



EFC Members working on Religious Issues - A Synopsis



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1. OVERVIEW

1.1. Introduction

In July 2007 the Network of European Foundations (NEF) approached the EFC to prepare an overview of EFC members working on the theme 'Religion and Democracy', with the aim of informing the NEF Religion and Democracy Group on activities undertaken by EFC members in this field. Participants of the Group include the Arcadia Trust, the Barrow-Cadbury Trust, the Bernheim Foundation, Compagnia di San Paolo, Ford Foundation, Freudenberg Stiftung, Stefan Batory Foundation, King Baudouin Foundation, Siftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, the Van Leer Group Foundation (Chair), and VolkswagenStiftung.

From the outset, 'religious issues' was understood in a broad sense, and not solely limited to religion/state relations. Moreover, as religion is not always explicitly mentioned as a programme or funding area, the research was extended to include examples of religious issues intersecting fields such as diversity, social integration, equal opportunities, social justice, respect and intercultural dialogue.

The following report gives an overview of 22 EFC members working on religion issues both at national and international levels. The research focused on funders who either fund religious activities as a main programme area, or fund projects related to them.

The resources used to identify EFC members working on religion include the EFC funder profiles database, the official websites and the annual reports of the selected foundations.

It is noticeable that little information on religion funding is available via public resources. Indeed, four additional funders were identified as working in the field of religion but had no religion-related information available on their websites¹. These four have therefore not been included in this mapping.

1.2. Context

According to the World Christian Encyclopaedia: A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions AD 20- 2200², there are 19 major world religions which can be divided up into 270 large religious groups and many other smaller ones. Conflicts and events past and present lead to foundations addressing 'religion issues' in a number of ways.

Religion in the public sphere is a contentious issue, and in recent times in particular, there has been a growing debate about how religion and the state should relate to each other. *"This is linked to concerns about the integration of those who have immigrant status (legal or illegal) as well as those who have European citizenship but seem 'disconnected' from European life, (and have) turned towards their countries of origin or focused on traditions that isolate them from the societies in which they live."*³

1.3. Key findings

1.3.1. Geographic Origin

The majority of foundations identified with activities in the field are based in Europe, although funders from the US (1) and Israel (2) were also found. The proportion of funders according to their country of origin is presented in Figure 1.

1 Fondazione Banco di Sicilia, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Fermo, Fundação Eng. António de Almeida and Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft.

2 World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions AD 20- 2200 Oxford University Press, (2001).

³ "Islam and the EU: the merits and risks of Inter-Cultural Dialogue", Sara Silvestri, 2007, 4 pages, www.epc.eu/TEWN/pdf/957618940_Islam%20and%20the%20EU.pdf

The highest number of EFC members who support initiatives related to religion come from Germany (5) followed by the Netherlands (3) and Belgium, Israel and the UK (2).

