

Things to find out about in Faith & meaning venues

Seminar groups have suggested the following items be built into a proforma for visiting faith and meaning-based venues:

What activities are available?

- *What roles do people adopt?*
- *When is it open? Days, times and duration of services and other activities. How many people are involved?*
- *Information about church & non-church activities in the building*
- *What facilities. Building aspect / design / location*
- *Individual events*
- *What goes on*
- *Cultural issues*
- *Are refreshments provided?*

What support arrangements are in place?

- *Do people take care of each other in this community?*
- *Who is the right person to approach - name, address, phone, email. Is there a committee or other arrangement for making decisions? Is there a feedback or complaints procedure?*
- *Public transport and access – are there steps to get in? Physical access inside and outside the building. Is the space warm and the furniture comfortable?*
- *Toilet arrangements*
- *Is there heating in the building?*
- *Attitudes? How were you welcomed? Is there a named person there who will provide support? Is there any literature for me to take away?*

What do I have to do to participate?

- *Are men and women treated differently? Are most participants male, old, families, intellectuals?*
- *Is there a formal or informal fee? Do I need any special equipment? Am I expected to make a donation? Is there a dress code?*
- *Are you accepted there, pressured or welcomed even if you haven't been brought up in that religion or if you don't follow their teachings?*
- *Is the group trying to persuade people to support its views, recruit people or sell anything?*
- *Rules of membership (e.g. possible uses of hall). How do people join?*
- *Risks*
- *Anything else to note?*

Administration

- *Name and contact details of the person who completed this form.*
- *Date of the visit.*