

BEING THE CHANGE

Five evening discussions with people who have found a starting point for bringing positive change

Initiatives of Change (IofC) Centre, 12 Norham Road, Oxford OX2 6SF
(next to Maison Française)

7.30pm Tuesday 17 October: My experiences of faith leadership.

What is the role of faith in offering leadership to all? Do people of faith have a particular responsibility for reaching out to those beyond the boundaries of their own traditions? Krish Raval will introduce a discussion on these themes following a personal reflection. Krish is founder of Faith in Leadership, and serves the New Leadership and Accompaniment team for IofC. An experienced leadership trainer and coach, he has a particular interest in multi-faith relationships.

7.30pm Wednesday 25 October: What does it take to find our purpose in life in the face of historical injustices?

Reflections on the wounds of colonial history after 8 months in Africa, listening and giving training in peace-building. Talia Smith, originally from South Africa, is a National Coordinator for IofC. Previously she worked in South-East Asia for four years, focusing on anti-human-trafficking work.

7.30pm Wednesday 8 November: The Man Who Built Peace – the Frank Buchman Story.

Why is someone who created a global network starting in Oxford in the 1920's, and was decorated by France and Germany, Japan and the Philippines for his contribution to reconciliation between them after the Second World War, so little known? After viewing the film, Peter Riddell, who has worked for over four decades with IofC (the movement Buchman started) will facilitate a discussion about what we can learn from this remarkable man.

7.30pm Wednesday 15 November

To be announced

7.30 Wednesday 22 November: Mobilising a Million People.

John Bond has worked with IofC on several continents, including eight years in Africa, and 25 years in Australia. He was Secretary of Australia's Sorry Day movement which enlisted a million people in healing the harm done by tragically misguided policies towards Aboriginal Australians – for which he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. His current role involves supporting people in many countries to overcome corruption, heal historical wounds, and develop dialogue in situations of tension and conflict.

7.30pm Wednesday 29 November: What Britain did in Palestine, and why it matters.

One hundred years on from the Balfour Declaration of November 1917, when the British Government promised to support the creation of 'a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine', it is timely to examine this crucial historical event, and the 30 years of British rule which followed. Dr Mary Embleton, a historian of the British Mandate period, will speak on this subject after showing the short documentary film, *Britain in Palestine, 1917-1948*.

All welcome - Free of Charge - Donations welcome
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