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**BEACON AWARD SHORT-LISTING SUCCESS FOR
CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE STAFF AND STUDENTS**

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The Multi-Faith Chaplaincy at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) has achieved excellent feedback, following the Association of Colleges' (AoC) visit to the College last week.

The Multi-Faith Chaplaincy at CRC was the first of its kind in Cambridge, and was established in order to continue the College's commitment and determination to support students of all faiths, beliefs and backgrounds. The members of the Chaplaincy offer their free time to come into the College on a regular basis and be available to those students who seek religious support, or those who would just like to find out more about different faiths.

The AoC visit to the College consisted of various presentations to the Assessors, to which the feedback was extremely positive. The key points made included the high standard and clarity of the bid; the quality of the team; the excellent group leadership; the warm team atmosphere; the clear evidence of Senior Management Team (SMT) involvement in the Chaplaincy and the very efficient administration procedures.

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The AoC Beacon Awards, launched in 1994, recognise and promote the interdependence of further education colleges, business, professional and voluntary sector organisations to their mutual advantage.

The next stage in the bid involves the AoC Assessors preparing a report and making recommendations to the Lead Assessor of a panel. The panel will then make a final decision varying from no recommendation for award, to the College receiving Beacon Award status. The decision will be announced on the 20th November 08, at the last day of the AoC Annual Conference.

Rev Chris Wilson, the College's Chaplain and co-ordination of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy said "We have already done extremely well to get this far; an achievement in itself! This visit strengthens our growing profile as a national leader in the Sector for this work. None of this would be possible without our wonderful team of Associate Chaplains, and the first-class support from Tutorial Team colleagues and line-management in the College".

The College won this prestigious award last year, having been recognised for their participation in the 'Improving Choice' project, of which the key goal was to offer local placements to learners who had no alternative other than attending a specialist college for students with multiple learning difficulties.

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