

Public Statement on the Synagogue Attack in Germany

The Leicester council of faiths condemns the cowardly act of terror committed by a far-right terrorist in Germany outside the Synagogue in Halle and calls for greater action to deal with the far-right radicalisation and terrorism.

There is no place in our society for bigotry and hatred that perpetuates this senseless act of violence against vulnerable communities. As details emerge of the intentions of the perpetrator to attack Jewish worshippers congregated at their most holy day of Yom Kippur, we re-iterate our position that there is no place for Anti-Semitism and all forms of racism whatever the reason.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the victims and their families and to the Jewish community of Germany who no doubt will be shaken by this attack.

We call upon all sections of society to work together to build mutual understanding and promote common humanity to prevent attacks like these. We call upon all people in power and influence in Leicester, the UK and abroad to work to eradicate the threat of the far-right and help promote a peaceful and cohesive society for all."