a=42496>

1.4 The Thames Gateway - The Thames Gateway is Western Europe's most ambitious regeneration programme.² It is 43 miles long and 20 miles wide. The area stretches some 40 miles east of London, on both sides of the Thames, from Canary Wharf to the mouth of the Thames Estuary.

In 1991, the Government commissioned a consultants report for what was then called the "East Thames Corridor", which was published in 1993. It confirmed the area's potential, the need for an overall framework, and for coordination of economic and environmental improvements. In 1995, the Government published a Planning Framework - for the renamed "Thames Gateway". These plans and proposals could be seen as an eastward extension of the work of the London Docklands Development Corporation. A major review of the Gateway was carried out in 1999, and an Interim Plan, with a series of associated documents was produced by the Department of Communities and Local Government in May 2006.

²National Audit Office (2007), *The Thames Gateway: Laying the Foundations*. p4.

2. Statistics about Faith Landscape

Just as the geographical landscape of the SE region varies, so also does the faith of its people. As one might expect, some of the rural areas of Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Buckinghamshire, Sussex and Kent are very traditional with life centred around the village and the parish church. Not that the residents of the village go to the church, nor is there likely to be a resident incumbent. In those respects a lot has changed.

As well as villages, the towns form medium sized urban areas with an increasingly mixed population. Most of the area continues to receive migrants from London, elsewhere in the UK and, of course, from Europe and beyond. So the towns have a variety of faiths and no faiths with Christian still the largest faith group.

There are major urban areas, the unitary authorities. Some of these are cities or aspiring cities. Others are an amalgam of various communities that are part of the urban sprawl within the commuter belt. All such large urban areas have a greater percentage of minority faiths. Each has its particular predominant flavour. Setting aside the high figure for those indicating they are 'Christian', those of other faiths is a small percentage of the population as a whole. However, all the other faiths form a significant percentage of those with an active faith.

What follows is an analysis based on the Census returns for 2001. The census asked respondents to indicate their religion from a long list that included 'none'³. A fairly large percentage (10% for England and Wales as a whole and 7.5% for the SE Region) chose not to answer this question with a further 15% (England and Wales) or 16.5% for the SE Region answering 'none'. This discrepancy between the England and Wales figures compared to the SE Region is itself an interesting one, suggesting, perhaps, that SE people are more willing to express dissent because the climate of the culture is more diverse and accepting of dissent.

It must be borne in mind, when considering these figures, that a declaration of faith is not the same as identifying with the celebration of that faith or acceptance of all its tenets. The figure for Christianity, for example, is 72% for England and Wales, and 73% for the SE. This is well above the accepted estimate for regular attendance at a place of Christian worship of around 15%, while weekly figures would be down to 7.5%. There are no accurate figures for attendance at other places of worship across the UK. Some have posited that the 'nominal rates' for Islam and Hinduism mirror that of Christianity but this would not be a comparison of likes.

One further important observation - The census relates to where people live. Congregational figures always relate to where they worship. These are never likely to be the same, This is especially so for minorities, who may need to travel large distances in order to congregate in numbers large enough to engender a sense of solidarity and belonging.

³ The options were: Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Moslem, Sikh, Other, No Religion

3. Key Geographical Areas of Concentrations of Faith Groups

3.1 **What is 'significant'?** - In selecting those areas that had a 'concentration' of a specific faith group it was essential to decide what divergence from the regional norm was necessary to identify an area as having a 'concentration'. Since, apart from Christian and 'no religion', percentages were always extremely low⁴, care was needed in defining what was significant. This was inevitably an arbitrary choice. The authors chose the following set of criteria. (See Appendix I for Chart)

Faith Group	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Moslem	Sikh	Other	No Religion ⁵	Not stated ³
Variation of more than	29%	19%	29%	14%	19%	19%	9%	9%

3.2 **The Unitary Authorities⁶** - It is in the unitary authority areas that most of the concentrations of the various faith groups occur. This is to be expected since it is here that the concentrations of population are to be found. Only West Berkshire was found to have no faith group present above the significance levels defined above.

Bracknell - A significant number of Hindus present along with those who identified they had no religion.

Brighton and Hove - B&H is known to be a very diverse community. As well as having a higher than average percentage of those with no religion and a lower than usual percentage of Christians, there are high concentrations of Buddhists, Jewish people, Moslems and those of 'other religions'

Isle of Wight - A higher than average percentage of those with 'other religion'.

Medway - In Medway there are concentrations of Hindus and Sikhs

Milton Keynes - Another area known for its diversity. There are higher than average numbers indicating their faith as Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem and 'other religion'.

Portsmouth - There are higher than average percentages of Buddhists, Moslems, and 'other religion' as well as a higher than usual percentage of people not answering this question in the 2001 Census.

⁴ Occasionally as high as 16% but more usually 1% or 2%. Most areas, not having a concentration at all, were below 1%

⁵ No Religion and Not Stated are included for reference purposes but not considered further as the task of this exercise is not to explore areas of concentrations of atheists, humanists etc.

⁶ It was decided not to delve further than the Unitary Authority level in exploring this group. It was felt that to go to a more detailed area, such as Ward or group of Wards would unhelpfully water down the significance as the populations would be spread out. It would also concentrate too much on where people live. As Faith Action is about empowering faith groups in their communities, it would be more realistic to identify areas of population concentrations and then to investigate worshipping centres. These latter will draw from across Wards in most cases.

Reading - In this area the Census returns suggest there is a concentration of Buddhists, Hindus, Jewish people, Moslems, Sikhs and those who have 'no religion'.

Slough - A concentration of Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs, alongside a lower percentage of Christians and a higher percentage of those who did not answer the Census question.

Southampton - Here there is a higher percentage of returns indicating people who are Hindu, Moslem, Sikh, 'other religion' and those who did not answer the question.

Windsor and Maidenhead - A concentration of Hindus, Jewish people, Moslems, Sikhs.

Wokingham - A concentration of Hindus, Jewish people and Sikhs.

3.3 The 'Counties'⁷

Buckinghamshire - Buckinghamshire has four boroughs and all have a concentration of one of the faiths other than Christianity. In **Aylesbury Vale** and **Wycombe** it is Moslems. In **Chiltern** it is Jewish people. In **South Bucks** there is a concentration of Hindus, Jewish people and Sikhs.

East Sussex - Of the five boroughs in East Sussex, the four boroughs **Eastbourne**, **Hastings**, **Lewes** and **Rother** do not have concentrations of the faith groups. **Wealden** has a concentration of those of 'other faiths'

Hampshire - Of the eleven boroughs in Hampshire only **Rushmore** has a concentration and this is of Buddhists.⁸

Kent - Nine Boroughs, **Ashford**, **Dover**, **Maidstone**, **Sevenoaks**, **Swale**, **Thanet**, **Tonbridge** and **Malling** and **Tunbridge Wells**, do not have a significant concentration of faith groups. **Canterbury** has a concentration of Buddhists; **Dartford** and **Gravesham** of Sikhs, **Shepway** of Hindus.

Oxfordshire - The four boroughs of **Cherwell**, **South Oxfordshire**, **Vale of White Horse** and **West Oxfordshire** have no concentrations of faiths. **Oxford**, a large urban borough, has concentrations of Buddhists, Moslems and Jewish people alongside a lower percentage of Christians.

