

## JDC Events coming up

### Meal with a Focus on Bangladesh Monday 18 October

7 for 7.30pm, Masalla Merchant, Pershore Road,  
B30 2YT

\*\*The booking deadline has passed but there may still be places left—so please contact Rachel on 0121 472 1379 as soon as possible if you would like to join us\*\*

Our monthly meeting in October comes with a difference! Come to taste tempting Bangladeshi food at a local restaurant with table top discussion about JDC issues facing Bangladesh. Pamela Jabber will contribute having just returned from a visit there. Her presentation will focus on the impact of Climate Change on Women and their resourceful responses.

The evening costs £10, including gratuities, for poppadums and sauces followed by either a vegetarian or chicken main dish. Any profits to JDC.

The Masalla Merchant restaurant is on the Pershore Rd opposite the Stirchley Leisure and Bowling Alley. For further information and directions please contact Rachel Stephens on 0121 472 1379.

### JDC Planning Meeting Thurs 18 November

6.30pm for 7pm, Venue to be confirmed

Our next planning meeting will begin with a shared meal at 6.30pm, with business starting at 7pm. All welcome—come and help plan the upcoming JDC programme. Please contact Rosie (07855 012734) nearer the time for confirmation of venue.

### JDC Annual General Meeting Tues 18 January 2011

7pm, Birmingham Progressive Synagogue,  
junction between Bishopsgate and Rosalind Way,  
B15 1HD

Our Annual General Meeting—please put the date in your diary. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

## Islam Awareness Week

### A Muslim Perspective on Debt in Developing Countries Tuesday 2 November

7pm—9pm, The Bordesley Centre, Stratford  
Road, Camp Hill, Birmingham, B11 1AR

Birmingham JDC presents 'A Muslim perspective on Debt' with Salma Yaqoob as part of Islam Awareness week. There will also be drama, games, stalls, light refreshments and the chance to meet and talk with people of other faiths.

For more information, and if you can offer help (setting up the room / serving refreshments) please contact Audrey Miller on 0121 471 4175 or jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk

## Stall Volunteers needed

### Islam Awareness Week (1—7 November)

### Interfaith Week (21—27 November)

We would like to have a JDC Multifaith project stall at several events happening during Islam Awareness Week and Interfaith Week in November.

If you have some free time during these two weeks and would like to help with a JDC stall then please contact Audrey Miller on 0121 471 4175 or jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk.

In particular it would be good to have a strong JDC presence at the IAW launch:

### Mon 1 Nov: Islam Awareness Week Launch

6.30pm – 8.30pm, West Midlands Fire Service  
Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7  
4HW. By invitation only—so if you haven't already received an invitation please let Audrey know you'd like to help on the stall and she'll tell you how to book your place. A great opportunity to network with others and find out more about IAW.

For information about events during Interfaith week keep an eye on the West Midlands Faith Forum website: <http://www.wmfaithsforum.org.uk>

## Take Action: Pakistan

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Many of us have been concerned about the situation in Pakistan following the recent flooding. The Jubilee Debt Campaign believes that Pakistan needs grants rather than loans from the international community in the coming months and years- and it also needs debt relief to fight poverty.

Pakistan's current debt burden is unjust and totally unpayable. In spite of this, part of the recently announced assistance to Pakistan includes nearly \$3 billion of new loans from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. This will only add to Pakistan's enormous and unsustainable \$49 billion debt.

Pakistan should not have to mortgage its future by being forced to borrow for relief.

Western countries and institutions must take responsibility for their role in Pakistan's troubled history. **Join us in calling on the British Government to ensure that Pakistan receives justice as well as charity.**

**TAKE ACTION:** Tell Andrew Mitchell and George Osborne to DROP THE DEBT.

Specifically, we are asking the Government to:

- Call on all creditors to freeze interest on all of Pakistan's debt payments to free up \$3 billion per year for recovery. This should be a first step towards permanent debt cancellation.
- Use their World Bank seat to ensure that Pakistan is given aid in the form of grants not loans.
- Support the auditing of Pakistan's debt to examine the legitimacy of these debts, and cancel those found to be unjust

### What you can do:

**Send an email** to Andrew Mitchell and George Osborne through the Jubilee Debt Campaign website: <http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk>. It takes just a few minutes!

Or you may prefer to **write a letter**:

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Secretary of State for International Development, DFID, 1 Palace St, London, SW1E 5HE

Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, HM Treasury, Horse Guards Road, LONDON, SW1A 2HQ

## Debt Resources

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The new **JDC Multifaith website** is up and running here: [www.JDCmultifaith.org](http://www.JDCmultifaith.org).

Could you contribute to the new website by writing a prayer, briefing or other resource to help people of faith engage with issues surrounding global poverty?

Please get in touch with Chris on 07501 493425 or [chris@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](mailto:chris@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk) if you would like to help with building up the website's resources.

**Calling all RE teachers:** Have you used any JDC resources for educational work around debt? RE Today magazine may be profiling JDC, so please get in touch with Audrey (0121 471 4175) if you have an experience to share.

## Meeting with the Minister

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JDC joined with over 60 campaigners against global poverty to meet with Andrew Mitchell, the Secretary of State for International Development on 30 September.

Mr Mitchell spoke briefly about his role and recent involvement in the UN General Assembly Summit on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in New York.

The floor was then open for questions tackling a wide-ranging set of issues including climate loans vs grants, the Robin Hood Tax, the relationship between DFID and the Foreign Office, and how the government plans to involve faith groups in development work.

**For more information and notes from the evening** please contact John Nightingale on 0121 458 6182.

Many thanks to Bhai Sahib Dr Mohinder Singh, staff and volunteers at the Nishkam Centre for their welcome and hospitality, to all who attended and to John for chairing the evening.

## Dates for 2010 / 2011

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**Mon 18 October: Meal with a Bangladesh focus**

**1 - 7 November: Islam Awareness Week**

**Tues 2 November: Muslim Perspective on Debt**

**Thurs 18 November: JDC Planning meeting**

**21 - 27 November: Interfaith Week**

**Tues 18 January 2011: Birmingham JDC AGM**

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