

# The Edinburgh Finance Declaration

**Finance inspired by and built upon shared values between faith traditions**

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An Interfaith Shared Values Framework on Ethical Finance

The **World's first joint venture** between Islamic finance and the Church to create an **ethical finance solution open to everyone** in society, regardless of race or religion, that is **built upon the shared values** between the faith traditions.



# The Journey – bringing bankers and religious leaders together

## *Moving beyond interfaith dialogue to collective faith action*

The UKIFC first held a roundtable with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and other faith leaders to explore shared values towards ethical finance in 2013.

By March 2016 the UKIFC and the Church of Scotland announced a pioneering collaboration to produce an interfaith shared values framework that could underpin a financial solution open to all.

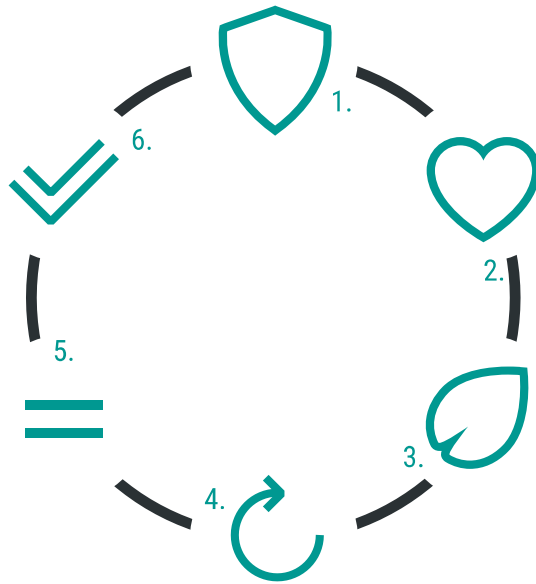
The UKIFC led a robust 3-year engagement process to identify and crystallise the shared values with a cross range of senior stakeholders.

- ❖ 150+ senior stakeholders participated in 5 structured in depth roundtable sessions
- ❖ A further 50+ senior stakeholders directly individually engaged for feedback
- ❖ 107 more faith based organisations reached through the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)

The resulting Shared Values Framework (SVF), reached up to 3.5 million more people through media by the time of its launch as The Edinburgh Finance Initiative in October 2018.



# The Shared Values Framework (SVF) – *‘The Edinburgh Finance Declaration’*



1. Stewardship
2. Love of the Neighbour
3. Human Flourishing
4. Sustainability & Purposefulness
5. Justice & Equity
6. Common Good

Although driven by the Muslim and Christian faiths the Declaration is intended to be a ‘living document’ which will be updated periodically and seek to further incorporate views from across the Abrahamic and other faith traditions.

**OPEN INVITATION:** *To come together on what we have in common rather than that which differentiates us.*



### **Capitalise the R&D process.**

Select funders will be taken on board to develop and beta test a FinTech based ethical finance customer solution



### **Provide feedback for Aug 2019 update**

Welcome feedback from the Catholic community on the Declaration



### **Endorse the Edinburgh Finance Declaration**

Join the global group of stakeholders formerly recognized for their engagement with the initiative & participate at the roundtables