Surrey - Despite being so near to London, Surrey has only five of its eleven boroughs with significant concentrations. **Elmbridge** has a higher percentage of Buddhists and Jewish People; **Epsom and Ewell** has a higher concentration of Buddhists and Hindus;

⁷ The unit chosen here is the Borough. This appears as the most appropriate level. The county would be too wide a population spread. Wards were not chosen. For reasons see footnote 4 above.

⁸ The other boroughs are: **Basingstoke** and **Deane**, **East Hampshire**, **Eastleigh**, **Fareham**, **Gosport**, **Hart**, **Havant**, **New Forest**, **Test Valley** and **Winchester**

Runnymede has a higher concentration of Buddhists; **Spelthorne** of Hindus; and **Woking** of Moslems.⁹

West Sussex - Finally, in West Sussex only **Crawley**, where there is a concentration of Hindus and Moslems and **Mid Sussex**, where there is a concentration of those of 'other religion' are of interest here.¹⁰

3.4 Race and Religion

All the foregoing has looked at population figures for faiths without reference to other factors. It is obvious that most of the people who are also Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Moslem or Sikh are also among the minority ethnic groups. As a consequence sometimes writers and researchers fail to distinguish between issues of religion and race or nationality.

A moment's thought will present a more complex issue. Not only are some black and other 'ethnic' people UK citizens and therefore in nationality 'British' but also each of the major religions has a mix of people of ethnic origin.

It would have been possible to use the Census data to examine the answers to each of the Census' racial questions¹¹ alongside the answers to the faith question. This information is available in the Census data. We could thus have considered concentrations of Black Christians, Asian Moslems, Chinese Buddhists and so on.

A very interesting set of figures might have emerged. The authors decided this avenue should not be pursued in this study. The purpose of the study is one of seeing how the faith communities relate to the processes of community adhesion, improving social welfare and engaging with the processes of regeneration and renewal.

While we are aware that the faith communities do sometimes segregate into smaller racially based units we did not think it helpful to identify diversity within communities but rather unity and integration.

In general it will be congregational groups or small groups of congregations that will engage with the process with which Faith Action is designed to assist. At this point the group may identify itself as a specifically racial subgroup of a faith group. We feel that they should be allowed to enter the process on their own terms without overt focus on their 'difference'.

⁹ The boroughs without a concentration are **Guildford, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Surrey Heath, Tandridge** and **Waverly**

¹⁰ The boroughs without a concentration are **Adur, Arun, Chichester, Horsham, Worthing**

¹¹ Respondents to the Census were asked to identify their race by selecting one of a number of options. These were:- White (British, Irish, other), Mixed (White and Black), Caribbean(White and Black African, White and Asian, Other Mixed), Asian(Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Other Asian) Black or Black British(Black Caribbean, Black African, Other Black), Chinese or Other Ethnic Group(Chinese, Other Ethnic Group)

4. Other documents relating to Faith Community figures

Is the Census data the only work available on faith communities related to population figures? The answer is generally yes.

- 4.1 **2005 English Church Census** - The Christian Research Association undertakes a church going survey every few years and publishes their findings. The detail of this is to be found in *Religious Trends No6 2006/2007*¹² published by the CRA. It has the figures nationally, by Counties and Boroughs. It must be remembered that this is a measure of *church attendance* or more specifically attendance on a particular day in 2005¹³. No attempt is made here to compare and contrast these results with the Census or to examine them in detail since the measurements are of very different things.

Firstly the work consists of only what the researchers include as Christian Organisations. It is sent to all known churches and response is, obviously, optional.

Secondly it measures adherents and not those who claim to be members of a certain faith. For the purposes of considering concentrations of faith groups this might appear more reliable.

Thirdly, it measures where people worship on that day. Some will be included because of unusual circumstances and others because they travel a distance to attend their place of worship.¹⁴

It should also be pointed out that the brief of this exercise was to concentrate on the Census data. It was decided not to include a detailed analysis of this data as it was not included in the brief and there is no parallel available for any other faith.

- 4.2 **Denominational Handbooks.** - Many of the denominations produce directories which include figures for their respective congregations. These are usually available annually but tend to be up to eighteen months out of date at publication purely because of the process of collecting and publishing data.
- 4.3 **Other Faiths** - We have been unable to find any source of comparable data from any of the other faiths. In some circumstances it might be a rather sensitive subject with some groups. It is worth repeating here that adherence to a faith is demonstrated in very different ways. For the Christian church the data CRA produce is very relevant because attendance at church on a very regular basis is seen as a high priority for its adherents. For the Hindu, Buddhist and Moslem it is rather different. A man may regard himself as a devout Moslem but pray daily at home.

¹² Now out of print. Extracts may be available by application to the CRA

¹³ May 8th 2005

¹⁴ In addition to these three points it also ought to be borne in mind that comparison is unsafe as they are based on a different year and therefore population.

Work may prevent regular attendance at the Mosque. Similarly, for the Hindu and Buddhist entirely different measures are made.

4.4 **Council Records** - Most of the Unitary Authorities and County Councils have population data that includes faith groups. When we undertook to investigate these we found that most were based on the Census data. Some were updated according to population estimates.

West Sussex has two documents available. *Faith and Culture in our Community* is based mainly but not exclusively on the Census data. *West Sussex Changeup* includes a list of individual 'congregations' including numbers where available. It appears comprehensive and certainly has details of a broad range of faith groups.

5. Key Statutory Contacts in the Region



5.1

The Government Office of the South East (GOSE)

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The Government Office for the South East works with organisations across the South East to deliver the Government's policies and programmes in the region. The South East stretches from Kent and East Sussex in the east to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the south and south west and to West Berkshire in the west and Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Vale in the north.

They aim to release the potential of the South East - so that it is the most prosperous region of the country, delivering a high quality of life and environment for everyone.

As the representative of central government in the South East region their role is to promote better and more effective integration of Government policies and programmes at a regional and local level.

They set out to help increase prosperity in the South East in a more geographically sensitive way than is often possible at a national level. They do this by supporting regional policies, helping to influence policy development among the departments they represent, and by working in partnership with local organisations including Local Authorities, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Local Strategic Partnerships. They aim to ensure that Government policy in the region works.

The Government Office for the South East is led by a Regional Director, who is supported by eight Directors. Directors each have responsibility for a geographical area within the region as well as for a specific area of Government policy such as housing, planning or social inclusion.

They work for ten Government departments:

- Department for Communities and Local Government (formerly the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister)
- Department for Transport
- Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (formerly the Department for Trade and Industry)
- Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Department for Children, Schools and Families (formerly the Department for Education & Skills)
- Home Office
- Department of Culture, Media and Sport
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Cabinet Office
- Department of Health
- Ministry of Justice

Below is a link to the Report of the South East Region Faith and Community Cohesion Conference that took place on 21st February 2006

www.gos.gov.uk/497648/docs/163661/427134/427144

5.2



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SEEDA is the Government funded agency set up in 1999 responsible for the economic and social development of the South East of England - the driving force of the UK's economy.

The economy of the region is the 22nd largest in the world, bigger than several countries including Denmark, Austria, Sweden, South Africa, Singapore and Greece. As home to over eight million people, it is the largest region in the UK - bigger than Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland combined, and covers the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and East and West Sussex.

SEEDA's aim is to create a prosperous, dynamic and inspirational region by helping businesses compete more effectively, training a highly skilled workforce, supporting and enabling our communities, while safeguarding our natural resources and cherishing our rich cultural heritage.

