

In October 2011, Goldsmith's Faiths and Civil Society Unit, a research-into-practice unit within PACE, led an international seminar at the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki, Finland.

Faiths & Civil Society Unit director, Dr Adam Dinham led a delegation with the unit's Martha Shaw and Dr Doreen Finneron, unit Fellow and former Executive Director of the Faith Based Regeneration Network UK, to present joint research on 'measuring faith based social action' to a group of academics and practitioners from Finland and Northern Europe.

The research, *More Than Measurement: Assessing Quality Through Reflection in Faith Based Social Action*, was carried out in partnership between Goldsmiths and the Faith Based Regeneration Network as part of an ESRC funded Knowledge Transfer Partnership between 2009-2011.

The partnership trialled the application of a mainstream voluntary sector quality assessment tool (called VISIBLE) in faith based settings in order to explore the extent of its applicability and transferability. The research found that faith-based settings value measurement most when it is used, not only to demonstrate value to others, but also as a basis for constructive reflection on their own policies and practices.

The seminar enabled the dissemination of research findings across a European network and explored the implications for faith based social action in European settings. It is hoped that further trialling will take place in Finland in the coming months.

The research report and related articles are available from the Faiths & Civil Society web pages: [www.gold.ac.uk/faithsunit](http://www.gold.ac.uk/faithsunit)