



## Project fact Sheet No 7

### ***Our ecumenical Listening Heart project with the Inner Ring Group in Bradford***

The churches and congregations in the area of Bradford's Inner Ring Road are working hard to find a new sense of direction. Leaders in all denominations are combining to find new and appropriate mission strategies among much larger Islamic congregations. This combination of strategic thinking and the placing of personnel has created a renewed life for the staff and management group of the Bradford Inner Ring Churches.

Canon Arun John is the CEO of this project. He has extensive experience as a practitioner, theologian and church leader in India and South Africa. Working with the Foundation's Director he has created a project to gather data for a theology of mission by listening to the stories of local people.

FCL was approached for support by the Anglican Bishop of Bradford, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, the Chairman of the West Yorkshire Methodist District, the Moderator of the URC Yorkshire Province and the Regional Minister for Mission and Strategy of the Baptist Church.

**Our Grant of £5,000 over two years will pay for a worker to collect local stories of faith.** Arun John will then work with reference groups locally and nationally through the *Presence and Engagement* programme to provide the theological resources needed to develop a theology for mission in interfaith communities of this kind.

FCL will publish the findings and share the stories. In this way new bridges of faith will be built to enhance friendships and build community life in places where people with different faiths have to learn to live together.

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