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Dr Philip Lewis

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Dr Philip Lewis, a leading academic and author on contemporary Islam, has been personally active in helping create 'safe spaces' where citizens can meet – religious and secular - to craft a vocabulary to talk about contentious issues and contribute to 'religious literacy'.

From 1977, Philip spent six years in Pakistan researching Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. Returning to the UK in 1984, he has advised Anglican Bishops of Bradford on Islam and Christian-Muslim relations since then.

In 1997, Philip was one of the commissioners who produced the Runnymede Trust report 'Islamophobia: a challenge to us all'.

Lecturing in Peace Studies at Bradford University, Philip covers such interesting topics as 'Religions, Violence and Conflict Resolution', and 'Islam in the West: the challenge of co-existence'. He wrote a seminal work - 'Islamic Britain, Religion, Politics and Identity among British Muslims', and in 2008 published his book, 'Young British & Muslim.'

Philip is Principal of Bradford Churches for Dialogue and Diversity – an ecumenical resource for churches and policy makers across the north of England, and has sat on the European Churches committee for Christian-Muslim understanding for five years.

He is a scholar consultant to the national Christian-Muslim Forum launched at Lambeth Palace in 2006.