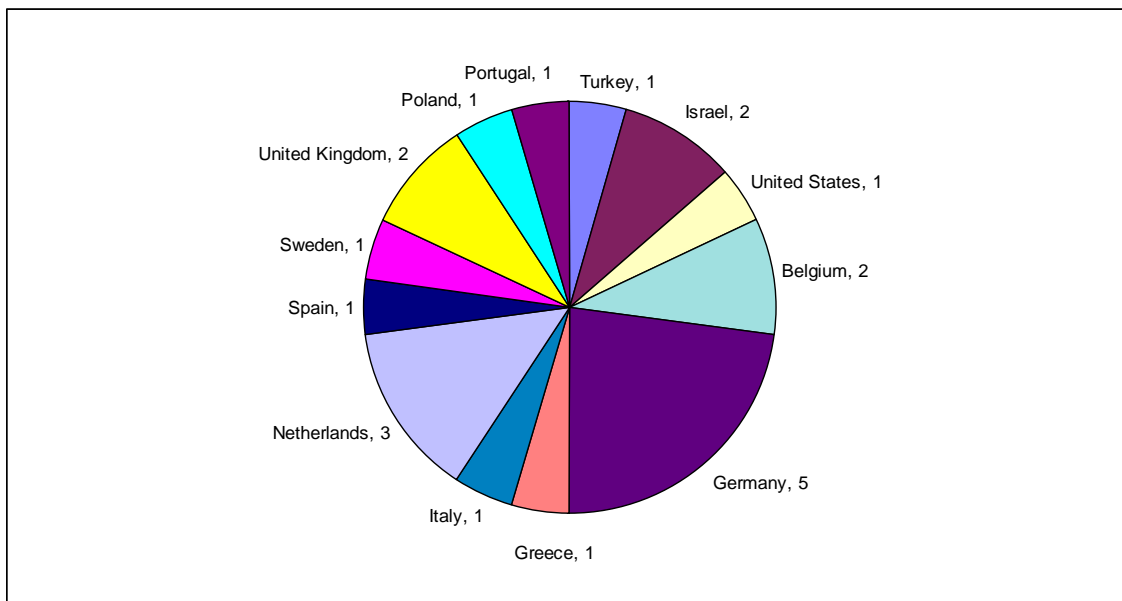


Figure 1: Countries in which EFC members working on religious causes are located

1.3.2. Geographic focus

Almost all of the funders identified (18) support projects within their own country of origin, but only four work solely within these confines. Almost half of the funders (9) support activities at international level.

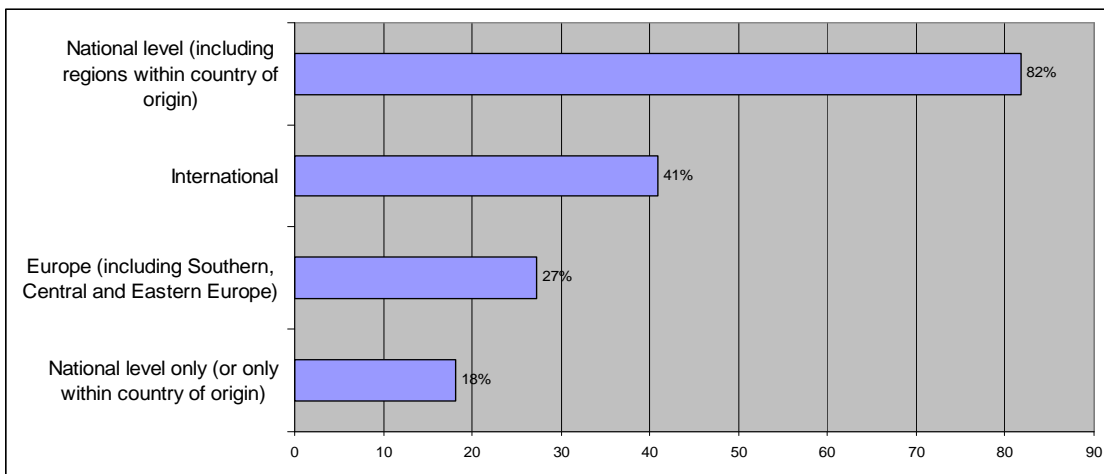


Figure 2: Geographic focus of EFC members working on religious causes

1.3.3. Types of funders

Most of the funders identified are independent foundations, also referred to as public-benefit foundations. As defined by the EFC, public-benefit foundations are:

Separately constituted non-profit bodies with their own governing board and with their own reliable source of income whether or not exclusively from an endowment. They have been

irrevocably attributed goods, rights and resources for the performance of work and support for public benefit purposes, either by supporting associations, institutions or individuals or by operating their own programmes. Foundations have no members. Public benefit foundations may be established for a limited period, but assets given over for public benefit purposes for such foundations may not revert to private ownership. The largest part of public benefit foundations is made up of independent foundations which have autonomous power of decision.

EFC Typology of Foundations in Europe, 1995

Only two of the funders (Jerusalem Foundation and Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio de Ascoli Piceno) identified are community foundations.

1.3.4. Objectives and areas of interest

The 22 members identified support religion issues to achieve 8 main objectives, all of which are aimed at reducing the incidence and impact of anti-discrimination behaviour. They are as follows:

- Integrated education and respect for diversity
- Better knowledge and perception of the presence of Islam
- Dialogue
- Improve social relations
- Integration of migration in a multicultural society
- Research
- Building links between Jews and Arabs
- Religious understanding

To achieve these objectives, funders develop initiatives in the following areas of interest:

- Children and education
- Religious understanding
- Inter-faith activities
- Intercultural dialogue
- Religion and society
- Research and history of religion
- Religion and media
- Jewish causes
- Religion and spiritual development

Figure 3 shows the number of foundations working in each of these areas. Most of the members identified work in more than one area. 36% support 'research and history', 23% address issues related to 'religion and society' and 18% support 'dialogue'.