SEEDA aims to be a catalyst for change within the South East, working with partner organisations- businesses, education at all levels, local authorities, Government agencies, voluntary and community organisations and many others - to produce clearly recognisable results.

SEEDA also has funds from Government to enable it to invest directly in a range of economic and social development programmes, and is in a position to help secure European Union and private sector investment for the region. Accountable to Government, SEEDA is a business led organisation, governed by a Board whose Members have wide-ranging experience in industry and commerce, local government, education, trade unionism and voluntary service.

6. Key Contacts within Local Authorities

BERKSHIRE			
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Councillor Alan Kendall, Executive Member for Community Cohesion - alan.kendall@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk	01344 352 000
Reading Borough Council	enquiries@slough.gov.uk	http://www.reading.gov.uk/	0118 939 0119
Slough Borough Council	Teresa Bell, Corporate Director for Community Services - TBell@westberks.gov.uk	http://www.slough.gov.uk	01753 475111
West Berkshire Council	customer.service@rbwm.gov.uk	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/	Tel: 01635 519730 Ext: 2730
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	Dianne King, Community Development	http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/	01628 796474
Wokingham District Council		http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/	0118 974 6000
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE			
Aylesbury Vale District Council	Community Matters Councillor Mrs Pearce	http://www.gylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/	01296 585 858
Buckinghamshire County Council	Cohesion and Equalities Manager	http://www.bucksccl.gov.uk/	01296 387078
Chiltern District Council		http://www.chilTERN.gov.uk/	01494 729000
Milton Keynes Borough Council	Kapil Duddakia - Chairman, Council of Faiths	http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk	01908 254628
South Bucks District Council	community@southbucks.gov.uk	http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/	01895 837200
Wycombe District Council		http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/	01494 461000
EAST SUSSEX			
Brighton & Hove City Council		http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk	01273 290 000
East Sussex County Council	Councillor Robert Tidy, Lead Member for Community Services and E-Government cldr.bob.tidy@eastsussex.gov.uk	http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk	01825 733151
Eastbourne Borough Council	Rick Newman, Housing, Health and Community Services Dept. communitypartnership@hastings.gov.uk	http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk	http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/ 01323 410000
Hastings Borough Council		http://www.hastings.gov.uk	http://www.hastings.gov.uk/ 01424 451844
Lewes District Council	D M Gray, Lead Councillor Community	http://www.lewes.gov.uk	01273 471 600
Rother District Council	Anthony Leonard - Director of Services	http://www.rother.gov.uk	01424 787500
Wealden District Council	Mary Clare Deane, Director of Community Services	http://www.wealden.gov.uk	01323 443322

HAMPSHIRE				
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Islam Jalaita, islam.jalaita@basingstoke.gov.uk	http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk	01256 845325	
East Hampshire District Council	bob@payer.demon.co.uk Building Successful Communities	http://www.easthants.gov.uk	01730 265135	
Eastleigh Borough Council	communitydevelopment@eastleigh.gov.uk	http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk	023 8068 8017	
Fareham Borough Council	customerservices@fareham.gov.uk Community Development officer	http://www.fareham.gov.uk	01329 236100	
Gosport Borough Council	Councillor Wright (Chairman), Community and Environment Board	http://www.gosport.gov.uk	023 9258 4242	
Hampshire County Council	info.centres@hants.gov.uk	http://www.hants.gov.uk	01962 870 500	
Hart District Council	Councillor Billings, Community & Partnerships	http://www.hart.gov.uk	01252 622122	
Havant Borough Council	Head of Regeneration - Joy Okwuadigbo	http://www.havant.gov.uk	023 9247 4174	
New Forest District Council	Dottie Dabrowska, Best Value Co-ordinator dottie.dabrowska@nfdc.gov.uk	http://www.nfdc.gov.uk	023 8028 5257	
Portsmouth City Council	Economy, Culture & Community Safety Directorate, Strategic Director: Barbara Thompson	http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk	023 9283 4174	
Rushmoor Borough Council	Councillor M S Choudhary, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder	http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk	01252 398399	
Southampton City Council	gateway@southampton.gov.uk	http://www.southampton.gov.uk	023 8022 3855	
Test Valley Borough Council	info@testvalley.gov.uk	http://www.testvalley.gov.uk	01264 368 000	
Winchester City Council	Councillor Tony Coates, Housing and Communities - tcoates@winchester.gov.uk	http://www.winchester.gov.uk	023-9263-2307	
ISLE OF WIGHT				
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KENT				
Ashford Borough Council	Ian Kirkland, Director of Community Engagement - ian.kirkland@ashford.gov.uk	http://www.ashford.gov.uk/	01233 330219	
Canterbury City Council	John Gilbey	http://www.canterbury.gov.uk	01227 862 000	
Dartford Borough Council	Councillor Mrs A D Allen	http://www.dartford.gov.uk	01322 343434	

Dover District Council	Heidi Golden - Community Development Officer	http://www.dover.gov.uk	01304 872293
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Medway Council	Cllrs Griffin and Murray customer.first@medway.gov.uk	http://www.medway.gov.uk/	01634 306 000
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Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	corporate.services@tmbc.gov.uk	http://www.tmbc.gov.uk	01732 844522
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	info@tunbridgewells.gov.uk	http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk	01892 526121
OXFORDSHIRE			
Cherwell District Council		http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk	01295 252 535
Oxford City Council	neighbourhoodworking@oxford.gov.uk	http://www.oxford.gov.uk/	01865 249811
Oxfordshire County Council	Councillor John Howell, Change Management	http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/	01865 792 422
South Oxfordshire District Council	info@southoxon.gov.uk	http://www.southoxon.gov.uk	01491 823 000
Vale of White Horse District Council	comments@whitehorsedc.gov.uk	http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk	01235 520202
West Oxfordshire District Council	David Neudegg - Chief Executive david.neudegg@westoxon.gov.uk	http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/	01993 861611
SURREY			
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Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	contactus@epsom-ewell.gov.uk	http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk	01372 732 000
Guildford Borough Council	Cultural Services, Chris Bunting	http://www.guildford.gov.uk	01483 505 050
Mole Valley District Council	community.services@molevalley.gov.uk	http://www.mole-valley.gov.uk/	01306 885 001

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	information@voluntaryservicesrbcs.org.uk	http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/	01737 763156
Runnymede Borough Council		http://www.runnymede.gov.uk	01932 838 383
Spelthorne Borough Council	committee.services@spelthorne.gov.uk Richard Powell, Principal Community Committee Administrator	http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk	01784 446240
Surrey County Council	contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk	http://www.surreycc.gov.uk	08456 009 009
Surrey Heath Borough Council	community.services@surreyheath.gov.uk	http://www.surreyheath.gov.uk	01276 707 100
Tandridge District Council	the.council@tandridge.gov.uk	http://www.tandridge.gov.uk	01883 722 000
Waverley Borough Council	enquiries@waverley.gov.uk	http://www.waverley.gov.uk/	01483 523 333
Woking Borough Council	customers@woking.gov.uk	http://www.woking.gov.uk/	01483 755 855
WEST SUSSEX			
Adur District Council	info@adur.gov.uk	http://www.adur.gov.uk/	01273 263 000
Arun District Council	info@arun.gov.uk	http://www.arun.gov.uk/	01903 737 500
Chichester District Council	admin@chichester-cvs.org.uk	http://www.chichester.gov.uk	01243 528615
Crawley Borough Council	comments@crawley.gov.uk	http://www.crawley.gov.uk	01293 438 000
Horsham District Council	C H Dier, Director of Community Development and Leisure - contact@horsham.gov.uk	http://www.horsham.gov.uk/	01403 215100
Mid Sussex District Council	communityservices@midsex.gov.uk	http://www.midsex.gov.uk	01444 477304
West Sussex County Council		http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/	01243 777100
Worthing Borough Council	enquiries@worthing.gov.uk	http://www.worthing.gov.uk/	01903 239999

