

The Faith & Peaceful Relations Forum



CENTRE FOR
**TRUST, PEACE
& SOCIAL RELATIONS**



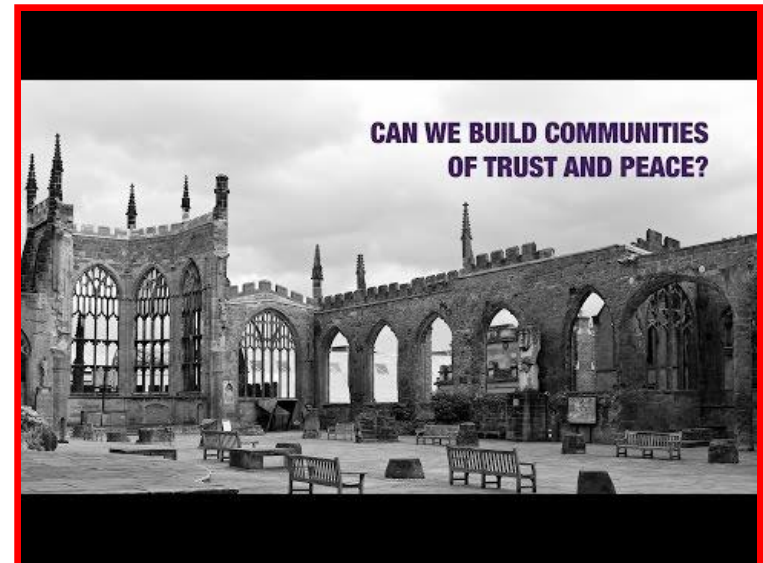
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C.T.P.S.R & Cornel West

- Established in 2014 the Centre for Trust, Peace & Social Relations exemplifies West's vision of academic research.
- Research for social justice: local & global.
- Faith & Peaceful Relations – Theology & Social Science partnering for peace, inclusion, trust & social justice.



What's It Not?

1. Not a **social action** committee – but committed to action...
2. Not an **inter-faith network** – but committed to resourcing dialogue
3. Not an **academic conference** – but committed to building critical understanding

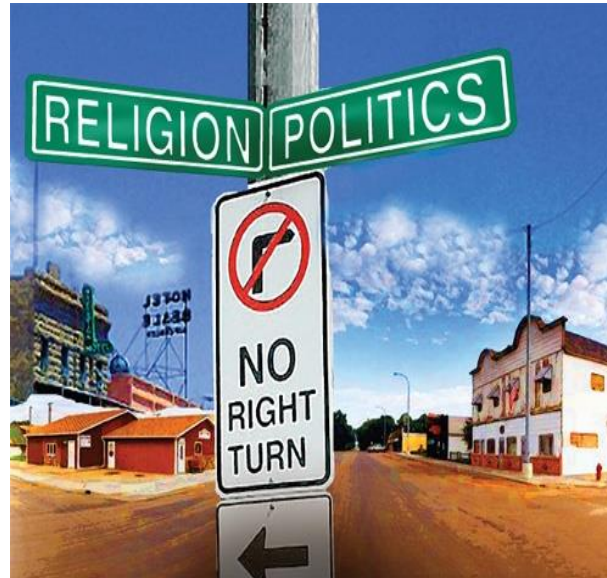
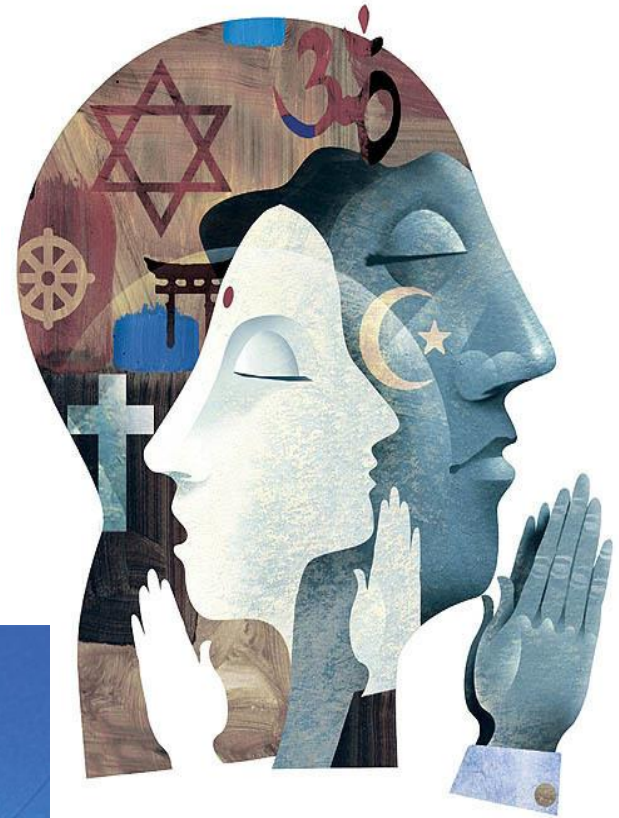
What It Is...