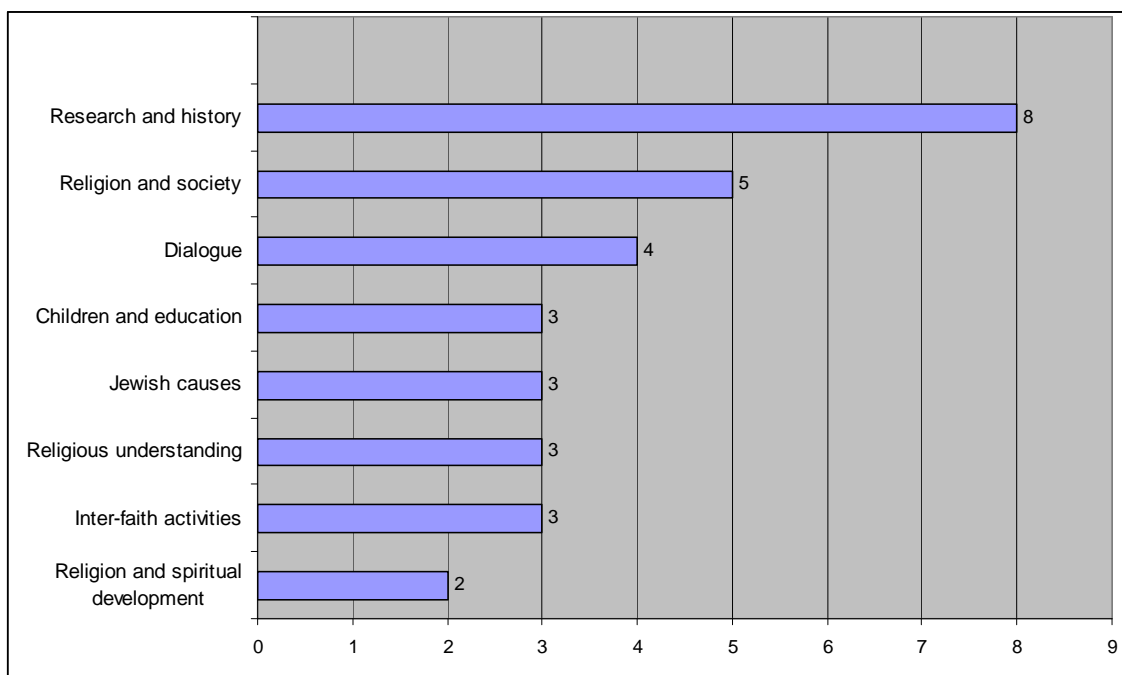


Figure 3: Types of support provided by EFC members working on religious causes

1.3.5. Religions represented

The three main religions represented by the 22 funders' work are Islam, Judaism and Christianity. At the fore are Islam and Judaism with 32% of the 22 foundations identified representing them. Christianity follows closely at 18%.

1.3.6. Target population

The majority of the projects undertaken by the 22 funders identified in this mapping target the general public. However, specific population groups were also identified such as children, migrants, minorities, families and teachers.

1.4. Conclusion

Only 22 out of the 217 EFC members (10%) work in the field of religion issues. Among these 22, only seven of them could be said to be highly active in religion-related projects. These include Evkaf Foundation, Fundação Eugénio de Almeida, Fundación Santa Maria, Jerusalem Foundation, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, New Israel Fund and Stichting Levi Lassen.

No evidence was found to suggest that religion funding is either increasing or decreasing as information on the timeframe and regular occurrence of supported projects was not available.

2. PROFILES

The following section outlines the profiles of 22 funders actively supporting religion issues. Each profile provides information regarding:

- Contact information: organisation name, address, phone, fax and website
- Key contact person: name, position and email
- Mission: foundation's mission
- Type of foundation: according to the funder's source and distribution of financial resources and who controls the decision making
- Programme areas: the programme names and/or areas of concern of the funder
- Geographic focus: main geographic areas where the funder works and funds initiatives
- Religion statement: a brief description of the programme areas that support religion related initiatives
- Target population: main population religion for which support is provided
- Examples of work: where possible, some examples of initiatives or projects supported by the funder, are detailed

Profiles are presented according to funders' country of origin and in alphabetical order.



