

Comparing Notes Series (1)

A series of practical faith linked dialogues told through incredible personal stories of individuals pursuing their hopes and aspirations, sometimes in the face of tremendous challenges and conflict. Each session will comprise of two individuals 'Comparing Notes' on a connected topic followed by Q&A and a discussion. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 18 September 2013 at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Steve White and Bhasker Solanki 'Giving back' Presenter Kamlesh Purohit

Steve White was the Headmaster of one of the country's top comprehensive schools, Rushey Mead Secondary School for 17 years. Since retiring over 11 years ago, he has been incredibly busy in all spheres of civic life, locally, nationally and internationally especially in the areas of education and sport. Steve is currently the Chair of Directors of the School Support Agency and holds more than a dozen other specialist posts in community work.

Bhasker Solanki is a former pupil at Rushey Mead Secondary school and went on to become an international award winning BBC News Cameraman /producer. He has worked in more than 100 countries including stints in Afghanistan, Iraq and has been based in Pakistan for the last two years. Bhasker has won multiple international Awards including the Order of Mother Teresa; Royal Television Society; Amnesty International Press Award and Prix Bayeux for war reporting.

Together they have founded the Rushey Mead Foundation (RMF) developing a school for the under privileged in the earthquake hit area of Bhuj in Gujarat, India, forming close links with the Rushey Mead School in Leicester. RMF arranges regular visits and internships for young people to RMF in India. RMF was launched by Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan and its supporters include Sir Richard Attenborough, Duchess of York and Bollywood 'bad boy' Gulshan Grover.

Presenter: Kamlesh Purohit is a familiar voice on the BBC presenting the Sunday evening show on BBC Radio Leicester. He is currently the planning editor (News) for BBC Asian Network and is a member of the Friends of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies group in Leicester.

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