

Mitzvah Day Values and Commitment to our Ethos

Mitzvah Day is committed to building relationships across communities and faith groups. We seek to build bridges and strengthen our local communities. We believe that we are stronger together and there is more that unites us than divides.

Mitzvah Day is founded upon and guided by Jewish values these are:

- **Tzedek**- justice. We believe that there is injustice and inequality in the world and that we have a responsibility (per our Jewish texts) to address these injustices.
- **Gemilut Chasidim**- acts of kindness. Everyone of every age and background can do acts of kindness. Acts of kindness should provide no benefit to the volunteer (other than that feel good factor!)
- **Tikkun Olam**- repairing the world. This is any activity that improves the world and makes it a better place. There are many issues in our world which need attention such as poverty, hunger, climate issues, divisions between people and communities, isolation and ill health. It can be overwhelming, however, we can all do acts of kindness to alleviate these and in doing so we can all help to improve the world around us and support local community needs.

Mitzvah Day projects involve giving our time and not money to make a difference to the world around us. Volunteers should not derive any financial gain or profit from taking part in Mitzvah Day projects.

Mitzvah day is intentionally placed on the third Sunday of November to coincide with the last day of interfaith week. Bringing people of different faiths and background together, through social action and shared values is the foundation of Mitzvah Day.

Kindness, respect, equality are our guiding principles and we hope you will join us in coming together to improve our neighbourhoods and the world around us.

If Mitzvah Day should find that your project, group or organisation is involved in or provides platforms for hate speech or seeks to cause division, sow negativity or evangelise we reserve our right to remove our support and involvement with your project and organisation.

In the incidence of this occurring or Mitzvah Day becoming aware of any activities or affiliations which we deem problematic, we will inform you and you will need to remove the Mitzvah Day logo from your materials and any publicity from the point you are notified. In certain cases, Mitzvah Day will be willing to discuss the particulars of the situation but also reserves the right to publically share that we no longer wish to be affiliated with your organisation or group.

Many seek to divide; we seek to connect and create a better world for us all.