

Multi-faith quiet/ prayer space guidelines

Purpose

The primary purpose of the multi-faith quiet/ prayer space is to provide a safe, clean and inclusive space for peaceful reflection and private prayer, for the community of The City College within the normal academic day.

Overview

The City College is committed to promoting equality and diversity and aims to provide an inclusive learning and working environment where staff and students of all religions and beliefs, or those who have no belief, are treated without discrimination.

No particular group has an exclusive right to use the space at any time and all users of the space have an equal right to access the space.

The aim is to keep access to the space as uncomplicated as possible. The shared nature of the space relies largely on the respect and generosity of users. The space is provided for prayer, meditation, reflection and quiet, and users must treat each other with tolerance and respect.

The space is generally available on a drop-in basis and it may be necessary to wait for the space to become available on occasion.

Principles for use

The following guiding principles must be observed:

- The space is for use by students and staff of The City College only
- The space must be left clean and tidy for the next user
- Any items of religious practice must be removed when leaving the space
- Personal items must not be left unattended
- Users must be considerate to others regarding the amount of time spent using the space
- Noise must be kept to a minimum - do not disturb others
- The use of mobile phones and other devices is not allowed
- Candles, incense and/ or naked flames are not allowed
- Group meetings are not allowed
- The use of posters, leaflets, and other such materials is not allowed
- Shoes may be removed if required
- Collecting money is not allowed
- Eating and/ or drinking is not allowed
- Users must also follow the guidelines in the student code of conduct and the staff code of conduct

- This list is not exhaustive but seeks to identify the primary principles that must be observed.

Complaints and Problems

Any practical issues or problems associated with the space and its use should be reported to nriaz@citycollege.ac.uk as quickly as possible. These may include cleaning, breakages, lighting etc., as well as any more serious concerns such as suspected misuse of the space or complaints about other users.