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Mission: To support economic and social issues; education; culture and research; and peace.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation supports initiatives in the following programme areas:

- Entrepreneurship
- Peace and citizenship
- Training and research
- Culture

Geographic Focus: Belgium and Europe

Religion issues: The foundation focuses on the peace and understanding of different cultures. As part of the support the foundation gives to culture, an exhibition on religion issues took place in Brussels from October 2006 to May 2007.

Example:

Dieux, modes d'emploi. L'expérience religieuse. Through objects belonging to religious art, pictures, films or artistic installations, this exhibition showed how religious experience is universal regarding questioning and fears but also particular in its practices.

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Mission: To work together for a better society.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: With an annual budget of 40 million euros, 92% of which is earmarked for projects, the foundation supports priority issues related to the following subjects:

- Migration and multicultural society
- Poverty and social justice
- Civil society and voluntary work
- Health
- Philanthropy
- The Balkans
- Central Africa

Geographic Focus: Belgium, Europe and international

Religion issues: Throughout all the programmes the foundation devotes special attention to the specific needs and interests of men and women. Particularly, in the area of migration and multicultural society the foundation works to promote integration and a multicultural society in Belgium and Europe.

Target population: Migrants.

Examples:

Islam et musulmans en Belgique et en Europe: a project whose aim is, on the one hand, to stimulate a better knowledge and perception of the challenges and opportunities related to the presence of Islam and Muslims in Belgium and Europe, and on the other hand, to contribute to the dissemination of that knowledge through several sectors (public institutions, civil society, companies, education...)

Publications: 1) Dialogue with Muslim Communities in Europe. 2) Les soins de santé face aux défis de la diversité: le cas des patients musulmans. 3) Musulmans et non musulmans. Les noeuds du dialogue. 4) Pour une formation des imams en Belgique. Points de référence en Belgique et en Europe, etc.

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Mission: To perceive problems within society, to help solve them by developing exemplary models with experts from practical and theoretical fields, and to put these models into effect in society.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation initiates and carries out projects itself, working with partners in business, government and private institutions. Current projects include:

- The Carl Bertelsmann Prize
- Early childhood education
- Enlarged Europe
- Labour market reform
- Health policy and reform
- Corporate social responsibility
- Centre of Excellence for Communities and Regions
- Philanthropy and foundations
- Demographic change
- Work/Life balance
- Music and Cultural exchange

Geographic Focus: International

Religion issues: The foundation promotes a deliberation study on religion through conferences and dialogue.

Example:

The Role of Religion in Modern Society. The project uses cultural dialogue, conferences and presentations to promote interreligious expertise among policymakers and business leaders; it also studies Christianity's future prospects in Germany.

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Mission: To promote science, education, humanities and peaceful co-existence in society.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The Freudenberg Stiftung regards itself as an operating foundation which draws up, implements, develops, and disseminates projects of its own. The foundation supports the following areas:

- Cultural minorities
- Young people between school and working life
- Democratic culture
- Developing local models

Geographic Focus: Germany, Israel, Hungary, South-East Europe, Bulgaria and Romania.

Religion issues: In the context of the area of cultural minorities, the Freudenberg Stiftung funds other foundations.

Example:

Supports the Groeben-Stiftung (Weinheim, Germany) that is currently carrying out an international "trialogue" project in which research is conducted nationally and internationally to ascertain which institutions participate in the trialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims and with what objectives.

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Mission: To foster research in the historical humanities, focusing on the support of academic projects and PhD fellowships, primarily in the fields of history, art history, archaeology and the history of Islam.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation promotes research projects in the historical sciences, mainly in the following fields:

- Archaeology
- History
- Art history

- Prehistory and early history
- History of Islam
- Legal history

The advancement of young scholars is a special interest of the foundation.

Geographic Focus: Germany and international

Religion issues: According to the investigational character of the projects funded by the foundation, and within the context of History of Islam, the foundation has promoted research on historic Islamic Studies.

Example:

Muslimische Polemik gegen das Judentum im osmanischen Reich und im persisch-schiitischen Raum, 15. – 19. Jahrhundert. Research on the relation between the Muslim majority and the religious minorities (Jewish and Christian) in the Ottoman Empire and in Persia.

