

OCTOBER 2023

ICONS NEWSLETTER

**HELLO AND
WELCOME TO THE
OCTOBER ICONS
NEWSLETTER!**



**International Cross
of Nails Schools**

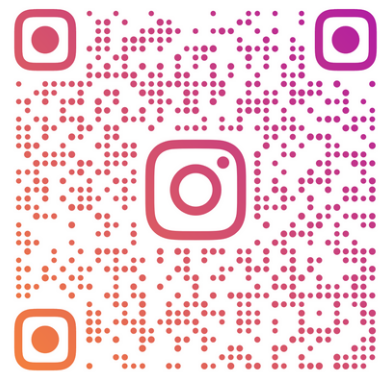
**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA AND GET
INVOLVED**

Make sure to send us any images or news of your activities, we would love to showcase what you are up to! And get in touch if you'd like us to share your school pages and updates, etc.

Just double click or scan the links!



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Featured:

- What's been happening?
- Upcoming training opportunities
- Key dates and upcoming meetings
- Ambassadors and Champions.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Harris Ambassadors

This September we got the fantastic opportunity to try out our first ever round of Secondary School Ambassadors training with some students from Harris Academy. A great time was had by all and we couldn't be more excited to get stuck into more Key stage 4 and 5 Ambassadors.



Lea and Blanka

This year we once again have some new fantastic interns from our German partners at ARSP. Meet Lea and Blanka...

Hello all,
my name is Lea, I'm 19 years old and I grew up in Hildesheim, so near Hanover in Northern Germany. I just started my one-year internship in Coventry Cathedral with the volunteer service-organization ARSP. For the most part I will be working with the events team and the CCN and I'm hoping to be part of as much of the daily life and the special happenings in the Cathedral as possible during my year here.



Hello! My name is Blanka I'm 19 and I came here, to Coventry from a small countryside in southern Poland. This year I will be working in Cathedral except that I came here to find myself and learn a little bit more about our big world ;))

UPCOMING DATES AND OPPORTUNITY

ICONS Staff Meetings

Our Next set of ICONS staff meetings are coming this November following our new format of a breakfast and an online staff meeting for those further afield. We would love to see you there!



Upcoming Presentation Service!

Another exciting upcoming event in our ICONS calendar is the presentation service for one of our local new ICONS schools. So please pray for them and wish them lots of luck as they embark upon this exciting journey and become a part of our community. Stay tuned for pictures and updates on this fab new school!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOLS DIARY *2023-24*:

The updated Peace calendar for 2023-4 can be found through the link below and through the website also and is packed with ideas and prompts on how to weave ICONS work and practice into the heart of your schools learning and teaching! Perfect for preparing for September and writing plans for collective worship/ R.E.

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/shop/digital-resources/icons-peace-calendar-2023-24>



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Peace Calendar for Schools 2023-24

Below are key dates, focus weeks and months, which you may want to use as vehicles for developing the 3 themes of ICONS in your school:

1. Healing the wounds of history
2. Living with difference and celebrating diversity
3. Building a culture of peace

Date	Event	ICONS Theme
21 st September	International Day of Peace	1 & 3
19 th -25 th September	UK Recycle Week	1
26 th September	European Day of Languages	1, 2 & 3
30 th September	National Sporting Heritage Day	2
October	UK Black History Month	1 & 2
1 st October	International Older People's Day	3
1 st October	Silver Sunday	3
2 nd October	World Habitat Day	1 & 3
10 th October	World Mental Health Day	3
10 th -16 th October	National Braille Week	2
11 th October	International Day of the Girl Child	2
11 th October	National Coming Out Day	2
14 th -21 st October	National Hate Crime Awareness Week	2 & 3
16 th October	World Food Day	2
17 th October	Child Poverty Day	1
18 th October	Anti-Slavery Day	1
19 th October	Conflict Resolution Day	3
2 nd November	National Stress Awareness Day	3
8 th November	World Town Planning Day	3
9 th November	World Freedom Day	1 & 3
11 th November	Armistice Day	1 & 3
12 th November	Remembrance Sunday	1
12 th -19 th November	Inter Faith Week	2 & 3

