

West Yorkshire Update

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Local RE Award initiated by Leeds, Kirklees and Calderdale SACREs.

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RE Award Success in Local Schools

West Yorkshire SACREs have developed an award which recognises and celebrates high quality RE. The award process is intended to enable schools to evaluate and develop their RE. The award builds sound foundations for schools who may then go on to achieve the nationally recognised RE Quality Mark.

The Local RE Award was launched in Calderdale and Leeds last year, and this has now been extended to include Kirklees. As part of the SACRE contracts with these local authorities, 10 schools from each area could take part in a free visit to evaluate the RE that is taking place in their settings.

The aim of the visit and award is to:

- Support self-evaluation in RE and community cohesion
- Recognise and celebrate good practice
- Identify future priorities for improvement;

The visit focuses on provision, support and leadership rather than data or lesson observations; most of the time is spent talking to the RE lead, senior leaders and pupils.

Congratulations to Woodhouse Primary School (Calderdale) and Honley Junior, Infant and Nursery School (Kirklees) who have recently achieved their awards.



Becky Morton, RE subject leader at Honley Junior, Infant and Nursery School, receiving the Kirklees RE Award from Carol Waters, chair of Kirklees SACRE.

For further information about the SACRE Local RE Award contact enquiries@penninelearning.com



Calderdale RE Subject leaders, Sophie Edgar (Woodhouse Primary) and James Studdard (All Saints CE School, Halifax) receiving their awards at the RE Syllabus launch event in Halifax from the Mayor of Calderdale.

Help! I'm the RE Co-ordinator...

Taking on the responsibility of leading RE is a daunting task—but help is at hand in the form of this popular and well-resourced course.

The training for new co-ordinators aims to help with practical aspects of subject leadership, including action planning, monitoring and assessment. Support and advice will be offered for new co-ordinators who may face challenges such as unsupportive leaders or lack of resources.

For further details see page 4, or visit penninelearning.com

Brilliant resources that developed my understanding; Very comprehensive guide for RE lead

Explore Diversity without Division on a 3-Faiths Visit



Sinai Synagogue, Leeds Minster and Equilibria Experience have teamed up to offer teachers a unique training experience: '[Sharing Diversity without Division](#)'. The training day offers teachers the opportunity to visit three places of worship in a single day, learning from members of the faith community and experiencing the atmosphere.

The day aims to enhance teachers' understanding as they learn about:

- Why faith matters to Muslims, Jews and Christians
- What connects Islam, Judaism and Christianity
- How the holy books, The Quran, Torah and Bible, affect daily
- The importance of prayer

Leeds Minster
Serving the City



Tuesday 22nd October 2019; Cost £50, lunch included

Further details visit [Pennine Learning \(Events\)](#) or email : educationofficer@leedsminster.org

West Yorkshire RE project opportunity at Huddersfield Uni

This project offers an important opportunity for Primary Teachers with a focus on RE starting in September 2019. The project is being run by Dr Emma Salter at the University of Huddersfield, School of Education, and is funded by Culham St Gabriel Trust. Teachers wanting to know more about the project, with a view to participating in it, should contact Emma at e.salter@hud.ac.uk as soon as possible. Funding for supply cover is available.

The project is to recruit a team of 10 Primary RE teachers who will be given research training and on-going support to conduct research on RE in their own school. The project provides opportunities to be part of a community of teacher-researchers in RE, meet and learn from other researchers in education, and funding to attend one of NATRE's professional RE conferences.

Importantly, the project enables teachers to contribute to national conversations about RE policy and practice.

The project has been designed not to be burdensome for teachers, although a level of commitment will be needed. To participate, teachers will be expected to attend the following meetings at the University of Huddersfield; 2 days in late September, 3 half days in October, half a day each month November to April, two days in June.

Please note, this opportunity is for Primary Teachers only.



WYRE Project participants, 2018

Free Fairtrade Footballs when you book a Fairtrade workshop

Thanks to their partnership with Suma Wholefoods, Fairandfunky are able to offer a subsidised workshop to schools. Book today and your school will pay just £75 for a Fairtrade workshop AND receive 4 Fairtrade Footballs (total cost is usually £200).

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please email helen@fairandfunky.com for more information and to book now for the Autumn term.

<https://www.fairandfunky.com/>



'Trojan Horse' Play - Tour dates in Halifax and Huddersfield

Trojan Horse was a local story that hit the national press, accusing 'hardline' Muslim teachers and governors of plotting extremism in Birmingham schools. Adapted from the real-life testimonies of those at the heart of the UK Government's inquiry, critically acclaimed theatre-company LUNG investigate what really happened.

Amnesty International Freedom of Expression and Fringe First Award-winning **Trojan Horse** is the story of a community torn apart by racial division, 'British values' and the culture of Prevent.

'Trojan Horse' is touring the UK during October and November, and will be on at the [Square Chapel in Halifax on Thursday 17th October](#) and at the [LBT in Huddersfield on Tuesday 22nd October](#).

There will be Q&A sessions after each performance.



'Why should I continue to be tolerant? When the world has been so intolerant of me.'

'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project for Sixth Form Students



Since 1999, over 39,500 students and teachers have taken part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's ground-breaking 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project. Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', this four-part course - which includes two seminars and a one-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau - explores the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.

Thanks to generous Government support, places cost of just £59 per participant - inclusive of all course materials as well as the cost of flights to and from Poland. For further information visit

<https://www.het.org.uk/lessons-from-auschwitz-programme/apply-for-upcoming-courses>

Free Humanism Training and Resources

Humanists UK offer a wide range of free resources to support the teaching of humanism.

Free downloadable resources, include lesson plans, classroom activities, videos, and humanist perspectives on a wide range of topics.

