



### Study Visit to Cardiff and Presentation at UNESCO, Paris

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Practical Pluralism: An Interfaith Symposium at University of South Wales (Treforest Campus)



Dialogue at Darul Isra Muslim Community Centre



Visit to Places of Worship in Cardiff

From the 3rd to 6th of October, the Toowoomba delegation travelled to Cardiff, Wales, to get an insight into the multicultural community of Cardiff. During the three days, we attended a symposium, took a tour around Cardiff to multiple places of worship and got to know what the people did in the community to contribute to their faiths and cultures. From a youth's perspective, the three days were an amazing experience and an eye opener to what we could also do for our community in Toowoomba.

From students in primary school to people from the government, Cardiff has shown us that every single step they take is closer to their goal. What we also found very inspiring was that young people were also taking action and being included in the change, and it was wonderful to see the remarkable transformations in their society. The inspiration has motivated all of us, and we as youths have already started to make plans to improve the multicultural and multi-faith society in Toowoomba. It is a great period time and memory that none of us will ever forget.



Following the memorable trip to Cardiff, the Toowoomba delegation then continued their learning and travels in the beautiful city of Paris. From the 6th to 11th of October, the Toowoomba delegation looked forward to attending the three-day UNESCO conference, and to also share our experiences and insight from our small but gorgeous city. For the youths, the conference was something that none of us had ever experienced before, and it was a great way for us to learn and to take back things that could improve our model city of peace and harmony, while

sharing our thoughts and promoting our successfulness all the way from Australia. Although there were a few mishaps, it was really successful overall and what we have gained from this trip has allowed for us from Toowoomba to improve ourselves in the future.

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