



The Iona Community and SCM Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding

Present:

Naomi Nixon (SCM CEO), Ruth Harvey (Iona Community Leader), Annie Sharples (SCM Member and Iona Community Young Adults Group Member), Jack Woodruff (Campaigns Rep on SCM General Council and Iona Community Young Adults Group Member).

Why a partnership?

1. Our shared values, rooted in the Christian gospel, around inclusion, justice and spirituality mean we are already in close alignment.
2. We share a concern for young adults exploring faith and spiritual belonging and are especially conscious of the liminal space inhabited by those who are moving between graduation and life beyond.
3. We each want to champion the work of the other.
4. There are opportunities to do additional work and be more effective in our shared and individual aims as a result if we work together.

What might partnership mean in practice?

1. Amplifying of one another's messages and opportunities for engagement.
2. Regular meetings of Reference Group (perhaps termly) to review, share and dream about new possibilities. Initially these will be online, moving to blended meetings when movement is possible.
3. Signposting towards SCM membership ahead of university and the Iona Young Adults Group/Iona Community Membership upon graduation.
4. Hosting collaborative events on Iona as well as around the country.
5. Linking up SCM campaigns with Iona Community [Common Concern Networks](#) (CCNs).
6. Working together on SCM's proposed Mentoring scheme, including promoting volunteering with the Iona Community.
7. Increasing the sharing of speakers/leaders/facilitators at each other's events
8. Working together to support Chaplains, especially those in Universities and Colleges.

The Formalities

1. This MoU will be reviewed annually
2. The appointment of the Reference Group will be affirmed by our respective Council's – comprising a maximum of 4 (?) from each partner.
3. The Reference Group will be co-chaired by someone from each partner.

4. Any funding needed for projects under this partnership need to be either self-financing from within the lead partner, or jointly funded.
5. Any admin costs will be met equally between the partners.
6. Reference Group meetings must include regular updates on the effectiveness for each party of the MoU with the agreement that flexibility will be welcomed.

Signed on behalf of SCM

Signed on behalf of the IC

On behalf of the SCM General Council
Date:

On behalf of the Iona Community Council
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