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THE QUAKERS COME TO CRC

Thursday 1 October 2009

Students and Staff at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) will be learning about the Quaker movement and its ongoing contribution to Britain's social history next week.

As part of CRC's ongoing commitment to celebrating diversity of its student community, the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, will be hosting activities from the Cambridge Quakers, as part of their annual outreach on Quaker work in the community.

Last year the College held its first "Quaker Experience" which aimed at educating students and staff about the beliefs and history of the movement. Members of the Religious Society of Friends will visit the College between Monday 5 October and Wednesday 7 October. Students and staff will be able to visit stalls and read information on the Quakers in Britain. Local Quakers will be on-hand to answer questions about their faith.

The events at CRC will form part of a local programme of activities which include talks about the famous Quaker Elisabeth Fry who appears on the back of the Five Pound note and was a great prison reformer, a vigil for peace, the showing of films, and a local concert.

Rev Chris Wilson, College Chaplain and a Unitarian and Free Christian minister said, "I am very pleased that the Quakers are visiting CRC again. Our students can only benefit through opportunities to meet with the many different faith groups which have

added so much to the richness of local life in Cambridge. Although I am not a Quaker, I fully appreciate their remarkable contribution to life in Britain and elsewhere, and I am sure that our students' horizons will be widened by their visit".

Patricia Wyman, the College's Quaker Associate Chaplain added, "How pleasing it is to be able to share a little of our faith with others; in particular the young and lively minds we meet at Cambridge Regional College. Quakers relish the opportunity to work with others in pursuit of building open and tolerant communities".

At the end of the week, the College will be also celebrating '*Hands Up for One World*' involving all members of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team, committed to promoting Equality and Diversity at CRC.

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