

## **Our Three Main Areas of Work**

We are a Christian charity committed to advancing education and religion through creative, innovative projects benefiting communities in the West Midlands region which focus upon:

- Religion in school education
- Strengthening the Christian presence in/contribution to the Further Education sector
- Christian learning, discipleship and theological education

## **Topics/Themes**

The concept of 'shalom' offers a good summary of what we prioritise: peace, wholeness, wellbeing and fullness of life, seen in right relationships with other people and with the planet. As a Christian charity we also see right relationships with the spiritual and with God as a vital ingredient.

Within and across these three main areas of work, we particularly welcome projects addressing one or more of the following five themes:

- Religious Literacy
- Faith Formation

The religious (particularly Christian) calling to:

- Environmental responsibility/care for creation
- Peace-making, reconciliation and overcoming polarisation
- Racial Justice, equity and inclusion

We also remain open to creative, innovative projects which address new challenges emerging on the horizon, and issues important to the communities we seek to benefit.

## Values and Ways of Working

We commit to working in the following ways, and particularly welcome applications from organisations which prioritise some or all of the following:

- Engagement and empowerment at grass-roots level
- Promoting environmental sustainability
- Including marginalised groups
- Valuing conversation and dialogue
- Engaging with a younger demographic (without thereby neglecting age and experience)
- Equipping others to learn (rather than merely transmitting knowledge)
- Engaging with promising new pedagogies, approaches and technologies