



Planting trees and growing partnerships

The Faith Plans is delighted to welcome the **Brahma Kumaris** as a key partner on the Faith Plans programme.

At the core of Brahma Kumaris' work is the understanding of the connection between our consciousness, thoughts and actions, and their impact on the world, according to Kathryn Hendry.

They have seen that long-lasting change in any social or environmental system starts with a profound shift in the minds and hearts of people. The current environmental crisis is therefore a clear call to transform our awareness and lifestyle.

Tree Growing Webinar Replay

Tree-planting is a fun and satisfying ecological activity for schools, communities and faith groups, with immediate results. But are there situations when tree-planting or tree-growing is the wrong thing to do?



And why do so many saplings die soon after planting? Learn from faith groups such as **EcoSikh** who have overcome these issues using their faith and local knowledge, and who are now custodians of lush, young forests teeming with wildlife.

We learned all this and more at the Tree Growing webinar last Wednesday, hosted by Chantal Egan, from Faith Plans co-organisers, **WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme**. If you missed it, you can watch the recording and download the resources.

[Watch the webinar and find resources here](#)

From the Faith Plans Team

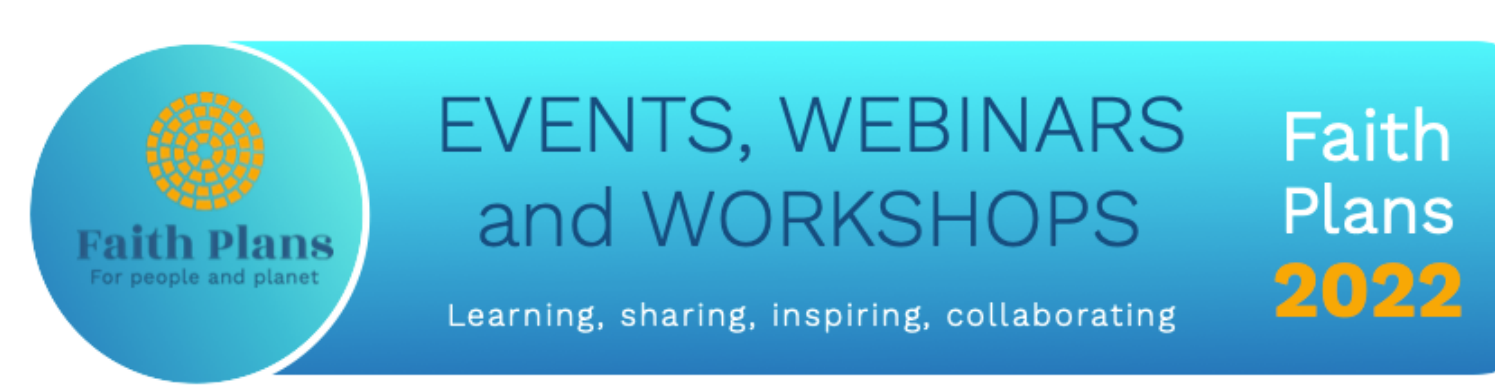
Faith Plans is a key programme of FaithInvest and is organised with WWF's Beliefs & Values Programme. The dedicated Faith Plans website includes [useful resources](#) and guidance. Throughout 2022, we'll be hosting a series of practical, discussion-based workshops. The first three took place from January to March and you can book your place on the next one, below.

New WWF Guidelines on Faith-Based Tree Planting

The Faith Plans programme, WWF, and UNEP's Faith for Earth Initiative are collaborating to support faith-based organisations in developing and implementing tree growing initiatives that support People, Nature and Climate.

As part of this collaboration, WWF have produced [draft guidelines on faith-based tree growing](#). You are invited to provide feedback on how these guidelines can be improved to meet your needs. The WWF Faith & Nature Hub website will be launched soon!

