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### **About Dialogue Society**

The Dialogue Society was established in 1999 by a group of Turkish-Muslim intellectuals, academics and volunteers as a not-for-profit charitable organisation.

The objective of the Dialogue Society is to advance and promote interfaith, intercultural and intercommunal dialogue in the UK through values and practices such as understanding, tolerance, embracing of one another, mutual respect, cooperation and social integration. The Dialogue Society therefore actively encourages and nurtures dialogue between people of different faiths, backgrounds, ethnic communities and members of the society in general. Ongoing works of the Dialogue Society include Church and family visits. Other activities are stated below.

### **Annual and Periodic Events**

**Charity Trip to Turkey:** A periodic event organised four times a year where groups of fifteen people are flown to and around Turkey to experience the hospitable Turkish culture and visit the historic sites and buildings.

**Whirling Dervishes Performance:** An annual event of dervishes performing their magical display of whirling to live traditional Sufi music. The event is organised to celebrate the all-inclusive and embracing teachings of Rumi. The London 2005 performance took place at the Hackney Empire.

**Compassion of the Prophets Conference:** An annual event organised to bring people of different faiths together to commemorate the shared value and characteristic of compassion as espoused and represented, respectively, by all Abrahamic Prophets. The London 2005 event took place at the Friends House, Euston.

**Free Noah's Pudding Distribution:** An annual event organised to mark the traditional day of 'Ashura' where folk has it that Prophet Noah prepared a pudding from the last bits of food remaining on the Ark. Thousands of such bowls are prepared and distributed each year by supporters and members to their friends, neighbours and the public in general to initiate and strengthen intercultural and intercommunal ties.

**Multicultural Reference Diary:** The production and publication of an A5 Gregorian-reference diary that incorporates all of the religious holidays and festivals of all of the faiths and religions of Europe with short and long descriptions of each such day. Over 500 religious days and descriptions are included.

### **Past Activities**

The Dialogue Society has met with the Dr. George Carey, the then Archbishop of Canterbury; Sidney L. Shipton, the Co-ordinator of the Three Faith Forum; the late Dr. Zaki Badawi, Principal of the Muslim College; the Chief Rabbi of Brighton; the Bishop of Jarrow; lecturers at the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; and many more prominent members of society to introduce and advance the objectives of the Dialogue Society. The Dialogue Society also organised a banquet at the House of Lords in 2000 to promote its objectives.

[www.DialogueSociety.org](http://www.DialogueSociety.org)

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## **Necessity of Interfaith Dialogue in Preventing Another 7/7**



07.07.2006, 19:00-21:00

**London School of Economics**

New Theatre

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## Necessity of Interfaith Dialogue in Preventing Another 7/7

### Introduction

A conference that will seek to emphasise the necessity of interfaith and intercultural dialogue in eradicating the root causes of terrorism, namely prejudice, alienation, misunderstanding, suspicion, fear, animosity and hatred. The conference targets the community in general and public-opinion makers in particular.

The conference will attempt to go beyond a mere description of the problem but will make tangible and real suggestions about the nature of the solution. The conference will consist of three speeches, a video presentation and opening and closing remarks. The first speech will lay the contextual foundation of the event by looking at the root causes of terrorism and the habitat in which it flourishes. The second speech will explain how those root causes can be eradicated by interfaith dialogue in the UK and London. The third speech will be a case-study of a Turkish-Muslim faith-based-movement, the results they have achieved through education and interfaith dialogue works and its relevance in the fight against the causes of terrorism. This movement is the most dynamic and effective of its kind and enjoys wide-spread public support both in Turkey and abroad.

The conference will take place on 7 July 2006 at New Theatre, London School of Economics, between 19:00-21:00.

To attend, please register by sending an email:  
[registration@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:registration@dialoguesociety.org)

### Event Timetable

- Speech: Welcome (5 min)
- Speech: The nature and causes of terrorism by **Asaf Hussain** (15 min)
- Speech: Necessity of Dialogue to Prevent Terrorism by **Revd Fergus Capie** (15 min)
- Speech: Case-Study: A Muslim-faith-based-movement's dialogue projects and its relevance today by **Prof Thomas Michel** (15 min)
- Speech: Closing Remarks by **Ilnur Cevik** (10 min)
- Cocktail



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New Theatre, First Floor,  
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### A conference organised to

- Explore and understand the nature and underlying causes of terrorism;
- Introduce clear and tangible ideas as to how interfaith dialogue, with the active participation of the Muslim community, can help eradicate the causes of terrorism in the UK and London;
- Present the efforts and projects of a Muslim-faith-based-movement as a case-study-example for building this dialogue.

### Asaf Hussain

Asaf Hussain teaches courses on cultures and religions one of which is entitled "Islamic civilization" at the Institute of LifeLong Learning of the University of Leicester. He is an expert on the politics of Middle East and South Asia. His special area of interest is Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism. He has published a number of publications and the one under preparation is entitled: "Islamic Fundamentalism in Britain" His latest monograph is entitled Engagement with Cultures published as Vaughan Paper 41 from the University of Leicester

### The Revd Fergus Capie

The Revd Fergus Capie is an Anglican priest who first became involved with those of other faiths fifteen years ago in his parish in east London. He was then appointed Inter Faith Adviser to the Bishop of Willesden in the Diocese of London, alongside which he also directs the London Inter Faith Centre. His work has taken him to different parts of the world and he comments on the extent to which there is a proactive approach to cross faith issues in the UK, albeit with a long way still to go.

### Prof Thomas Michel

Prof Thomas Michel, S.J. belongs to the Indonesian Province of the Jesuits. He was director of the Islamic Office of the Vatican's Council for Interreligious Dialogue for 13 years. Currently, he is serving as Secretary for Interreligious Dialogue for the Society of Jesus and as Ecumenical Secretary for the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. He regularly conducts seminars on Christian-Muslim relations in Indonesia, the Philippines and in Malaysia.