**WIHW The World Interfaith Harmony Week February 1-7 2022 in South Lakeland**

**Report by SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership about WIHW 2022 in South Lakeland Cumbria England UK**

SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnershipwas delighted that WIHW was celebrated in South Lakeland.

Councillor Guy Tirvengadum (Former Mayor of Kendal and Chair of SLEDP and founder of Kendal Unity Festival) commented “I am always delighted that Kendal puts on a variety of events in WIHW. It is wonderful that a small town is able to make an important contribution to the vital work of understanding each other and social cohesion”.

We are especially proud that we may be offering an event by the oldest person to lead an event who demonstrates to the world that anyone of any age can make an important contribution to understanding and peace. 92 year old retired Roman Catholic Priest Monsignor Francis Slattery has been involved in interfaith work in Cumbria since 2002, and this year will celebrate his 20 years of involvement. He has received local and national recognition for his contribution. He has held a WIHW events every year since 2017, including a celebration of his 90th birthday in 2019.

**SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership 7 Day Event**

SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnershipsupported two daily half hour at home sessions every day of Inter Faith Week at 7am and 7pm. Participants read The Golden Rule and to undertook an appropriate practice from any faith or none (for example chanting, meditation, reading, reciting). The Golden Rule is available at <https://worldfaiths.org/our-poster/>

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/pec-events/sledp-2-sessions-at-home-every-day-of-wihw-7-00am-7-30am-and-7-00pm-7-30pm/>

**Wednesday 2nd February Event led by a 92 year old retired Roman Catholic Priest**

Monsignor Francis Slattery (a 92 year old retired Roman Catholic Priest) led an afternoon session of meditation/prayer and study. Monsignor Slattery commented “Every year this is an occasion to celebrate our differences and richly varied beliefs. It was a joy to be able to come together and just express what we do have in common, even if we do have differences of expression. This year we were limited in what we could do because of Covid-19. What we did was share a time of meditation or prayer, of reading the Psalms and a Blessing. This we did in our own homes. It was a simple reminder of our togetherness, a fact we share a common language when speaking of our faiths and a joy in knowing others have similar expressions. We have to be thankful at this time for this simple act of faith which hopefully binds us more closely together.”

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/pec-events/session-of-meditation-prayer-and-study-run-by-a-92-year-old-retired-roman-catholic-priest/>

**Thursday 3rd February 10-12 Event in The Mayors Parlour Kendal Town Hall**

The Mayor of Kendal Councillor Douglas Rathbone invited guests to an event an event to celebrate WIHW. The guests included the SLEDP South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership Lead on Interfaith and Multifaith and the Chair and members of the SLIF South Lakeland Interfaith Forum Committee. Explanations of the role and activities of SLEDP and SLIF were given.

**WIHW Resources**

SLEDP is honoured that the booklet ***Cumbrian Supplement for the national booklet* by South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership (SLEDP) (Second Edition 2019),** is on the WIHW website resources page and will have been used in WIHW 2022.

WIHW webpage Resources

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/resources/>

Guides

<https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Cumbrian_Supplement_for_the_National_Booklet-2009.pdf>