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Mission: To support international dialogue, education and science, civic involvement and culture in Hamburg.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation initiates, finances and runs its own projects within the following areas:

- International dialogue
- Competitions and grants
- Culture and society

Geographic Focus: Germany, US, Turkey, and Central and Eastern Europe

Religion issues: By promoting multicultural dialogue, the foundation seeks to improve social relations beyond national borders. It uses its independent status to conduct a wide variety of international activities.

Target population: Professionals (see below)

Example:

From silence to dialogue: developing skills in practice and research across ethnic, religious and cultural dividing lines. Training programme in Hamburg with the psychologist Dan Bar-On, of Ben Gurion University, Israel.

It has been established for English speakers to help professionals, such as teachers, academics, social and community workers, therapists and nurses. Participants learn how to use storytelling to bring people into dialogue – across ethnic, religious and cultural dividing lines.

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Mission: To support science, the humanities and technology in research and university teaching.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation supports projects in science and the humanities, but concentrates its funding activities on specific priority areas and programmes:

- Thematic impetus
- Social and cultural challenges
- International focus
- Support of persons and new structures

Geographic Focus: Germany and international

Religion issues: The foundation gives support to research projects in all disciplines; specifically, activities pay attention to social and cultural challenges, such as religion at the present time.

Example:

God is dead: The situation of the church and religion in an expanded Europe is the subject being investigated by a research team at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder.

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Mission: To preserve and promote Greek culture, both in Greece and internationally, and to support public welfare.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: To fulfil its aims, the foundation provides financial support to several activities, including:

- Excavation, preservation, promotion and/or publication of Greek and Byzantine antiquities
- Ancient, Byzantine and Modern Greek, language, historical, religious studies both in Greek and overseas universities
- Ancient Greek, Byzantine, classical, modern and contemporary art exhibitions and catalogues
- Museums in Greece and abroad, if promoting Greek culture
- Libraries for their enrichment
- Public welfare societies, associations and unions promoting Greek culture in its broadest sense
- Holy monasteries, metropolises and churches

Geographic Focus: Greece and international

Religion issues: The foundation provides financial support to several institutions that develop activities linked to religion.

Examples:

Support to the Institute for national and religious affairs

Support to the Orthodox theological academy of the church of Albania



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Mission: To strengthen, promote and enhance a free, open, pluralistic and modern society in Jerusalem.

Type of foundation: Community foundation

Programme areas: The foundation provides support to projects focusing on the following areas:

- Social services
- Youth and education
- Diversity and tolerance
- Arts and culture
- Parks and recreation
- History and heritage
- Jerusalem as a world capital

Geographic Focus: Jerusalem

Religion issues: Religion is one of the foundation's primary commitments, aiming to keep peaceful relations between all elements of society in Jerusalem.

Target population: Children and youth.

Examples:

In the Wake of Pilgrims to the Holy Land –December 2005

Researchers from around the world and Israel tell the story of pilgrims from the three monotheistic religions to the Holy Land, focusing on Jerusalem at its centre and its development, history, buildings, economy and society through thousands of years. Introducing novel aspects of pilgrimage, from recent academic studies accompanied by an exhibition of photographs of Jerusalem from the Imberger brothers' collection.

Helping the Helpers at Hadassah Hospital: People of all nationalities and religions from all over Israel and all the countries in the region turn to Hadassah for hope and help.

Summer camp for Jewish and Arab children. The Jewish-Arab Youth Orchestra was founded in 1986 to provide a non-threatening environment for both Jewish and Arab children to learn about the fundamentals of music, while also learning to work together. It is the only ensemble of its kind in Israel, and is a powerful symbol of the potential for building links between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem.

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Mission: To strengthen Israeli democracy and promote freedom, justice and equality for all Israel's citizens.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The fund operates the following programmes:

- Arab Citizens
- Bedouin Citizens
- Social and Economic Justice
- Civil and Human Rights
- Religious Pluralism and Tolerance
- Education
- Environment
- Ethiopians
- Russians
- Women's Rights

Geographic Focus: Israel

Religion issues: New Israel Fund supports grantees within programmes aimed at the connexion or reconnection of Jews of all types to their Judaism

Target population: Family.

