

## **Governments Endorse Face to Faith**

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We wanted to update you on the latest highlights from the Tony Blair Faith Foundation's schools programme, <u>Face to Faith</u>. The pioneering programme continues to join with governments around the world to equip students and teachers with crucial dialogue skills. We are also holding more special events which are providing meaningful resources and learning tools for the programme.

## Government of Kosovo signs agreement with TBFF

Recently, Founder and Patron, Tony Blair, travelled to Kosovo to sign an agreement between the Government of Kosovo and The Tony Blair Faith Foundation. The agreement implements Face to Faith in Kosovan schools and ensures its incorporation into the development of the national curriculum.

<u>Speaking at the signing</u>, Tony Blair said: "In this era of globalisation, societies are changing, Europe is changing. Don't be frightened of change. Instead, see it as an opportunity...The more you understand someone the more likely you are to live in harmony with them."



Italian government expands Face to Faith

Already active in parts of Italy including Rome, Catania, Treviso, Bari, Turin and Milan, the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) and the Tony Blair Faith Foundation <u>signed a second agreement to strengthen collaboration</u>, less than a year after the first one was signed, to bring Face to Faith to additional public schools throughout Italy.

We're delighted to say this signals the success of the initial phase of Face to Faith and the desire of more Italian schools to join the programme.



## Two schools in Ireland illustrate co-existence

Two schools in a previously divided area of Northern Ireland <u>came together for a special</u> <u>dialogue session</u> hosted by Face to Faith on co-existence. This workshop was the first in a series on conflict resolution, which will be filmed and made available as free educational resources to schools interested in fostering deeper levels of co-existence between their students. Reflecting on his experience in Northern Ireland, <u>Tony Blair wrote a piece to</u> <u>mark the special event</u>.

In the coming months, similar workshops between students in post- conflict areas are planned in the Middle East, Kosovo and Bosnia. These resources will help students develop negotiation and resolution skills that are vital for co-existence and peace building.

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Best wishes, The Face to Faith team

By learning about and from each other, Face to Faith students tackle misunderstanding head on, developing negotiation skills crucial in today's world. <u>Visit our website to learn</u> more.