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Dear Dr Rosowsky,

Thank you for attending our committee meeting recently to tell us about your planned research 'Heavenly Acts: aspects of performance through an interdisciplinary lens'.

The vision of Shirley House Interfaith Centre is to be a place for dialogue, friendship and mutual understanding, in recognition of our common humanity and in celebration of the wonderfully diverse faith communities of Sheffield. By meeting in a spirit of mutual respect, we hope to learn about one another's faiths and beliefs and thereby to deepen our understanding of our own.

As representatives of a variety of faith and belief traditions, we all understood different aspects of your interest in reading as performance in acts of worship, the teaching of reading foreign-language scriptures and how host-country and mother-country cultures interact. Some of our recent interfaith open meetings have included an introduction to Islamic prayer with its integral physical movements and Arabic phrases, attendance at a performance with explanations of Indian classical dancing, and an evening of sharing music from different faith traditions. We are also thinking of holding a 'Faiths Singing Together' evening. As part of our continuing journey learning and having fun together, we would be delighted to take part in your research in some way, and therefore strongly support your application for funding.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Cripps (Chair)