Promoting Unity in our Nation

Practical resources for churches

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This is a list of resources primarily designed to provide practical support and guidance. This list is by no means exhaustive nor are all views expressed endorsed by the Promoting Unity in our Nation Working Group.

Faith-related resources

The Difference Course
The five-week Difference course equips churches and other organisations to cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a just and flourishing world.
Difference - Make your faith count in a complex and divided world

Kingdom Over Nation
An ecumenical resource from Churches Together in England to support faithful discipleship in an age of political polarisation, competing loyalties and ideological formation. The Bible study series and video resources are designed to help Christians think biblically, pastorally and prophetically about identity, allegiance and public witness.
Kingdom over Nation – Churches Together in England

Responding to Christian Nationalism
A webinar for church leaders hosted by the Diocese of London, in which Revd Dr Helen Paynter unpacks theology and ideology behind the phenomenon of 'Christian Nationalism'.
Responding to Christian Nationalism: Webinar & Resources | Diocese of London

Resources for schools

The Difference Course for Primary Schools
An educational framework with course materials developed to help primary schools navigate an increasingly complex world, embrace difference and champion a culture of hope and empathy, inspired by Jesus. The sessions include film, song and children's literature.
Difference for Primary Schools - Difference

Church of England National Society for Education: Collective worship guidance
Resources for Collective Worship to support dioceses and schools, including resources for national events and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice topics.
Curriculum: collective worship — National Society for Education

Secular resources

Who is Your Neighbour? (Paid)
Facilitated conversations and training to support listening with curiosity and speaking openly in a safe, non-judgmental manner. In person support across South Yorkshire but with national and online training and consultancy.
Who is Your Neighbour? - Who Is Your Neighbour?

Belong – the Cohesion and Integration Network (free and paid resources)
A membership organisation offering academic research, consultancy, training, networking, thought leadership and events on social cohesion for members across sectors in the UK.
Belong | Toolkits Archive - Belong
Recent report with results from public surveys about division in the UK and calling for a statutory duty on every local authority to develop and maintain a social cohesion strategy.
Belong | Stronger Together: What we know and must do about cohesion - Belong

England United: Pride not prejudice
A toolkit from British Future about how to promote and showcase inclusive definitions of English identity, with case studies from St George's Day festivals and survey data alongside tips for communicating across divides.
England-United-Toolkit.pdf

Looking ahead

Together Liverpool with Racial Justice funding – Faith in the City: Countering Hate, Cultivating Hope
In April this year, Together Liverpool launched *Countering Hate, Cultivating Hope.* Funded by the Racial Justice Unit, this is a three-year pilot programme responding to the growing impact of divisive narratives, social fragmentation, and community vulnerability — particularly in areas experiencing deprivation, exclusion and low trust. The project seeks to strengthen the role of local churches as trusted community anchors — supporting them to challenge extremist narratives, build cohesion, and work alongside partners to address the underlying conditions that leave communities vulnerable to division.

Together Liverpool has partnered with Liverpool and Chelmsford Dioceses who are delivering the project in their contexts. Beyond direct delivery, the programme is designed to generate learning for the wider Church of England. It will produce a transferable framework combining community listening, faith-based leadership development, practical social action and civic partnership — offering a tested approach to countering hate while cultivating hope in places that need it most.

More information about the project here: https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/countering-hate-cultivating-hope/
Further updates can be found at: www.togetherliverpool.org.uk

The Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion

The Commission is ongoing but a UK-wide "conversation" in which all can submit views is happening during 2026 and interest can be registered on the website.

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Foundational evidence base and report with research and data on social cohesion in the UK: The-State-of-Us-report-Final-15.7.25.pdf

Theos – Christianity, Nationhood and the Rise of Christian Nationalism

A two year research project that started in Oct 2025.

Christianity, nationhood and the rise of Christian Nationalism - Theos Think Tank - Understanding faith. Enriching society.

There's a related video of a webinar at a little over an hour: Christianity and Far Right Extremism - Theos Think Tank - Understanding faith. Enriching society.

Podcasts on related topics:

Comment – Audio & Podcasts - Theos Think Tank - Understanding faith. Enriching society.