Please send your feedback by email **before April 25** to: info@faithnaturehub.org



Online workshop

Faith and Food: Transforming the Global Food System

Thursday 05 May

11.00 New York | 16.00 London | 17.00 Paris | 18.00 Nairobi | 20.30 Delhi

Join us for a session, with Faith Plans partner [EAT](#), on faith and food. Every faith celebrates food as a gift of the Divine and teaches that we must feed the hungry, and food plays a central role in the worship and celebrations of many faiths. But food also has a critical role in many of the huge challenges facing us, including climate change, environmental destruction, poverty and a rapidly growing global population. How can we produce food more sustainably while also improving both the amount and quality of food available to the poorest? What role can faiths play in transforming our global food systems?

Speakers to be confirmed.

The event will include time for a Q&A.

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This month's inspiring quote

'There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.'

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Inspiring Stories

Brahma Kumaris on taking Simple Steps

The Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative encourages us all to [take simple steps](#) and to feel that we are guardians of the Earth's resources. [Watch the video...](#)

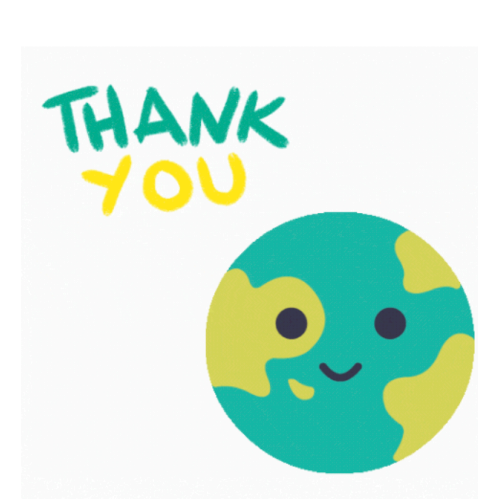


Guru Nanak Sacred Forests

EcoSikh participated in our recent Tree Growing webinar. Find out exactly why the Guru Nanak Sacred Forests are so successful. [Watch the video...](#)

State of the Planet Global Survey

Faith Plans partner **UNEP** invite you to promote and complete the State of the Planet Global Survey. It will inform the Stockholm+50 Global High-Level meeting from 2-3 June. [Take the survey...](#)



Get your copy of the new Faith Plans Guide

We recently launched a helpful, easy-to-read guide to developing your own Faith Plan. [Download the guide...](#)

Stop Ecocide call for contact

[Stop Ecocide International](#) (SEI) is the driving force behind a global movement to make ecocide – mass damage or destruction of the natural world – a crime at the International Criminal Court. Ecocide has been committed relentlessly and repeatedly over decades in pursuit of economic development, and is a root cause of the global and ecological crisis. And, for the most part, no-one is held responsible.

Stop Ecocide International are developing associate groups and networks particularly in Africa and Asian ICC member countries.

If you'd like to know what you can do to help please get in touch with their Head of Operations and Outreach, **Judy Foster**: judy@stopecocide.earth.

Hear from one of our Faith Plans partners

'The partnership with Faith Plans is such a gift because this initiative encourages Faiths to document and create a realistic environmental plan for our communities. Together we can have a major impact towards reaching the Global Sustainable Development Goals. We are so happy to be partners with Faith Plans and work together towards a better and sustainable world.'

~ Bhrama Kumaris

Share your Faith Plan

If you have already developed your Faith Plan, or have a draft Plan ready to go, please let us know. If you would like to [showcase your Plan](#) on our website, alongside those developed by other faiths around the world, email us at info@faithplans.org.

Get involved!

We are always delighted to welcome new participants to the Faith Plans programme, and would love to hear how you are getting involved. Why not post a comment, share a photo or create a video? You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and through the hashtags [#FaithsTakeAction](#) or [#FaithPlans](#).

Keep in touch by visiting [FaithPlans.org](https://faithplans.org) where you will find more information and resources about the Faith Plans programme.

Please send your news to info@faithplans.org so we can share it.

Look out for more inspiring stories and short videos in the next newsletter. We would love to feature YOUR story or one-minute video about why you're involved on our website and social media. For useful tips on making short videos, see this [guide](#).

[Sign up to Faith Plans today!](#)

Faith Plans for People and Planet is organised by FaithInvest and WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme. It works with faith groups globally to develop long-term plans to use their assets, investments and influence to drive positive action on the climate and environment. Join the Movement! For more information, visit [FaithPlans.org](https://faithplans.org)

