

The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Questionnaire

A small survey was conducted [between April and June 2007] to find out about the views of the staff in the 02 site and to see their awareness of the presence of the Chaplaincy team as well as their suggestions for the improvement of the service. Thirty-five people were asked and the results are described below.

The results of the survey

When asked if workers were aware of the presence of the Chaplains in the area, the majority answered NO (20.) For those that did, 5 out of 15 said they had heard about the Chaplaincy team from staff, 8 out of 15 said from posters and the remaining 2 answered "other." This suggests that perhaps more work should be done to try and advertise the Chaplaincy presence in the area so people know that we are there. For example putting up more posters or things similar to that.

However, when asked if it was easy to find a Chaplain if one was needed, most (12 out of the 15) answered yes. 9 people said they had spoken to a Chaplain which was a very good thing and all of those who answered yes said that the conversation had been useful. When asked how the Chaplain had been useful, the majority (9) said for spiritual support, 7 said for answering questions on religious practice and 8 said other. This showed that generally the workers do like to find religious consultation and that the Chaplaincy presence is important to the community.

Of the 35 people asked whether they would wish to practice their religion, most (19) answered yes but 16 answered no. This is not a surprising result as faith is a personal choice, and some people simply do not place importance on religion even though the majority asked did wish to practice their religion... Nevertheless the majority of those people who wished to practice their religion said they have not been able to (16 people of 35) and the reasons given for this included "no place of worship" or "no prayer place."

Furthermore, 35 out of the 35 people asked whether they could discuss their spiritual needs with their supervisor / manager, said no. The answers given to the question "what gives you personal peace and inspiration?" were very interesting. Most said prayer (14), then friends (8), then family (7), then love(3) and then social life(2). Moreover, one person even said that what gave them personal peace and inspiration was giving to charity which was a lovely thought.)

Finally, there was one suggestion given for "How can the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy improve the service it offers?" This was to hold regular multifaith meetings.

Conclusions

Overall, the results of the survey proved to be very interesting, bringing to attention the experience of people with Chaplains, and the importance that religion seems to play in people's lives- revealed most of all by question seven (see the results questionnaire.) Surprisingly, the majority of the people answered yes to question seven; "Have you wished to practice your religion?" The survey also brought to light the need to advertise the Chaplaincy service and the general enthusiasm people showed to the idea of the engagement of the multifaith communities in the 02 site.

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Questionnaire

- 1 Did you know that there are chaplains working here? Yes No
- 2 If yes: How did you first find this out? Poster Staff Other
- 3 Is it easy enough to find a chaplain if you want one? Yes No
- 4 Have you ever spoken to a chaplain? Yes No
- 5 If yes: Was the conversation helpful? Yes No
- 6 How? Spiritual support
 Counselling
 Questions of religious practice
 Other
- 7 Have you wished to practice your religion on the site? Yes No
- 8 If so: Have you been able to? Yes No
 If no: Why weren't you able to?
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- 9 Have you been able to discuss your spiritual needs with your supervisor? Yes No
- 10 What gives you personal peace and inspiration?
- 14: prayer
 - 8: friends
 - 7: family
 - 3: love
 - 2: social life
 - 1: charity
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- 11 How can the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy improve the service it offers?
 One suggestion: "Multifaith constant meetings"
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