Examples:

Association for the Protection of Mixed-Family Rights: To protect the rights of people not recognised as Jews by Halacha or the State and to promote their integration into Israeli society.

Forum for Freedom of Choice in Marriage: To strive for religious freedom in Israel and particularly the freedom of choice in marriage.

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Mission: To pursue social benefit purposes and promote economic development in its defined geographical and programmatic areas.

Type of foundation: Community foundation

Programme areas: The foundation supports social benefit purposes and the promotion of economic development in the following areas:

- Family and family values; youth education and development; education and training (including the acquisition of publications for schools); voluntary activities; philanthropy and charity; religion and spiritual development; assistance to the elderly and civil rights
- Criminal prevention and public safety; food safety and quality agriculture; local development and low-cost housing; consumer protection; civil protection; public health; preventive medicine and

rehabilitation; sports activities; prevention of and assistance to drug addicts; pathology and psychological and mental diseases

- Scientific and technological research; protection and preservation of the environment
- Arts activities and cultural heritage

Geographic Focus: Multiple communes in Italy

Religion issues: Religion and spiritual development is one of the foundation's areas of concern and grants are given to institutions as in the example below.

Target population: Italian researchers.

Example:

18,000 euros to the Institute of Religious Sciences Redemptoris Mater in Ascoli Piceno.

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Mission: To improve opportunities for children between the ages of zero and eight who live in circumstances of social and economic disadvantages, through funding and supporting early childhood projects across the world and sharing knowledge with the aim of influencing practice and policy.

Type of foundation: Independent trustee-controlled foundation

Programme areas: The foundation focuses its grantmaking in early childhood on three key areas:

- Strengthening the Care Environment.
- Successful Transitions (Promotes children's developmental preparation for the transition from their home environment to their first experiences of life outside including daycare, preschool and school and supports teachers and care workers in making the transitions successful).
- Social Inclusion and Respect for Diversity.

Geographic Focus: Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, India, Israel, Indonesia, Morocco, Thailand, Poland, Turkey, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, East Caribbean, United States

Religion issues: Funds several projects related to religion, mainly under its area Social Inclusion and Respect for Diversity.

Target population: Children.

Examples:

Early Childhood Education and Respect for Diversity: consolidates the strong recent advances in favour of integrated education and respect for diversity among young children from polarised communities in Israel, i.e. young Jewish and Arab children, who have little contact with each other. The three Jewish-Arab schools are a striking contrast, with equal numbers of children and staff from both communities.

Both Hebrew and Arabic are used as languages of instruction, and the school strives to integrate both cultures and religions.

The Bible as Common Space in Israel: encourages understanding and respect between Arab and Jewish children and adults, through learning about a common heritage. Since 2004, this project draws on the Old Testament as a 'common space' for Arab and Jewish children, and on Abraham/Ibrahim as a common figure, one of the topics that school children from different religions explore together through games and craftwork.

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Mission: To pursue a caring yet level-headed approach to grantmaking, combining social awareness, charitable deeds and sound accountability.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation is active in the following areas:

- Education
- Social welfare
- Health care
- Art and culture
- Religion and commemoration
- Science and learning

Geographic Focus: The Hague in the Netherlands and Israel

Religion issues: The foundation supports projects which promote Jewish identity, synagogues and monumental church buildings and historical awareness in general. The foundation also funds exchanges and projects supporting mutual understanding and cooperation. By virtue of the foundation's mandate, two-thirds or more of the foundation's funding budget are to go to Jewish organisations. No specific examples were found on the website.

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Mission: To promote the optimum development of socially and economically disadvantaged children up to the age of eight, with the objective of developing their innate potential to the greatest possible extent; to contribute to the development and strengthening of a Jewish, democratic national home in Israel committed to a free, equitable and just society for all of its citizens, and to contribute to the pursuit of regional peace for the benefit of social, cultural and individual lives in Israel; and to promote and further the continuity and the preservation of the identity of the Van Leer Entity.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme Areas: The foundation's programmes focus on its three objectives:

- Early childhood development

- The improvement of social and cultural conditions in Israel
- The promotion of the Van Leer Entity

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Religion issues: As mentioned above, the foundation aims at the development and strengthening of a Jewish, democratic national home in Israel committed to a free, equitable and just society for all of its citizens, and to contribute to the pursuit of regional peace for the benefit of social, cultural and individual lives in Israel. The improvement of social and cultural conditions in Israel is conducted through the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, which is a centre of intellectual excellence and advanced learning, and the Jerusalem Film Center, which promotes film archives, cinematheque, film education and film festivals. The foundation provides a substantial part of the funding for these organisations and is represented by the Governors and the Executive Director of the Van Leer Group Foundation on the boards of these organisations. No specific examples were found on the website.

