

Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy

The history of the chaplaincy so far

2000: An ecumenical chaplaincy team for the Millennium Dome

2002: Meridian Delta Ltd. appointed to create a new diverse community

MDL and the Borough ask for a multifaith approach to the faith communities' relationship to the new development

March 2003: a meeting of Ecumenical Borough Deans and members of the Borough's Multifaith Forum appoints a steering group, and they and MDL appoint a site chaplain

MDL and Greenwich Borough offer the Greenwich Pavilion for the faith communities to use together

April 2003: The steering group begins to meet monthly

July 2003: Council of Reference convened

September 2003: Conference for Greenwich faith communities

March 2004: The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group becomes a Trust

September 2004: Visit by Presidents of Churches Together in England

February 2005: The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group registered as a charity

April 2005: Chaplaincy begins on McAlpine's construction site at the dome and Beckham Academy with a team of three chaplains

September 2005: The last consultative conference

November 2005: Five more chaplains recruited to complete a team of eight working on the construction site: One Muslim, one Sikh, and six Christians of various denominations

Summer 2005 to Summer 2006: Participation in discussion about a proposed regional casino

February 2007: Chaplaincy work starts on the Laing O'Rourke construction site in the Greenwich Millennium Village

February 2007: Charity collection day on The O2 construction site

February 2007: A joint meeting with the Greenwich Multi Faith Forum to study the ways in which different faith communities make decisions about appointments to chaplaincy and trustee positions

April 2007: Three more chaplains recruited in readiness for The O2 opening

July 2007: The construction site closes and The O2 opens.

July 2007: The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy takes responsibility for existing chaplaincy work at the Syral food refinery

September 2007: Chaplaincy work begins in The O2, with pairs of chaplains allocated to groups of restaurants, etc..

Future events:

Temporary building opens as a base for chaplaincy activity and for faith communities' activities

Construction of offices, Ravensbourne College and new homes begins, and chaplaincy offered on construction sites

The Greenwich Pavilion opens on its new site, to be used by the faith communities together as a resource for everyone working in, living in and visiting the peninsula, for dialogue, for community development, and for chaplaincy activity; and to be used by the faith communities separately for worship.

Chaplaincy service offered to staff and students of Ravensbourne College from 2010, and visits to the college during the year before its move.

Chaplaincy service offered in each part of the new development as it is built and occupied.

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