



Cultural & Faith Society Guide

A how-to-guide for your
Cultural or Faith Society

An introduction to Cultural and Faith Societies

A Cultural or Faith society at SUBU (Students' Union Bournemouth University) is a student-led group centred around a shared faith or cultural identity/practices - such as Japanese Society, Islamic Society, Christian Union, or Central and Eastern European Society, and many more!

They provide for students to explore identity, find community, celebrate festivals together, educate others or learn something new, and help build a cross-cultural and interfaith community on campus.

These clubs, like all clubs at SUBU, are created to provide a welcoming space for students to connect with like-minded people, explore their interests, and take part in fun, engaging events throughout the year.

Whether you're looking to learn something new, or to deepen your community connection, SUBU's clubs offer a great way to enhance your university experience.

As leaders of these communities, these guides have been created to give you some handy hints and tips that can enrich your activity and experience for yourself and your members!

What can you do as a Cultural/Faith Society?

Our cultural and faith societies have run a huge range of activities, here are just a few examples of the things you could do with yours!

Celebrations & Festivals: e.g., Celebrate events like Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah, Lunar New Year, Easter, or Yule together.

Prayer/Reflection Sessions: Gatherings for worship or mindfulness. Such as in Christian Union or Islamic Society.

Cultural Sharing: Such as storytelling from your culture(s) like Brythonic Mythology with Pagan and Witchcraft Society or traditional crafts like Rosary Making with Catholic Society.

Themed Nights Out: Food, music, dance, and fun from your culture, like Bollywood Night by Desi Society.

Traditional Dinners: Like Hispanic Society's Arepa Social or trips to Paprika with Central and Eastern European Society.

Talks & Panels/Educational Events: Invite speakers on topics your membership want to hear about.

Community Nights: Chill social events for your community, such as Sip and Paint with African and Caribbean Society

Film or Documentary Screenings: Such as Movie Night with Filipino Society

Diverse Dialogues: Collaborate with other societies - reach out and plan your own cross-cultural events, or participate in interfaith events with Faith and Reflection.

Useful Contacts/Suppliers

Signposting to local faith communities and advisors for various faith traditions, and space to run events.

- Faith & Reflection: **faithandreflection@bournemouth.ac.uk**

Merchandise Providers

- The Funky Peach: **<https://www.thefunkypeach.com/>**
- Yazzoo Personalised Clothing: **<https://personalised.clothing/>**

Interfaith Events and Training Opportunities

- The Faith and Belief Forum: **<https://faithbeliefforum.org/>**

Cultural Events and Links to Local Cultural Groups

- Dorset Race Equality Council: **<https://www.dorsetrec.org.uk/>**

FAQS

Can we book worship spaces? Faith and Reflection has a bookable room for small meetings or those that require quiet space, and the main space is bookable for larger meetings/events.

Can we invite external guest speakers or faith leaders? Yes, with prior approval via SUBU via Guest Speakers form

If you have any further questions, please contact the team at suclubs@bournemouth.ac.uk