7. Other Key Contacts relating to Faith Organisations

Regional Faiths Council/Sub-Regional/Local Interfaith and Multi-Faith Structures

Name	Area Served	Faiths & Beliefs Currently Involved	Website	Contact Details
South East England Faith Forum	South East	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jain; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	www.se-faithforum.org	Rev'd David Wrighton 34 Chalvington Road Chandlers Ford Eastleigh Hants SO53 3DX Tel: 023 80261146
Banbury Inter Faith	Cherwell District Council and adjacent areas in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire	Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Mrs G Hunt Banbury RE Centre Marlborough Road Methodist Church Marlborough Road Banbury OX16 5BZ Tel: 01295 257193
Brighton and Hove Interfaith Contact Group	Brighton and Hove	Baha'i; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jain; Jewish; Muslim; Unitarian; Zoroastrian	www.ifcg.co.uk	Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid Secretary 8 Caburn Road Hove BN3 6EF Tel: 01273 722438 E: ifcg@imamsajid@yahoo.co.uk
Buckinghamshire Forum of Faiths	Buckinghamshire	Baha'i; Christian; Jewish; Muslim	N/A	Mr Peter Lawson Secretary Community Matters Bucks 74 Chestnut Lane Amersham HP66 6EH Tel: 01494 721175 E: pdlawson@nildram.co.uk

Bushey Inter Faith Forum	Bushey and surrounding area	Christian; Jewish; Muslim	N/A	Mr Lawrence Brass Convenor 22 Grange Road Bushey WD23 2LE Tel: 01923 223528 E: l.brass@boltblue.com
Canterbury and District Inter Faith Action	Canterbury and East Kent	Bahai; Buddhist; Christian; Christian Scientist; Hindu; Humanist; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh; Zoroastrian	N/A	Revd Mike Walling Chair 66 Mount Road Canterbury CT1 1YF Tel: 01227 787654 E: walling@fish.co.uk
Horsham Interfaith Forum	Horsham and surrounding area	Bahai; Christian; Hindu; Quaker; Unitarian	N/A	Dr Richard Boeke Moderator 16 St Mary's Gardens Horsham RH12 1JP Tel: 01403 257801 E: r.boeke@virgin.net
Maidenhead Community Consultative Forum	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	Bahai; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Mr Karnail Pannu 213 Clare Road Maidenhead SL6 4DL Te: 01628 673329 E: karnailpannu@yahoo.co.uk
Maidenhead Inter Faith Forum	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	Bahai; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	www.maidenheadinterfaith.org.uk	Ms Sarah Beaumont 47 Belmont Park Avenue Maidenhead SL6 6JX Tel: 01628 541025 E: beaumont@vossnet.co.uk
Medway Inter Faith Action, also some work in the Thames Gateway area	Medway (Unitary Authority) Council area and, through affiliation to North Kent Inter Faith Council	Bahai; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Quaker; Sikh	N/A	Mr Peter Cook 43 Hill Road Borstal, Rochester ME1 3NN Tel: 01634 813012 E: info@tanaka-europe.demon.co.uk

North Kent Inter Faith Relations Council	North Kent	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Mrs Farida Usman Chairperson 'Larah' Thong Lane Gravesend DA12 4AD Tel: 01474 363052 E: mahmood.usman@virgin.net
Oxford Abrahamic Group	Participants from a number of areas	Christian; Jewish; Muslim	N/A	Revd Michael Brierley Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford Diocesan Church House North Hinksey Oxford OX2 0NB Tel: 01865 208221 E: michael.brierley@oxford.anglican.org
Oxford Round Table of Religions	Oxford	Baha'i; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh; Unitarian; Zoroastrian	N/A	Mr Peter Riddell 12a Norham Road Oxford OX2 6SF Tel: 01865 511800 E: peter.riddell@uk.iofc.org
Reading Faith Community Leaders Group	Reading	Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Revd Nigel Hardcastle Chair 14 Erleigh Road Reading RG1 5LH Tel: 0118 926 2372 E: nigel@hardcastle33.fsnet.co.uk
Reading Inter-Faith Group	Reading and surrounding areas	Baha'i; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Dr Hugh Boulter Lukers 47 High Street Theal Reading RG7 5AH Tel: 0118 930 3182 E: hugh.boulter@tesco.net

Southampton Council of Faiths	City of Southampton and South Hampshire	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	www.southampton-faiths.org	<p>Revd Ian Johnson Secretary 135 St Mary Street Southampton SO15 2BR Tel: 07940 547004 E: rectory@ic24.net</p> <p>Mr Martin Goldstein Co-ordinator 4 Brook Cottage King's Somborne Stockbridge SO20 6QR Tel: 01794 388 056 E: mpgolds@freenetname.co.uk</p>
Southampton Inter Faith Link	Hampshire, centred on Southampton	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	<p>Mrs Carolyn Neogi Co-ordinator 11 Nursery Road Godalming GU7 3JD Tel: 01483 415773 E: interfaithfriend@aol.com</p>
Surrey Interfaith Friendship Group	Guildford, Woking, Haslemere, Godalming, Cranleigh	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Scientist; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Quaker; Sikh; Unitarian	www.hometown.aol.co.uk/interfaithfriend/myhomepage/newage	<p>Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid Coordinator 8 Caburn Road Hove BN3 6EF Tel: 01273 722438 E: sajid@imamsajid.com</p>
Council for Religious Harmony, Sussex	Sussex	Baha'i; Brahma Kumaris; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jain; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh; Zoroastrian	N/A	<p>Mr Ian Chisnall c/o East Sussex Council, County Hall St Anne's Crescent Lewes BN7 1RJ Tel: 07976 811654 E: IanPChisnall@aol.com</p>
Sussex Faith Forum	East and West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove	Brahma Kumaris; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Pagan; Unitarian	N/A	

Thames Gateway Women's Multifaith Forum	Kent Thameside	Baha'i; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Muslim; Sikh	N/A	Mrs Lesley Mills Chairman 20 Cavendish Avenue Sidcup DA15 9EB Tel: 0208 300 4113
Woking Multi-Faith Group	Woking	Christian; Hindu; Muslim	N/A	Ms Irene Ridgeon Correspondence Contact 4 Bury Close Horsell Woking GU21 4RU Tel: 01483 720154 E: irene.ridgeon@btinternet.com
Wycombe Sharing of Faiths	Wycombe District Council	Baha'i; Christian; Muslim	N/A	Mrs Anne Bowker Chair 35 Trees Road Hughenden Valley High Wycombe HP14 4PN Tel: 01494 564 445 E: annebowker@tiscali.co.uk

8. Description of Generic VCS Infrastructure

In general, VCS organisations in urban areas find support from their local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), whilst those in rural areas look to their local Rural Community Council (RCC) for support. (See Appendix II for contact details)

The Region's VCS organisations can also call on its key regional infrastructure organisation RAISE (Regional Action and Involvement South East) (see Appendix VI) although there are many other organisations, including Hope in the Community, fulfilling that role at sub-regional and local level.