Target population: Children.

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Mission: To enhance the role and involvement of civil society, promote civil liberties and the rule of law, and develop international cooperation and solidarity.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation's grantmaking programmes are divided into the following:

- Domestic: civil society, the third sector, legal education, anti-corruption and equal opportunities.
- International: international cooperation, citizens in action, Twin Cities Programme, Community Initiatives Partnership Programme, East East- Partnership Across Borders and Regional Alcohol and Drug Programme.

The foundation also administers company and donors' advised funds.

Geographic Focus: Poland and Central and Eastern Europe

Religion issues: "Program for Tolerance" is a three-year programme designed for years 2006-2008 which aims to foster attitudes of openness and tolerance as well as weed out racial, ethnic and religious prejudice enrooted in culture and language. The foundation wants to increase the number and scope of activities directly addressing acts of intolerance and xenophobia as well as improve the professionalism of organisations engaged in such activities.

Examples: The programme offers grants within two grant making schemes:

The Shared and the Different: micro-grants for organisations operating education and cultural projects (three grant competitions over 3 years).

Preventing Intolerance: long-term support of organisations that monitor and combat intolerance, xenophobia and anti-Semitism (a single two-stage competition for 3 years projects).

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Mission: To develop and promote the Évora region in the areas of culture, education, social welfare and aid, and spirituality.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme Areas: Aside from backing the projects of other entities, the foundation is the driving force behind an integrated series of initiatives of its own, either exclusively or in partnership, covering the following areas:

- Culture and education
- Social welfare and aid
- Spirituality

Geographic Focus: Alentejo region of Portugal

Religion issues: Spirituality is one of the foundation's programme areas. In this field, the foundation supports organisations based on the tenets of the Christian faith, whether they are of a religious nature or not. This sphere of action, developed in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Évora, specifically aims to sponsor the training of clergy, intensify liturgical life, dignify places of worship and contribute to the restoration, conservation and preservation of religious artistic heritage. The foundation also ensures the maintenance of the Cartuxa de Santa Maria Scala Coeli. No specific examples were found on the website.

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Mission: To extend access to education and culture to marginalised social groups, and to promote the development of pedagogical sciences, teaching methods and teaching specialisations.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation works in the following areas:

- Education
- Literary competitions
- Social programmes

Geographic Focus: Spain and South America

Religion issues: The foundation funds and organises teacher training programmes, conferences, seminars and fora which offer teachers opportunities for pedagogical reflection. Current activities include a course for teachers, church members and interested members of the public on the origins of Christianity; and a forum which focuses on the integration and equality of rights for immigrants.

Target population: Teachers.

Examples:

Medios de comunicación y religión en España. Una investigación sobre el Estado de la comunicación mediática Iglesia-sociedad. Fundación Santa María sponsored the "University Pontificia de Comillas" of Madrid and the "Instituto Diocesano de Teología y Pastoral (IDTP)" for their investigation into the relation between the media and religion in Spain.

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Mission: To support and promote scientific research, primarily in the humanities and social sciences.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation aims to support scientific research by awarding project grants to individuals and teams of researchers. The foundation administers the following funds and projects:

- Bank of Sweden Fund
- Humanities and Social Sciences Fund
- Awards
- International commitments

Geographic Focus: Sweden and international

Religion issues: The foundation supports, through grants, the development of several research projects concerning religion.

Examples:

The domesticisation of religion: popular religious feeling in the nordic sphere, 1600-1800. Department of Historical Studies Umeå University, Grant awarded up to and including 2005. Total awarded: SEK 2,160,000 .

Religion and Science during Scandinavia's Age of Greatness, circa 1600-1700. Lund University Library, Håkan Håkansson, Ph.D.

