## World Interfaith Harmony Week Faith Communities Serving Others Together



For **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021,** Interfaith Scotland held an event to celebrate Scotland's grassroots initiatives to support individuals and communities during the pandemic. The **'Faith Communities Serving Others Together'** event was held on **11<sup>th</sup> February** and was attended by representatives of local faith communities from across the length and breadth of Scotland.

One of the most powerful ways to promote harmony and understanding is to 'serve' others together and during the global pandemic local faith and interfaith groups and interfaith organisations served their local communities in acts of kindness and friendship building. For **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021** Interfaith Scotland held an event to encourage people to share their experiences of **Serving others together**.

Charandeep Singh from the Sikh Community was the key note speaker. Charandeep was awarded the 'Pride of Scotland' award for his efforts and he spoke movingly about how people from diverse religions joined with him in packing food and necessities at the Gurdwara.

Muslims and Christians from the South Side of Glasgow worked with their Sikh brothers and sisters and a wonderful atmosphere of Interfaith Harmony prevailed. By preparing and serving food people learnt of the diverse religious needs of others and made a huge effort to include everyone.

Many organisations were supported by the COVID19 relief fund to work with the most vulnerable in society and for World Interfaith Harmony Week (attended by over 70 faith representatives) we showcased a small selection of the many big-hearted projects. Faith communities provided food, comfort, connection, online creative community events open to everyone, and across the whole of Scotland local faiths and interfaith groups worked tirelessly in **practical ways** to demonstrate harmony, friendship and understanding. The short video below captures how faith communities can work together to build a better world, even in the most difficult of times.

## YOUTUBE VIDEO LINK

https://youtu.be/9TXbjuB8NR4

## **Comments from participants**

I am deeply humbled by all that has been achieved by faiths working together during the pandemic

Thank you everyone for sharing your profound stories they have encouraged me to go out and serve, serve, serve