

Course location:
Focolare Centre for
Unity, Welwyn Garden
City

Dates next course:
13th–16th February 2017
(16:00 to lunchtime)

**Deadline for
applications:**
5th December 2016

Cost:
£370 which covers all
teaching, food and
accommodation



Understanding Islam

A course for Catholics living and working with Muslims

To apply for a place on the course, e-mail Katharina.smith-muller@cbcew.org.uk, indicating why you are interested in participating in the course.

As places are limited, please do not make any travel arrangements before you have been notified as to whether you have secured a place, which will be by 7th December.

This four-day course is held at the Focolare Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City, and aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. Participants are encouraged to see the world through Muslim eyes, and are taken through a stimulating programme including sessions on Muhammad, Islamic beliefs, laws and prayer life.

There are also opportunities to learn about Islamic perspectives on Christianity, developments in the modern Islamic world, and Islam in Britain. The course is a safe space for Catholics to discuss their attitudes and judgements, and to consider how to respond to the call of their bishops and their Pope to dialogue with Islam. A maximum of 11 participants ensures that there is plenty of opportunity for discussion.

The course is presented by Dr Damian Howard SJ, who is currently a lecturer at Heythrop College with a special academic interest in the Christian theological response to Islam. It is supported by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.