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13 th November	World Kindness Day	3
13 th -17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	2 & 3
14 th - 15 th November	ICONS Birthday	1, 2 & 3
16 th November	International Day for Tolerance	2
20 th November	International Children's Day	2
21 st November	World Hello Day	2 & 3
25 th November	White Ribbon Day	3
1 st December	Prisoners for Peace Day	1
2 nd December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	1
5 th December	International Volunteers Day	2 & 3
10 th December	Human Rights Day	1, 2 & 3
18 th December	Arabic Language Day	2
18 th December	International Migrants Day	2 & 3
20 th December	International Human Solidarity Day	2
4 th January 2023	World Braille Day	2
21 st January	World Religion Day	2
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	1, 2 & 3
30 th January-6 th February	National Storytelling Week	2
February	UK LGBT History Month	1 & 2
1 st February	Time to Talk Day	3
3 rd February	Care Day	1
5 th -11 th February	UK Children's Mental Health Week	3
5 th -11 th February	Student Volunteering Week	3
6 th February	Safer Internet Day	3
7 th February	Send a Card to a Friend Day	1, 2 & 3
11 th February	International Day of Women in Science	2
14 th February	Valentine's Day	3
17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	3
21 st February	International Mother Language Day	2
March	Women's History Month	1 & 2

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ICONS AMBASSADORS

DO YOU THINK YOUR PUPILS COULD BECOME ICONS AMBASSADORS?

ICONS Ambassadors is a leadership programme for children and young people which will develop their understanding of the following:

- Theory behind ideas of prejudice, conflict transformation, forgiveness and reconciliation and how to apply their understanding to schools contexts
- Skills and values of peace-makers and reconcilers and how to plan for change within the school context
- Coventry Cathedral's story and the lasting, global legacy of peace and reconciliation that has grown out of it
- The 3 themes of ICONS: 1) Healing the wounds of history, 2) Living with difference and celebrating diversity, 3) Building a culture of peace

The ICONS Ambassadors Programme is most suitable for pupils in Y4-Y6 and involves attendance of sessions run at Coventry Cathedral or by arrangement for schools further afield. Each ICON School can send up to 15 pupils

If you would like to send your pupils on this course or are interested in trailing our new course please email Jessica.weale@coventry.anglican.org or emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org and we will send you an application form - please be aware that this course costs £20 per student (£30 for secondary students), which can be discussed with the Cathedral if this is a difficulty.

ICONS CHAMPIONS

WE ALSO OFFER ICONS CHAMPIONS TRAINING TO STAFF TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE CLASSROOM SKILLS THAT FURTHER RECONCILIATION CENTRED LEARNING AND PEACEFUL PRACTICE IN THE CLASSROOM.

What is an ICONS Champion?

An ICONS Champion is a member of staff who is passionate about the concept of ICON Schools and understands the story of Coventry Cathedral and the Cross of Nails as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. This person will drive forward peace-building and reconciliation initiatives and encourage children and staff to engage with the school's work in this area.

This training is for staff in ICON Schools who are intending to take a lead on embedding their ICONS status so that there is ownership across the school community.

Smaller ICON schools may wish to send only one member of staff but larger primaries and secondary ICONS are encouraged to send more than one member of staff, especially if they want to spread impact across several key stages or different departments.

Over time, many members of staff from the same school may attend the training each time it is run to foster the greatest level of ownership.

Online version:

13th November 2023

Session One 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Teams)

15th November 2023

Session Two 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Teams)

17th November 2023

Session Three 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Teams)

If you would like to attend this course please email

Jessica.Weale@Coventry.Anglican.org.uk or

emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org and we will send you an application form - please be aware that this course costs £90 for all three sessions, which can be discussed with the cathedral if this is a fiscal difficulty.

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB-PAGE FOR RESOURCES AS
WE'LL BE POSTING NEW ICONS TEACHING RESOURCES EVERY
FEW WEEKS.**

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THESE PLEASE
LET
US KNOW.**

**[HTTPS://WWW.COVENTRYCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/SHOP/DIGITA
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**OUR NEW RESOURCE HUB WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU SOON
SO WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS ON THAT COMING UP!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING AND INTERACTING WITH
THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIAS AND GET IN
TOUCH WITH US ABOUT ALL OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES.**

**WARMEST REGARDS,
THE ICONS TEAM.**