



## Exploring Religious Diversity

*A weekend for people with Experience or Interest in Interfaith Relations wishing to explore various aspects through conversation, meditation, painting and celebrating together.*

Coordinators: **Marlies Ter Borg** (Islamologist),  
**Mathilda van Ameijde** (School for Peace)

### Friday 6 May . 'Weekend's Opening'

- 15.00 Arrival.
- 16.30 Short introduction to the programme and activities
- 17.30 Seder Service in the Chapel.  
**Rabbi Malcom Weisman**
- 18.30 Evening Meal (bread based)
- 20.00 Actively getting to know each other

### Saturday 7 May . Theme of the day: 'Worship'

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 10.00 First Interactive Session:  
Forms of Worship based on Words, Songs and or Offerings such as the Jewish synagogal and Temple meetings, the Christian Word and Mass Ceremonials or the Islamic Prayer Meetings.  
**By Marlies Ter Borg, Karin Lelijveld** (Theologian) **and Malcolm Weisman**.
- 11.00 Second Interactive Session:  
Forms of Worship in Eastern Traditions like in Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism etc.  
**By Harm van der Gaag** (Zen Buddhism) **and David Jones** (Tibetan Buddhism)
- 12.15 Option to join the meditation service in the Chapel (25 min.)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Meditation & Inspiration walk (longer distance to the Sea or short distance in the surrounding Tulip Fields.  
A walk partly in silent Meditation and partly in Inspired Conversation about Worship.
- 16.30 Third Interactive Session:  
Forming of small Interfaith Groups led by a Pannel member exploring the meaning of Worship.  
At the end of this Session we will together try to compose an Interfaith Worship Celebration that will take place from 19.30

- till 20.30 in the Chapel. (LSvV-SIFRE)
- 18.00 Evening Meal
- 19.30 Interfaith Worship/Celebration in the Chapel.
- 21.00 Option to join in a painting workshop.(LSvV) and or social meeting.
- 22.30 Closing the day

### Sunday 8 May . Theme of the day: 'Interfaith Relations in Practice'.

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 10.00 First Interactive Session:  
The role of fear in exploring Interfaith relations. Positive contributions through Karin Armstrong's 'Charter for Compassion'.  
Being honest about fear of open dialogue. Searching for ways to overcome it.  
**By Mathilda van Ameijde & Charter for Compassion NL**
- 11.30 Second Interactive Session:  
Supporting Peacemaking through fostering understanding.  
**By Barbara Mayhew, and Elahe Mojdehi.**
- 12.15 Option to join the meditation service in the Chapel (25 min.)
- 13.00 Warm Lunch
- 14.30 Interactive Session  
Connecting through Meditation.  
An afternoon filled with exploring various forms of meditation from different religions. By **Mathilda van Ameijde and special guests**
- 16.30 **End of the weekend.**

#### About the financial aspect:

**If you are invited to share your Expertise your stay is free.**

**If you choose to join the weekend as a participant, the costs are €100 for Residents all-inclusive or € 25 for day time participants. Participants from Overseas can stay until Monday morning after Breakfast.**

**Available residential places 20 of which 10 for Participants from the UK.**