Religion and Politics in an International Perspective. Conference jointly organised by the Sector Committee and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. This was held at the Riksdag in spring 2005. At the conference, in addition to Swedish experts in the field, a number of leading researchers from the World Values Survey participated, as well as academics from Islamic environments, many of whom were contacts made during the visit to Egypt.

History of Religions. Saudi Arabia after 11 September 2001: Between reform and reaction. Ph.D. Philip Halldén Lund University SEK 1,000,000. (108,687 Euros)

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Mission: To allocate foundation resources for public benefit and for the social, economic and cultural needs of society; to serve the underprivileged and deprived sections of society; and to oversee foundations established under the aegis of Evkaf.

Type of foundation: Independent operating foundation

Programme areas: Evkaf Foundation allocates its resources and operates in the following areas:

- Education
- Historic and cultural preservation
- Economic and social development
- Faith-based activities/religion- addressing the needs of society where the foundation operates

Geographic Focus: International and in northern Cyprus

Religion issues: For over four centuries, the religious needs of society have been financed and administered by Evkaf Foundation. Six major investment projects have been completed in 2002 and five investment projects are under way. No specific examples were found on the website.

Target population: Turkish population.

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Mission: To work against the causes of poverty and injustice and to promote peace and democracy in the areas of religion, society and politics.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The trust provides grants in the following programme areas:

- Peace
- Racial justice
- Power and responsibility
- Quaker concerns

- Ireland and Northern Ireland
- South Africa (KwaZulu Natal only)

Geographic Focus: UK, Ireland and South Africa.

Religion issues: The project “Power and Responsibility” is aimed at encouraging an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them. The trust supports work that strengthens the democratic process; enhances accountability, openness, responsiveness, and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors. The trust also seeks to support the spiritual life of the Religious Society of Friends, and the development of Quaker responses to the problems of our time.

Example:

Power and Responsibility £60,000 grant awarded in November 2005 to the Islamic Human Rights Commission, for core costs for implementing a communication strategy.

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Mission: To support projects of an innovative nature and national significance that aim to realise a more just, equal, peaceful and democratic society.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation supports the following areas of work:

- Inclusive communities
- Young adults and the criminal justice system
- Global exchange

Geographic Focus: UK, particularly the West Midlands, Europe and international.

Religion issues: The foundation’s Global Exchange programme aims to help projects that have a specific focus on addressing the impact of conflict, but can take a wider perspective too; projects that operate exchange within specific communities such as Belfast and Jerusalem, or across borders/national boundaries; projects that can provide a south to north perspective; projects that work on civil society implementation of peace contracts agreed at national level by leaders; and projects that empower marginalised communities within conflict societies.

Examples:

Cities in Transition - Global Exchange Forum Report December 2006. The Global Exchange Forum 2006 was an opportunity to bring together leading thinkers and practitioners from four of the most diverse cities in the world (Birmingham, Los Angeles, Marseilles and Toronto) to discuss how diversity is playing out on the ground. Tim Winter (Cambridge University) focused on the return of religion as a category of identity, and being one of the biggest challenges facing cities in transition.

Islam, Race and Being British. First published in 2005 by the Guardian in association with the Barrow Cadbury Trust. This book, edited by Madeleine Bunting, expounds a reflection on identity and how to map the place of Islam in British democracy.

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Mission: To strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement.

Type of foundation: Independent foundation

Programme areas: The foundation's grant and loan-making activity is organised into the following programme areas:

- Asset building and community development
- Peace and social justice
- Knowledge, creativity and freedom.

Geographic Focus: US, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Russia.

Religion issues: The foundation's work on religion seeks to strengthen social values in the traditions that can contribute to building healthy, pluralistic societies. The foundation has given the following grants in this area during 2007.

Examples:

Arizona Board of Regents Acting for and on Behalf of Arizona State University. Purpose: \$600,000 grant for the study undertaken by the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict about the conflict between religion and secularism in India, France, Turkey and the United States.

Iliff School of Theology: To establish a website designed to contribute progressive perspectives on religion and public policy to the national debate on values.

Institute for Women's Policy Research: To build bridges between secular rights and policy-oriented feminists and religious women activists motivated by social justice.

New Press, Inc: To establish a working group on Progressive Values and Public Policy as a collegial, collaborative and productive space within which to foster connexions between religious and secular progressives.

University of Chicago: For the International Association on Black Religions and Spiritualities.