1. A space where we can **critically reflect on our experience** – listening to & teaching each other.
2. A **learning community** – exploring the relationship between faith and peaceful social relations.
3. **Linking ideas and action!**
4. **A bridge** between faith & community groups, the city and academics.



Why? – Faith Matters...

1. Vital part of many people's lives still
2. Role in building peaceful social relations here in Coventry.
3. What kind of engagement in civil society: caring & campaigning
4. Changing religious landscape – religious literacy.
5. Key players in many local communities.



Who?

Faith Groups

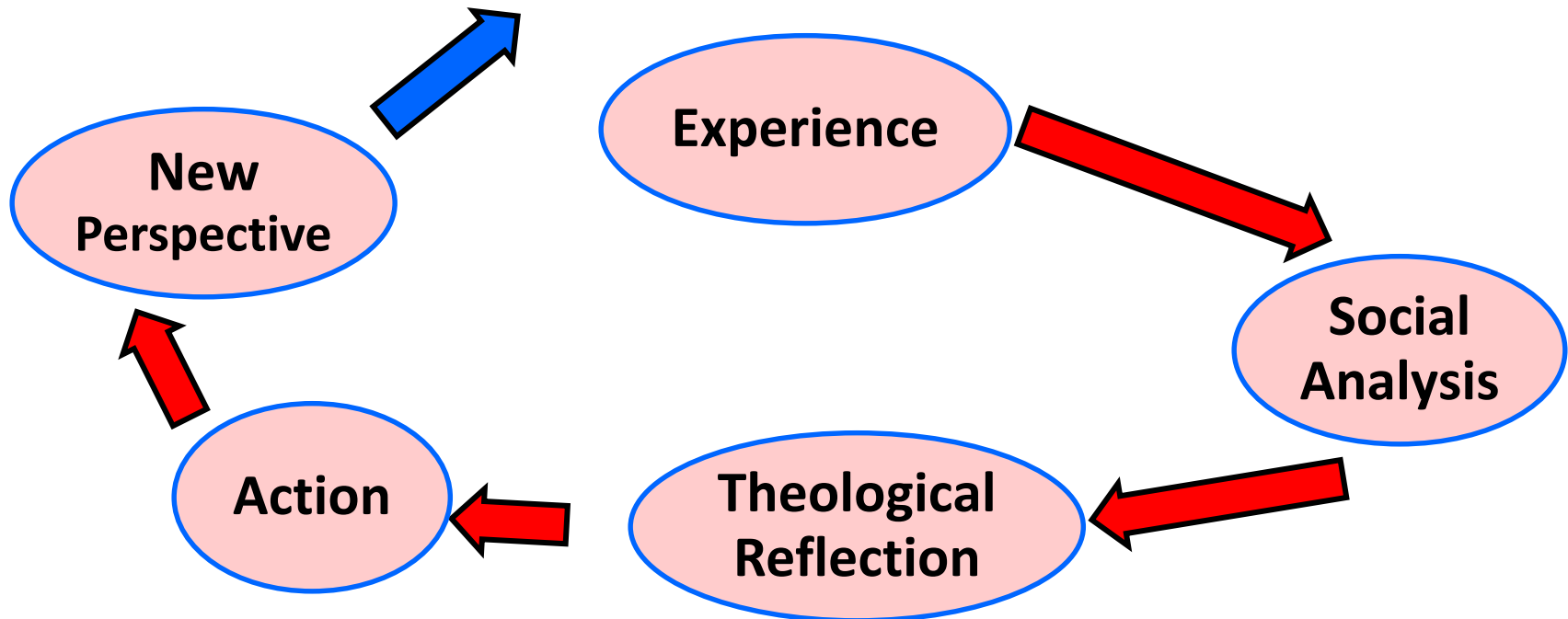
Community Organisations

University [CTPSR]

City Council & local councillors

How?

- Key topic to guide each meeting [3x a year].
- 3 speakers: a practitioner, a social scientist, a theologian
- Conversation and small group activities
- Ideas for action on the key issue.



Taking the Next Step

- What do you think a peaceful city might look like?
- What topics could we discuss in future meetings?



Finding Out More

- Next meeting of the Faith & Peaceful Relations Forum will be at **2pm on 21st September**.
- Email Chris at CTPSR –
christopher.shannahan@coventry.ac.uk
- Visit the '[Faith & Peaceful Relations Forum](#)'
[Facebook page](#)
- Keep an eye open for a Forum Blog to be developed before our next meeting.
- Reflections shared by speakers will be turned into podcasts