An example is Medway Voice, a project funded through ChangeUp, being developed by Medway CVS. (See Appendix VII for more detail)

Many organisations draw support through membership of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

9. Examples of sub-Regional Multi Agency Infrastructure

9.1 Kent Partnership

The Kent Partnership is the countywide local strategic partnership formed in 2002 as a result of the Local Government Act 2000. It is made up of representatives from the private, public, voluntary and community sectors. It has a full time Director responsible for taking forward its work between the formal quarterly full partnership meetings.

Responsible for overseeing Kent's community strategy, the Vision for Kent, it has a key role in encouraging community leadership, supporting new initiatives and helping to ensure the effective delivery of services. It provides a strong collective voice for the leaders of Kent's interests and therefore enhances the efforts made by individual organisations and groups.

Five working groups address the key issues:

- Children and Young People;
- Safer and Stronger Communities;
- Healthy Communities and Older People;
- Economic Development and Sustainable Communities;
- The Kent Public Service Board.

The work of the Partnership is focussed on issues and outcomes rather than procedures and processes. It is the governing body to the Public Service Board, works closely with the Kent and Medway Economic Board, the Area Investment Frameworks, the District Partnerships and other partnerships focussed on specific subjects. It also works through task groups around specific topics. It seeks to add value at a strategic level.

9.2 Thames Gateway Kent Partnership

Formed in 2001, the Thames Gateway Kent Partnership (TGKP) is a partnership of private, public and community sectors in North Kent and Medway. It is one of three similar partnerships in the Gateway - the other two covering the London Gateway area and South Essex - with overall co-ordination coming through a ministerially-led Strategic Partnership for the whole of the Gateway.

The Thames Gateway Kent Partnership works:

- to draw together a framework for investment in Thames Gateway Kent in a 'light touch' way to provide a clear and up to date picture of key investment priorities;
- to co-ordinate presentation of North Kent's investment needs and help maximise synergies;
- to promote Thames Gateway Kent to Government, regional agencies and other bodies to help shape policies, plans and investment decisions affecting the area;

- with Government and other partners to address issues where a coordinated approach is essential for realising North Kent's potential to create genuinely sustainable communities.

Its Partnership Board, chaired by a private sector representative, includes:

- the three local private-public regeneration partnerships responsible for driving forward investment in Kent Thameside, Medway and Swale (Kent Thameside Delivery Board, Medway Renaissance Partnership and Swale Forward)
- Kent County Council and Medway Council
- South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
- Paul Clark, MP for Gillingham
- The North Kent Community Forum, representing the voluntary and community sector.

Observers also attend from Communities and Local Government, the Government Office for the South East, the South East England Regional Assembly, the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency.

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9.3 West Berkshire Partnership

The West Berkshire Partnership was formed in September 2001. It brings together the Council, Police and Primary Care Trust, the voluntary and private sectors at a strategic level. The purpose of the partnership is to bring together ideas, expertise and resources to resolve local problems such as transport, housing and other issues that affect people's quality of life.

It comprises a range of local organisations, agencies and businesses. It has a Management Board of senior representatives of 12 organisations from the public, private and community sectors.

The Partnership has Action Groups whose Chairs also take part in the Board. The Action Groups are themselves made up of a range of local organisations who want to get involved and improve the quality of life for people in West Berkshire.

The Action Groups are : Children and Young People's Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Partnership, Safer communities Partnership, Housing and Environment Forum, Transport and Economy Forum and Performance Group.

The West Berkshire Partnership area runs from Hungerford in the west to Tilehurst in the east, and is bordered by Oxfordshire in the north and Hampshire in the south.

The area is a mix of rolling downland with rural communities and towns linked by major roads such as the M4, A4 and A34. The Kennet and Avon Canal runs east / west across the area.

Private Sector	Public Sector	Voluntary Sector
Vodafone	West Berkshire Council	West Berkshire Mencap
West Berkshire Chamber of Commerce	Thames Valley Police	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire
Greenham Common Trust	Newbury and Community Primary Care Trust	Community Council for Berkshire or Community Action West Berkshire
vacant	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service	West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau

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9.4 West Sussex Voluntary Organisations Liaison Group (VOLG)

VOLG is a voluntary and community sector network promoting social inclusion. As a local development agency it works with partners to develop the sector's capacity through access to funding, training and development, and cross-sector planning.

Membership of VOLG is free. VOLG regards its key role being to pass on information to voluntary and community sector organisations and to involve them on matters that might affect them and the people/communities they work with. It claims a membership of over 230 organisations.

As well as providing information on VOLG and its members, projects and services, the web site is being developed to provide facilities to enable VOLG members to communicate effectively with both VOLG and each other.

Until December 2006, VOLG managed the Patient & Public Involvement in Health contract to support PPI Forums in West Sussex. The contract is now managed by the Commission for Patient & Public Involvement in Health (CPPIH) - Inhouse Forum Support.

Contact is Robert Jones on 01403 787940 robert.jones@volg.org.uk

At a more local level, there are group such as:

9.5 **Community First Networks**

Operate under the auspices of Community First East Hampshire. They provide opportunities for voluntary and community groups to:-

- Network, share information and discover ways to work better together -
 - Interagency Forums in the four areas of the District; Alton, Bordon, Petersfield, and Horndean, Clanfield and Rowlands Castle
 - District-wide Conferences and events

- Represent their views to external forums and committees -
 - Developing the East Hampshire Compact
 - Influencing planning for new policies in Hampshire

- Get involved with local community planning -
 - Participating in East Hampshire's Community Strategy
 - Promoting Parish Plans and Town Health Checks

9.6 **Federation of Community Groups (FED), Bracknell Forest**

FED comprises around 24 local groups from within the Bracknell Forest area, including Community and Residents' Associations. Its aim is to promote dialogue between the various groups which make up the Bracknell Forest community, and liaise with the statutory authorities as a Group.

Benefits for members include practical advice on, for example, running meetings, fundraising, insurance and safety, and help with promoting local activities. Membership is free and claims to give members a stronger and more representative voice to influence what happens in their community.

Contacts are Chris Cowap on 01344 383520 or Ed Glasson (Chairman) on 01344 452691

10. Summary of the ChangeUp Structure



The Government Office for the South East (GOSE) was charged with delivery of ChangeUp. GOSE set up a Regional Consortium to plan and oversee the delivery of the programme. The Consortium includes members from both the statutory sector and voluntary and community sector, in approximately equal numbers, in addition to GOSE. (list attached as Appendix III)

The Regional Consortium agreed a Regional Plan that describes the programme of investment, fund-holders and outlines the method of local implementation in the South East.

Local consortia exist in each shire county and in each unitary area. In each of the shire counties the Regional Consortium commissioned the Rural Community Council to initiate the consortium (see Appendix IV). In unitary areas the Regional Consortium commissioned the Council for Voluntary Service to do the same.

This gave rise to 20 lead bodies (marked in blue on the database in Appendix II) who each agreed to set up a local consortium that, in turn, would agree a Local Infrastructure Development Plan (LIDP) by March 2006. The brief was that the LIDP must be based on robust research of the support needs of frontline voluntary and community organisations.

