

## Diverse Birmingham

Birmingham is a modern, industrial city (the second largest in the UK), but religion is one of the most important features of life here.

The city is home to two Christian Cathedrals, and synagogues, mosques, pagodas, temples and gurdwaras from a range of religious traditions – a recent survey by the city council suggests there are well over 600 places of worship in the city. Many of the leaders of these communities have worked with the University of Birmingham and other agencies on a range of interfaith projects in recent years.



Sikh wedding, Soho Road Gurdwara © Liz Hingley

The Birmingham Faiths Forum dinner © Liz Hingley

One important recent arts project that focuses on the different religious traditions in a particular suburb of Birmingham is Liz Hingley's project, 'Under Gods: Stories from Soho Road'. We are very grateful to Liz for permission to use some of her photographs on this website and encourage you to visit her project site [www.lizhingley.com](http://www.lizhingley.com) (<http://www.lizhingley.com>) to view the rest.

You may also be interested in the work of local graffiti artist Mohammed 'Aerosol' Ali, whose work deals with religious imagery and can be found in various communities throughout the city. His website is [www.aerosolarabic.com](http://www.aerosolarabic.com) (<http://www.aerosolarabic.com/>).

Some other images on this site are taken from a project run within the Department of Theology and Religion by Dr Andrew Davies to collect images of religious life in Birmingham and were taken by Naseem Akram and Marios Hadjianastasis from the College of Arts and Law eLearning team.



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