

# Reflections from Broadway School

## THE EVENT

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December there was an event held at the Royal Naim restaurant, where youths from two different faiths (in this case Islam and Christianity) came together and discussed a range of issues from how it was to be a person of faith to finding out what each group believed and to try to bring an understanding of each others beliefs and practices. The event was held in high anticipation where the Muslim students of Broadway school in Aston, Birmingham were looking forward to meeting people of different cultures, races and of course faiths.

## THE MEETING OF FAITHS

When we arrived we were first there and we had to wait for a number of minutes for the Christian students to arrive, this made some of us more nervous and made us think about the people we were going to meet. When the Christian students finally arrived we went straight into an activity where we had to find out about each other. This activity was awkward but it helped to 'break the ice' and get a brief conversation going which did help to calm some of us down

## DIALOGUE STARTS

After the starter we did a task where we had to describe what it meant to be a Christian or Muslim and when we finished putting down our ideas we went back and shared our thoughts, from what we had written down a lot of new information started to get through. And we started to learn things like Christian could pray everywhere, even in toilets! We also began to swap recipes and when we go back in March we hope that the students out of kindness would care to share some of the local dishes. But apart from the light hearted discussions we also discussed some very important issues and when an issue had been discussed there would be a new issue to talk about.

## GRANDE FINALE

Towards the end of the event we made two-minute films where we tried to encapsulate the experience and give a message to other people out there that would encourage more of these events and wipe away that psychological barrier that we all have about meeting people who are very different from ourselves. Finally when we had to go the students from the two faiths exchanged personal details and hopefully such events and gestures would start the beginning of the strengthening of bonds between the people of the two faiths

## THANK YOU

We the Muslim students of Broadway school would like to firstly thank Scripture Union for organising such an event. We also thank the Christian Students from Kenilworth for taking part and contributing to the experience and finally we thank the other adults who made the experience a safe and comfortable one.