Local consortia were allocated sufficient funds from the Regional Consortium to enable them to undertake or commission research work with frontline voluntary and community organisations that provided a robust evidence base for their LIDP and its proposals.

The Regional Consortium recognised at the outset that the timescale for lead bodies to form a local consortium, commission research and develop a LIDP was extremely tight. Therefore, it developed a support structure of ChangeUp Co-ordinators. These Co-ordinators are seconded from the voluntary and community sector across the region to advise and assist local consortia at their request. (list attached as Appendix V) Local consortia were also issued with guidance originating with GOSE, but this was to be used flexibly.

Local consortia comprise a mix of bodies primarily, but not exclusively, from the voluntary sector, providing support services; funders and potential funders of those bodies; together with a wide representation of frontline voluntary and community organisations - the beneficiaries of the support services.

Most, but not all, local consortia in the South East operate on a two-tier basis - a wide consortium described above and an Executive or Steering Group that moves the work along between meetings of the wide consortium.

The Regional Secretariat for Change Up is provided by RAISE, the key CVS infrastructure support organisation in the region. (see Appendix VI)

11. The Faith Sector and Public Service Delivery

Our brief required us to give details of VCS organisations focused on public service delivery and any other networks of interest to faith-based groups interested in the delivery of public services.

We could find no evidence of such organisations or networks at either regional or sub-regional level and very little even at local level.

However, the NCVO operates a free network for those working in and with the voluntary sector. It was established within the NCVO's Sustainable Funding project in partnership with Futurebuilders England.

The Network operates as a PSD Forum offering VCO's peer support, information and resource sharing, events and publications.

It enables PSO's to share best commissioning and procurement practice and for both commissioners and providers to share the benefits of networking.

Link for membership of the PSD Forum -

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/index.asp?id=2390>

A Public Service Board, accountable to the Kent Partnership (9.1 above), was established in Kent in 2004, although it has no third sector representation and operates at a more strategic level in progressing the Kent Agreement and co-ordinating public services across the county.

In the absence of tangible evidence of any VCS / Public Service Delivery support networks, the authors carried out a limited survey across the region by contacting a number of ChangeUp Co-ordinators to test their awareness of any relevant organisations, or indeed whether or not they provided such support through their own organisations.

We received responses from eight organisations (highlighted in grey on the database in Appendix II)

The responses confirmed our earlier observations, although there was some evidence that the need for support for third sector organisations seeking to engage in public service delivery was coming onto the radar.

For instance Brighton & Hove CVS Forum facilitates a mental health network which has recently been looking at issues around public service delivery. They are also making a case for strengthening public service delivery through the third sector in their Local Area Agreement negotiations.

In South Bucks the voluntary sector infrastructure consortium is about to sign a contract with Buckinghamshire County Council through which they will set up thematic partnerships of voluntary organisations to enable them to engage with and influence their Local Area Agreement.

In neither case is there a faith focus.

Reading Voluntary Action, operating in an area with a strong faith-based voluntary sector, has provided relevant training in areas such as "getting ready for procurement" and "commissioning" as well as other practical areas such as child protection, health and safety and risk assessment.

Other responses can be summed up in the phrase "we would provide support if they asked us." Several respondents indicated that they had detected no demand for such support.

There is ample evidence that local faith groups are engaging in public service delivery whether individually or in partnership with other agencies, but no evidence of cohesive support networks at any level.

NCVO's recently published report *Faith in the Community*¹⁵, which researched the contribution of faith-based organisations to rural voluntary action, has as an exemplar the Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work, which runs advice sessions, support groups, signposting and residential holidays, with particular emphasis on lone parents and their children. It serves an area within East and West Sussex.

The authors of another NCVO Report, *Faith & Voluntary Action*¹⁶, comment that "whilst there has been an emphasis on interfaith work to promote greater understanding and respect between faith communities, there has been relatively little focus on building links with secular communities and organisations, (or indeed between different groups within the same faith or denomination)."

It is therefore hardly surprising that little evidence can be found of support networks for faith organisations involved in public service delivery.

¹⁵ *Faith in the Community*, Jemma Grieve, Veronique Jochum, Belinda Pratten and Claire Steel
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¹⁶ *Faith & Voluntary Action*, Veronique Jochum, Belinda Pratten and Karl Wilding
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12. Regional BME support organisations / networks

"Uni" literally translates into "nineteen" in Punjabi, representing the 19 organisations in the UNI network from across the South East region.

UNI Mission Statement

To develop 19 local Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) led networks to meet the support needs of their communities and enable a regional BME voice to significantly influence the South East region.

UNI Vision

UNI champions the development of the South East region that actively pursues the equalities agenda by the participation and contribution of the BME voluntary and community sector (VCS) and its communities in the social, economic, cultural life of the region.

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13. Social Enterprise support organisations / networks

13.1 Community Development South East (CDSE)

Community Development South East is a network for all those, either individuals or organisations, who adopt a community development approach in their work.

The role of the Network is to:

- Increase the understanding of community development
- Promote opportunities for members to interact via workshops, events and electronic means
- Advocate for increased community development training and skills development opportunities
- Demonstrate the added strategic and practical value of community development activity
- Fly the flag for community development
- Work alongside SEE Regeneration Network, RAISE, the Community and Voluntary Sector Network, SEREN, SEEDA, GOSE and others

The Network covers the South East England Region and welcomes into membership:

- those working in, with, or as members of local communities
- public and private sector managers, and policy makers involved in community, social, educational, economic and regeneration issues
- representatives from other allied regional, sub regional and local networks

The Steering Group meets on a regular basis and there are sub-regional groups covering

- Oxfordshire, Bucks and Milton Keynes
- Berkshire
- Hampshire and IOW
- Surrey, W & E Sussex
- Kent and Medway

Contact John Stevens, CDSE Co-ordinator at equal.voices@ntlworld.com

13.2 Business Link

Business Link started organising free courses last September, the first in the country, aimed at those operating or considering setting up social enterprises. Participants are able to explore exactly what a social enterprise is, as well as gaining useful tips and practical tools to motivate them to begin researching, planning and developing a social enterprise. Participants at the workshops are also given an overview of the legal structures available and the challenges of funding such businesses.

The workshops have been developed with the assistance of the South East Social Enterprise County Network and are supported by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).

For further information call Business Link on 0845 6009006.

13.2 South East Social Enterprise Network

This is the most significant social enterprise support network in the region. Its activities are co-ordinated by a Steering Group, currently comprising representatives from:

- Development Trust Association
- RAISE
- SEEDA
- SEERA
- GOSE
- Amicus Horizon Housing Group (on behalf of National Housing Federation social Enterprise Group)
- Co-operative Futures
- Culture South East
- The Countryside Agency
- West Sussex County Council
- Business Link
- Social Firms UK
- SESEN - two representatives

Its foundation document, including Case Studies and County contacts, can be found at:

http://www.seeda.co.uk/Publications/Social_Inclusion/docs/SocialEnterprise.pdf

They operate a blog, hosted by Unltd, at <http://sesen.blogspot.com/>

14 Overview of the Regional Faith Council - South East of England Faith Forum (SEEFF)

SEEFF was established in May 1999, and held its first conference in September 2001. The Forum is open to all members of faith groups in the region who are invited to an annual meeting where the executive and the two faith members of the Regional Assembly are elected. There are no comprehensive statistics for the number of faith groups and their members. In the region however figures do exist for the 6,000 mainstream Christian churches showing that there are some 617,500 regular worshippers.



