**Feedback from Spirit of Bolton 2012**

**Event held on 14th July @ Victoria Square**

Entertaining and different than what you usually see in Bolton. Great that the faiths are trying to gather people. Loved Tim’s voice (BL3). Made her stop and pause from shopping

**Alina (originally from Romania-in Bolton 7 years)**

Really enjoyed it!

**Billy, (one of a group of adults with Down’s – all dancing and clapping)**

Really like the new set up. I think its fantastic having so many more people involved

**Canon Revd. Matt Thompson, Vicar of Bolton**

A great event – as usual

**Hava, Bolton Council of Mosques**

Fantastic – as ever! Such a great thing to do!

**Father Michael Cooke, Catholic Dean of Bolton**

Day’s been really good. More diversity than ever before

**Farzana, Interfaith Young Ambassador**

Fab! Great to celebrate all the faiths in our Community

**Meganne, Interfaith Young Ambassador**

The set up this year is 100% better – more accessible – the more we can include all the communities like this year the more diverse the audience will be

**Vinu Patel, Hindu Forum Vice Chairman**

Been absolutely superb! Fantastic! Good event. Non-stop excitement. (Can we order even more sun for next year?)

**Harry, Caretaker for the Bolton Hub**

I honestly think it’s been a fantastic day. So much support and help, in so many ways. A day we can all be really proud of. Thank you to everybody.

**Rev’d Philip Brooks, Chair of Bolton Christian Community Cohesion)**

I like the new set up. Well done to all those who made it happen

**Jay Patel, former Project Manager Hindu Forum**

It’s better than Wigan’s but we could do with a Rugby Player rather than Lofty the Lion (BWFC mascot)

**Andrew Donaldson, Bolton Council -** tongue in cheek!

Insyt were a really good group. This event brings everyone together – it’s great

Makes you feel like getting up and singing and joining in

**Susan and Paula Arnott, (MUM and daughter) Farnworth**

This spectacular event brings all cultures from the community together from various diverse backgrounds – should be more like it

**Robert Stevenson, founder and co-ordinator of Insyt Media productions**

Entertaining and makes you stop and watch

**Yvonne, Little Hulton**

Good and entertaining for people

**Martin Budd (originally from Liberia, W Africa)**

Excellent atmosphere. Good to see all the diverse communities of Bolton coming together. Great Acts. Great stalls and activities. Shows off the Bolton family at its best.

**Phil Mason, Bolton Wanderers Chaplain**

In these times of austerity to have an event which brings everyone together is a pleasure. Great to enjoy other cultures.

**Afzana Patel, Daubhill**

This is real! The best way of promoting Interfaith. Amazing. We need to copy this in Salford

**Irfan Syed, Chair of Salford Interfaith Network**

Multi-cultural events - Should be more of it!

**Mike Barber (whose son is marrying a Muslim girl this week)**

Atmosphere is wonderful! To see each culture interacting is just fantastic.

**Councillor Morris, Leader of Bolton Council**

Absolutely brilliant!

**Eileen Wells, Astley Bridge**

You’ll not get anything like this anywhere else. A real credit to Bolton

**Graham Wells, Astley Bridge**

Fantastic event. Bringing so many cultures together. So good for the Town. Wonderful

(**Lady Mayor)**

Really enjoyed the Interfaith Young Ambassadors and the idea of the day. Hard to find words to express just how good it is

**Ahmed Ali**

Really nice. Love it!

**Drita, from Albania, there with two small children**

It’s been a great day. Given out hundreds of burglary prevention packs. Interview with Bolton FM a helpful way of flagging up burglary prevention.

**Rob Knight, Prevention Sergeant, Bolton Police and member of Exec committee for Bolton Interfaith Forum**

Open to everybody. Beautiful day to see every one of all backgrounds, heritages and religions having a great time together. Love the market stall set up.

**Karen Minnit, Chief Exec, Bolton Council for Voluntary Services**

Beautiful, great, inspiring. Spiritually fulfilling.

**Ned Solanki, Great Lever**

We’ve got two friends here performing. This event definitely shows the Spirit of Bolton

**Jade and Noorya, age 12**

Wonderful getting all the communities together. Positive window on their World. Especially the youngsters being involved. They are the future this generation. Elders should take a leaf from their book.

**Philip Khochitti, Bolton**

This is the 5th event and the 5th one I have been involved in. This really has been the best one yet in terms of diverse involvement , quality of entertainment, accessibility and ownership from so many different groups.

**Claire Ryan Octagon - Switch Project**

It was wonderful to spend Saturday with like- minded individuals & groups as well as celebrating & connecting with communities and uniting in the diversity in Bolton.

**Karen Opershaw**

The fantastic success is due to the relations between various members of the Bolton family.

**Bolton Solidarity Community Association**

Thank you for organising S.O.B. It was a great day. The day was a good example as how we can work together and strengthen our partnerships.

**Bolton Wanderers Phil Mason**

On behalf of Bolton Wanderers. I want to say “Thank You” to everyone to make sure Saturday was such a positive & successful day.

**Gentlemen from Doncaster visiting Bolton (used to live in Bolton)**

This is a wonderful community event and the organisers deserves praise for bringing all these different communities together.

**Members of Public**

* I just love the whole setting and people from so many different cultures entertaining everyone.
* Bolton is a good example of all cultures working together. Well done to organisers. Brilliant.
* I love the entertainment, activities and food tasting is wonderful. Excellent event.
* A real community event for everyone to enjoy.
* Community event for good fun and learn about one another which is very much needed.
* Hope this event carries on ever year as it is good to see everyone working together in Bolton.
* A fantastic event for all to take part and be proud of Bolton.
* Celebrating like this helps to break down the barriers between various community groups.
* The faith trail tables worked well and gave a good understanding of the main faiths in Bolton.