You can also book a visit from a free, trained school speaker who can answer students' questions on humanism. Speakers from our local area can be booked through the [Humanists UK website](http://www.humanists.org.uk), or you can contact one of the local representatives Rob Billson rbbillson@gmail.com

Free online courses with Sandi Toksvig and Alice Roberts are a good way to develop subject knowledge and may be of interest to older students looking to deepen their own understanding of humanism.

<https://humanism.org.uk/>



Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre

The [Holocaust Learning Centre](http://www.holocaustlearningcentre.org.uk) offers 90 minute Active Learning Sessions, targeted at upper Key Stage 2 through to A-level students.

Sessions are cross-curricular and flexible, and can be easily adapted to fulfil Religious Studies, Citizenship and PSHE.

Active Learning Sessions are formatted as follows:

- Introduction and subject-specific activity in the learning room
- Time in the exhibition with a focussed task to complete using the testimony, artefacts and information within the displays
- A plenary and time to reflect on learning, discuss ideas, ask questions and share their work.

Most of the workshops can be adapted to fit a broad age group. For more information and to discuss the needs of your class, please email helc@hud.ac.uk



"If we do not teach the lessons of the Holocaust correctly, then my family died for nothing."

Trude Silman, child refugee of the Holocaust

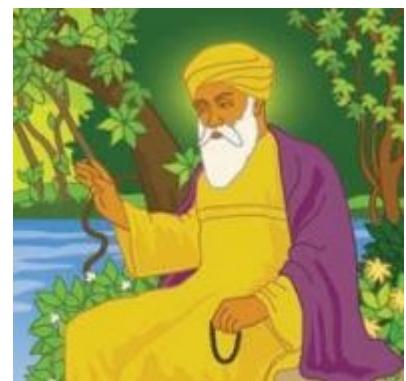
Sikhism Resources for Teachers

If you are looking to explore the Sikh religion with your pupils then the Sikhi Resources website is packed full of lesson ideas, quizzes and videos for pupils from Early Years up to Sixth Form.

These materials are designed for Sikh young people to learn about their faith and are presented in this way. However, the site is a good source of stories to share when teaching about Sikhi. It also gives an insight into what is important for Sikhs as they practise their faith.

The section on 11 Gurus has a collection of stories which provide subject knowledge to help retell the story of each Guru.

<http://sikhiresources.com/>



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For Calderdale courses book via debby.simpson@calderdale.gov.uk or enquiries@penninelearning.com
For Kirklees courses book via www.kirkleesbusinessolutions.uk
For Leeds courses book via www.leedsforlearning.co.uk

Book Now!

Religious Education Networks

Networks provide an unrivalled and economical way of keeping up to date with the new RE syllabus and practice. Termly meetings will provide support and resources for the new RE syllabus, planning to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum, and subject knowledge development in world faiths. Networks take place in Halifax, Huddersfield and Leeds.

Primary RE Networks 2019/20

Calderdale: 8th Oct, 11th Feb, 9th June 3.30 - 5:45pm, Savile Park at Heath, Halifax
Kirklees : 15th Oct, 13th Feb, 11th June 3.30 - 5.45 pm, Textile Centre, Huddersfield.
Leeds: 19th Nov, 17th March, 23rd June 1.00 - 4.00 pm Hillside Centre, Beeston

Kirklees Secondary RE Network 2019/20

Kirklees : 1st October, 3rd Feb, 8th June 4.00pm - 5.45pm

Religious Education and Collective Worship courses

RE Co-ordinators' Induction Training

This year's popular and well-resourced training day for new RE co-ordinators, including a full toolkit for primary and early years teachers.

Calderdale: 11 Oct 9.00am - 3.30 pm, Savile Park at Heath, Halifax
Kirklees : 25th Oct, 9.00 - 3.30 pm, Textile Centre, Huddersfield.
Leeds: 18th Oct 9.00am - 3.30pm Hillside Centre, Beeston

RE Co-ordinators Plus: Excellence in Leadership

Two half - day courses for more experienced co-ordinators. Come to one or both on the same day.

Part 1: Curriculum and Creativity (9.15 - 12.00) Part 2: Action planning and Assessment (12.45—3.30)
Calderdale: 10th March 2020, Savile Park at Heath, Halifax
Kirklees : 27th March, Textile Centre, Huddersfield.

Inclusive assemblies - planning and delivering Collective Worship

Calderdale : 19th November 1.00pm - 4.00 pm Savile Park at Heath, Halifax

For details of all courses and training visit [Pennine Learning](http://www.penninelearning.com).

OTHER TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Sharing Diversity without Division—Judaism, Islam and Christianity

Special Training event for teachers, including a visit to a synagogue, Mosque and Church. October 22nd 2019. (See further information on page 2). Numbers are limited, book by 5th October 2019 Cost £50, lunch included . To book, email : educationofficer@leedsminster.org

Understanding Christianity

Two-day course run through the Church of England based on a comprehensive resource pack for teaching Christianity from RE Today for EYFS-KS3: 1 Oct and 5 March (NCM Wakefield) or 10 Jan and 6 March (Leeds). For details of courses, provided through the Anglican Diocese of Leeds [click here](#).

RE Resources Hub and New Syllabus: RE units now available

Information about the New RE Syllabus, 'Believing and Belonging', subscriptions to the RE Hub and all the detailed units of work can be found on the [Pennine Learning website](http://www.penninelearning.com). Kirklees schools subscribing to the RE Networks will receive a free subscription to the RE Resources Hub as part of their Network package.

For faith communities: 'Welcoming Schools' Training

Lepton Methodist Church, The Square, Highgate Lane, Huddersfield, HD8 0HB Wednesday 25 Sep 9am -12 Free support and [training](#) for faith communities hosting school visits or visiting schools.

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