The South East England Faith Forum was inaugurated in some measure as a response to the regionalisation agenda. The aims as stated at the inaugural conference were to:

Encourage and enable faith communities in the South East England region to:

- Offer welfare, support and education services to local communities, particularly communities suffering poverty and deprivation
- Contribute to the social, community and religious well-being of the region
- Work together to develop and share experience, practice and learning, for the benefit of local communities and for the faith communities
- Represent their views and experience to structures in the region

Whilst the initial conference mustered some Muslim presence amongst a predominantly Christian interest, the Forum subsequently experienced difficulties in attracting the range of different faiths active in the region, and functions at the present time as an interdenominational Christian network with some significant Muslim participation, especially at Executive Board level.

Compared with the other Faith Forums in the English regions, development has been hampered to some extent by the lack of an "incubator" organisation to support SEEFF through the crucial stages of initial growth, and by the lack of paid staff to provide the time and focus needed to the complex task of bringing together, at a regional level, disparate faith concerns. In addition, the lack of any pre-existing regional ecumenical Christian structures - such as the Churches Regional Commissions operating in other Regions - has undoubtedly impinged on the work in this, the largest of all the English Regions.

Nevertheless, the small group of activists on what was originally intended to be a much larger Executive has continued to work on behalf of the Forum, and achieved a track record which includes:

- Continuing to represent faith communities on regional bodies, in particular holding 2 seats on the South East England Regional Assembly, and a seat on the ChangeUp Regional Consortium.
- The planning and running of 3 SEEFF conferences with attendances of over 120 each time.

- The reconfiguration of the network "Faith in the Rural South East" as a subgroup of SEEFF.
- Successfully securing funding for a one year research project "Beyond Belief" (see detail below) which looked at the experiences of faith groups the South East in social action.
- Involvement in the creation of the booklet "Churches in Community".
- The setting up of an internet group of approximately 80 SEEFF members which serves as a vehicle for the efficient transfer of information and debate.
- Responding to various consultations including SIS, South East Plan and cultural documents
- Support for sub-regional forums including Bucks Council of Faiths
- Achieving funding for the current piece of consultancy to help create a robust strategic plan

SEEFF has established links with

- Government Office for the South East (GOSE),
- South East England Development Agency (SEEDA),
- Regional Action and Involvement South East (RAISE),
- South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA)

Beyond Belief. A piece of research conducted by SEEFF concluded that the following three steps must be taken if faith-based social action is to be continued and developed:

- a) Provision of more support for faith groups in order to provide advice and information on funding, partnership working, project management and other skills that are important to effective social action. SEEDA have already taken steps together with the Shaftesbury Society and its partners to provide support and advice for churches in Portsmouth, Brighton and Hove and Southampton on matters such as project development and funding opportunities. This is working well and there is a need for similar support across the Region and for all faiths.
- b) Provision of an infrastructure networking organisation that will be able to put faith groups in touch with other faith groups elsewhere in the Region who are carrying out similar work, in order that people can avoid duplication, avoid mistakes, gain expertise and learn from what works.
- c) Engagement of faith groups with secular groups in order to break down barriers and build positive relationships of trust. Likewise, there is a need for secular organisations to improve religious literacy and work with faith groups to build understanding and ensure that those working to empower and serve communities are able to work together for the best possible results.

The picture that emerged from this research was very positive and one that proves that the work of faith groups cannot be ignored in future efforts to tackle 'social exclusion.'

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15. Capacity-building and support provided to faith groups¹⁷

There is a danger that the impetus of faith involvement in ChangeUp will be curtailed in the next year as only about £4k is available in the ChangeUp programme for the ASP groups to continue the process. There is a danger that the faith element will be marginalised within the ASP sector.

Unfortunately SEEFF was unsuccessful in its application for two separate sources of Home Office funding in 2007.

The two funding streams are:

- Connecting Communities Plus - The bid failed at the first stage, although it was the less likely one to succeed.
- Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund - A complex one-stage process and a bid prepared with significant input from RAISE.

There was no feedback at all from Connecting Communities Plus, however the Faith Communities capacity Building Fund did provide some early data and in many respects this data has added to concerns in the region.

On a national basis, the data could be interpreted as having proportionately favoured interfaith/multi-faith applications over single faith applications, when compared with overall applications, but which fell far short of the even split implied in the text of the application form.

Although there had been no indication that the 10 regions would be treated in a balanced way, the result was proportionately favourable to this region. In spite of that, we have no knowledge of any successful interfaith/multi-faith applications in the region.

If the allocation of money is to be based in proportion to the number of applications, then the whole approach from GOSE and other agencies for the South East to adopt the same community cohesion principles as in other parts of the UK cannot be realistically sustained. The South East needs more help because hard to reach groups are smaller and harder to find in the context of the region's population and geography.

We are aware of two national projects currently underway in the context of interfaith mapping. Both have been commissioned by the Home Office. The first is looking at faith engagement within LSPs and being coordinated by the Church Urban Fund and Faith Based Regeneration Network, and the other by the Institute of Community Cohesion, mapping the education, youth services and community work.

Denied funding, it is hard to see how SEEFF can provide robust and meaningful support to the region's many faith groups.

¹⁷ This section includes some salient points taken from a letter from Ian Chisnell, SEEFF to Angela Hammond, GOSE regarding ChangeUp.

Appendix I

The following Chart shows those areas with concentrations of faith groups, as defined in the main report

Significance	non Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Moslem	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Rel Not Stated
UNITARY AUTHORITIES									
Bracknell Forest UA		Yes	Yes					Yes	Yes
Brighton and Hove UA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Isle of Wight UA							Yes	Yes	Yes
Medway UA		Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes
Milton Keynes UA		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Portsmouth UA					Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Reading UA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slough UA	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		
Southampton UA		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Berkshire UA									
Windsor and Maidenhead UA		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Wokingham UA		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE									
Aylesbury Vale					Yes				
Chiltern					Yes				
South Bucks		Yes	Yes			Yes			
Wycombe					Yes				
EAST SUSSEX									
Eastbourne		Yes							
Hastings		Yes							
Lewes		Yes							
Rother									
Wealden							Yes		
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY									
Basingstoke and Deane									
East Hampshire									
Eastleigh									
Fareham									
Gosport									
Hart									
Havant									
New Forest									
Rushmoor		Yes							
Test Valley									
Winchester									

Significance	non Christian	Buddist	Hindu	Jewish	Moslem	Sikh	Other religion
KENT COUNTY							
Ashford							
Canterbury		Yes					
Dartford						Yes	
Dover							
Gravesham						Yes	
Maidstone							Yes
Sevenoaks							
Shepway			Yes				
Swale/Thanet							
Tonbridge and Malling							
Tunbridge Wells							
OXFORDSHIRE							
Cherwell							
Oxford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
South Oxfordshire							
Vale of White Horse							
West Oxfordshire							
SURREY							
Elmbridge		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Epsom and Ewell		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Guildford/Mole Valley							
Reigate and Banstead							
Runnymede		yes		Yes			
Spelthorne			Yes				Yes
Surrey Heath		Yes					
Tandridge							Yes
Waverley		Yes					
Woking					Yes		
WEST SUSSEX							
Adur/Arun/Horsham							
Chichester							
Crawley			Yes		Yes	Yes	
Mid Sussex							Yes
Worthing		Yes					

Source:-

For those wishing to examine the raw data, it can be downloaded from:-

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/datasetList.do?JSAllowed=true&Function=%24ph=60&CurrentPageId=60&step=1&CurrentTreeIndex=-1&searchString=&datasetFamilyId=95&Next.x=9&Next.y=12>

Appendix II

The following Chart gives contact details for all CVS and RCC organisations in the region. Those highlighted in blue are Change Up Regional Co-ordinators and those shaded grey responded to the questionnaire on Public Service Delivery - We acknowledge, with thanks, their help.

