



Have you heard about the 5 Great Realms of Heart?

Eight young people and three adults attended the Blessed Family Department's Kick-off event Home Blessing Information Day in Robin & Keiko Shaw's North London home at the end of January. Keiko Shaw, William Haines and myself Susan Crosthwaite have been visiting members homes in London, Manchester, and Glasgow during February 2018.



Home Blessing Information Day Participants in North London

Cara Hays wrote me her thoughts about being at the Blessing Information Day. "I found the experience of the one day matching workshop incredibly useful. I think what was most valuable about it is how accessible it made everything seem – finding out about matching advisors/supporters and the support network in the UK, as well as finding out very practical information and deep internal guidance. It allowed for an easy access to much needed information and direction and also gave that feeling of comfort and support that I believe 2nd generation, as well as 1st generation, need when entering into the parents' matching."



Murua Mulumba

and Cara Hays

We visited Manchester and Scotland in February 2018. This year, the theme for the Blessing Information Day is “The Journey Towards the 5 Great Realms of Heart”. We have interesting talks and videos about this journey, with testimonies and stories from parents and their adult children together. They share about how it was for them through the joys and challenges of growing up. They also discuss about coming to understand about the Blessing, and then going through the process of finding their spouse and so on. In South London we viewed a video recording we made of Tim and Samuel Read discussing their journey and what they went through and learned together.



Chris and Nick Jones in Manchester sharing about their journey



Tim and Samuel Read recorded on video in London



Gustavo and Lynnda in Aberdeen interviewed via Skype by Shin Yi Breslin in Edinburgh.

I found these three my personal highlights; lots of tears, laughter and ‘aha’ moments which I will never forget. So when you hear from your community leader that we’re coming to your region, please pull out all the stops to come. Come parents and 16+ children together! And for those BC’s who are older (and maybe feeling ‘old’!) don’t give up! We will be bringing a remarkable publication called 24+ Matching Support Workshop Booklet, as well as a recently updated Family Matching Handbook, about which Keiko Brouard will be speaking, and selling. Hope to see you there!

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