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Appendix III**ChangeUp Regional Consortium Membership****Voluntary/Community Sector membership**

REPRESENTATIVE	ORGANISATION/PERSPECTIVE
Jacinta Thorley	South East Rural Community Councils (SERCC) (Chair)
Catherine Johnstone	RAISE
Ken Duffton	RAISE Board Champion
Kathryn Shephard	RAISE
Dev Sharma	North West Kent Racial Equality Council - BME perspective
Ila Mazumdar	Sompriti - BME perspective
Ligia Kasanin	Volunteering England Lead for volunteering infrastructure and link to National Hub
Alison Baxter	Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action CVS Perspective
Barry Clout	Kent Council For Voluntary Youth Services Frontline VCS Perspective Kent sub region
Jacqui Bremner	White Lodge Centre Frontline VCS Perspective Surrey/Sussex sub region
Barbara Poole	People's Voices Frontline VCS Thames Valley sub region
tbc	Frontline VCS perspective Hampshire and IOW sub region
Peter Southcombe	South East England Faith Forum VCS Faith Perspective
Vacancy	South East Voluntary Sector Funders Forum

Statutory Sector members

NAME	ORGANISATION
Vicky Westhorp	Government Office South East (GOSE)
Sonia Howe	Big Lottery Fund
Mike Gilks	Defra
Philip Craig	Regional Assembly
Alison Milsom-Smith	GOSE
Jon Thompson	Learning and Skills Councils (South East)
Elaine Garfitt	Surrey County Council
Colin MacLean	Kent County Council
Charles Meakings	Wycombe District Council
Pam McHale	South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
Anne Morrison	GOSE
Mark Billsborough	GOSE
Judy Tyrrie	Brighton and Hove Council

Appendix IV

South East Rural Community Councils

SERCC (www.sercc.org.uk) is the association of the eight Rural Community Councils in the South East of England. (identified as RCC in Appendix II))

The South East RCCs are the primary agencies through which community development is supported at local level, in predominately rural areas across the region. Together they employ 160 staff and have an annual turnover of approximately £5,000,000. SERCC is a registered charity as are all its members.

SERCC's vision is to be the leading catalyst for community development in the South East - predominantly in rural areas and to provide high quality services to enable people to build thriving, diverse and sustainable rural communities in a pleasant environment. It also wishes to determine that government policies at local, regional and national level take account of rural communities and to ensure that the rural voice is heard.

The staff of the South East RCCs have skills in supporting communities to identify their own needs and to take action for themselves. They aim to help communities flourish and include all their population, by offering practical help, specialist information, support and advice and by making communities aware of the help and funding that is available from other bodies - whether private, government or voluntary.

The RCC's have a knowledge of all aspects of community work in the process of Parish Plans, Community Action Plans, village design statements and Planning for Real exercises. Very high levels of community involvement covering the full age spectrum and all sectors of the community can be achieved through the process, and RCC's facilitate relationships between these initiatives and local statutory frameworks.

With their ability to act at local, grass roots level, the RCCs are also able to put communities in touch with government schemes and other funders that support rural regeneration. This helps public money to reach individuals and communities directly and to make government and other funding bodies aware of the amount and benefit of volunteering in communities.

Appendix V

Help for Local Consortia - GOSE ChangeUp Co-ordinators

Mainstream Work

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Bracknell, Reading, Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead, Wokingham.	George Mathew	07769 856337	geomat10@btinternet.com

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Appendix VI



RAISE (Regional Action and Involvement South East)

RAISE is the key regional VCS infrastructure organisation in the South East.

RAISE defines infrastructure as the physical facilities, structures, systems, relationships, people, knowledge and skills that exist to support and develop, co-ordinate, represent and promote front-line organisations thus enabling them to deliver their missions more effectively.

RAISE acknowledges that there are many intermediary voluntary/community organisations, whose primary role is to provide infrastructure functions (support and development, co-ordination, representation and promotion) to frontline VCOs.

A large part of RAISE's work relates to infrastructure, either through Government policy initiatives or as part of its role to support the sector, for example through the publication of Toolkits.

RAISE has significant involvement in both the government Compact and the Capacitybuilders Change Up programme, providing the Secretariat for the latter, to enable the VCS to engage with these significant policy initiatives and gain maximum benefit from them.

Its Mission is defined as follows:

RAISE enables voluntary/community organisations in the South East to influence regional policy, wherever it is made or implemented, for the benefit of the people they serve.

RAISE is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed by a non-executive Board of up to 30 people elected by RAISE's voting members. There are four voting colleges - one for each sub-region. The Board is the primary decision making body of RAISE. It meets once a month. There are no sub-committees. As well as attending the Board Meetings, Board members represent RAISE at strategic meetings, champion a specific policy or project within the RAISE Business Plan, get involved in consultations, and support key operational activity such as staff recruitment.

RAISE employs 11 staff and is based at offices in Guildford.

RAISE is accountable to its stakeholders - members, partners, grant funders and staff. It demonstrates this accountability at a number of levels:

- **Social audit** - a pilot social audit was completed in 2005 and all stakeholders had the opportunity to comment on RAISE's performance. The results of the social audit were reviewed by the Board which agreed the action required to tackle areas for improvement. RAISE now carries out a social audit every year.
- **Investors in People** - RAISE was reaccredited as an Investor in People (IIP) organisation in March 2006 with a very positive post-recognition report.
- **Monitoring and evaluation on grant-funded projects** - RAISE has robust systems and processes in place which enable it to meet the reporting requirements of its grant funders. RAISE has developed an excellent reputation for the quality of its 'back office' work and often takes on the "accountable body" role for partners' projects.
- **Face-to-face contact with members** - is maintained by meeting VCS members (both front-line and infrastructure members) one-to-one, in small groups and at its regular events.
- **Systematic feedback from the events programme** - Everyone that comes to a RAISE event is invited to give their feedback via an evaluation form. Completed forms are systematically reviewed and acted on by RAISE staff.

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Appendix VII

Medway VOICE

The Medway Voice project is a free, membership-led organisation open to the voluntary and community sector in Medway. Its aim is to create a forum for the voluntary and community sector in Medway as a cohesive body which can represent the views of the sector. It will provide an opportunity to develop the networks throughout the sector and give it a chance to become better informed and better heard.

It is funded by Change Up through the government's Capacity Builders fund to bring together people from the voluntary and community sector.

The Voice will provide a means for groups and individuals in the sector to meet both physically (through events and meetings) and virtually (through web-based activities).

The Voice project will facilitate the Voice Forum and allow it to develop its own more formal structure as it grows. Members receive:

- Updates and information of interest to the voluntary and community sector on what's happening in Medway, the region and the wider community;
- Invitations to events where good practice, experiences and resources can be shared, information given and the Forum developed;
- Membership of the online e-forum, where members can share views, request information from other groups and people, receive a newsletter and find out what consultation is happening with the statutory services and others.

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