

West Yorkshire Update

RE, SMSC & Equality

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Visit my Mosque:

Open days
promise fun and
friendship for all
ages

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Local Mosques Open to Visitors

National 'Visit my Mosque' Day on Sunday 3rd March offers an opportunity for members of the Muslim community to welcome friends and neighbours to their place of worship. The aim is to provide a friendly welcome and to allow communities to see inside the mosque and ask questions about beliefs and practices.

Local mosques offering a fun-packed event for all ages include:

- Darul Ilm Education Centre, 22 Brewery Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 9DZ ;3pm onwards.
- Lincoln Green Mosque, Leeds hosted by Equilibria Experience (see flyer, right).
- Hopwood Lane Masjid, 97 Hopwood Lane, Halifax, HX1 4ET; 1pm—2pm

Many other mosques are opening their doors on Sunday, and others welcome visitors at various times during the year. See www.visitmymosque.org for details. This is a good opportunity for teachers to make contact with their local mosque. Perhaps this will lead to plans for a school visit - or maybe a chance to develop a deeper understanding of one of the faiths included in the local RE syllabus.

'Schools Welcome!' Accreditation: Dawatal Islam Mosque, Soothill, Batley has recently achieved recognition for its work in hosting school visits. To book visits contact info@dawatalislam.co.uk



Co-ordinators PLUS : Last chance to book!

This half-day course includes:

- Practical and creative ideas for evaluating and improving teaching and learning
- Developing excellence in RE through whole-school initiatives such as the RE Quality Mark
- Guidance on monitoring and assessment

Friday 22nd March 9am - 12.30, Hudawi Centre
Cost £90

www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk

Believing and Belonging Photographic Competition



We are holding a competition for the front cover design for the revised RE syllabus. The criteria for this competition are:

- Entries must be **photographic**
- The themes of Believing and Belonging must be evident.
- Permission for pictures of children **must** be sought from parents. A letter of assurance from the school should be included
- Entries need to be sent to enquiries@penninelearning.com by **11th March 2019** Include the pupil's name, age and school address.

New RE Syllabus for West Yorkshire Schools

The new locally agreed RE syllabus, *Believing and Belonging*, will be published in April. The syllabus, which has been revised for Kirklees, Calderdale and Leeds, will be freely available to all schools.

The new syllabus will be launched in May, and the launch events will be followed immediately by training and briefing sessions for teachers. It is hoped that all schools will send at least one delegate to the training events in order to familiarise teachers with the revisions.

Launch and Training Events

Huddersfield: Mon 20 May Textile Centre of Excellence 1300-1600

Book through www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk

Leeds: Wed 22 May Pudsey Civic Hall 1300-1600

Book through www.leedsforlearning.co.uk

Code 011-0519-T009

Halifax: Tue 11 June The Shay Stadium 1300-1600

Book by emailing debby.simpson@calderdale.gov.uk

One free place is available to each school but this must be booked.

Additional places may be available at £80 each.

Teaching Christianity: Additional Training

Course includes:

- briefing and training on the new units of work
- how to fulfil the requirements of the agreed syllabus and the expectations of SIAMS.

Leeds : Fri 7 June 1300-1600 Book through www.leedsforlearning.co.uk £80

Halifax: Thurs 20 June 1300-1600 Book by emailing debby.simpson@calderdale.gov.uk £80

Barnardo's Free Anti-Bullying training programme

As part of the Government's LGBT Action Plan, Barnardo's has been funded to offer schools in the Yorkshire area a tailor-made training and support programme in 2019/2020.



This free programme of training aims to give schools confidence to tackle issues around homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. The programme offers up to three days' in-school support during a half term including staff and pastoral training, safeguarding, policy reviews and the development of 'pupil voice' initiatives such as ambassador schemes.

The programme starts in Spring 2019 and spaces are limited by termly capacity. To find out more please contact 0113 3933259 tackleHBTbullying@barnardos.org.uk

Spirited Arts and Spirited Poetry Competitions

The 2019 Spirited Arts Competition is now open. The 2018 Gallery (winners and some entries from last school year) are up on the NATRE website. The gallery is a great way to inspire pupils and makes for an excellent RE development discussion with staff.

The Spirited Poetry competition coincides with World Poetry Day on 21 March 2019. Schools are invited to send in up to ten poems in one of the categories or in a variety of them.

The 5 themes for this year's Spirited Arts and Spirited Poetry are:

Pilgrimages and journeys
 Questions, questions
 Where is God?
 Window on the soul
 Mystery of life



Entrance for both competitions is open to children and young people aged 5–19, and the closing date for the competition is **31 July 2019**.

Visit www.natre.org.uk (Spirited Arts) for further details.

Anne Frank Exhibition: 'Building a Stronger Britain Together'

The Anne Frank Trust is looking to run a programme in seven Secondary Schools in Kirklees and Calderdale between May- November 2019 culminating in a community exhibition where primary schools will be invited to tour the exhibition and take part in workshop activities.

The trust is an education charity that uses Anne Frank's diary to empower young people with the skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination. Their education programmes use Anne Frank's powerful story and diary as a starting point.

Exhibitions and workshops support schools in their delivery of history, religious education and citizenship, as well as providing vital leadership skills for young people.

The new secondary school programme - 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' - includes training a group of KS3 students to become peer guides with the exhibition 'Anne Frank: A History for Today' along with two days of bespoke workshops designed to counter extremism in all forms. The workshops show the link between intolerance and genocide and will include some focus on digital resilience and online dangers.

For further information please contact Grace Nelson, Yorkshire and Humber Project Manager
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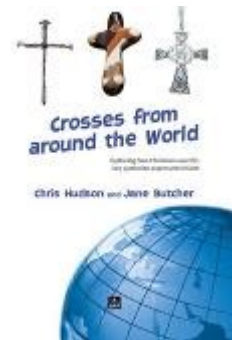


New resources reflect worldwide Christianity

'Christianity around the World' is a growing series of resources from Barnabas in Schools for primary and lower secondary schools, exploring how Christianity is lived out in different countries around the globe.

'Churches around the World' and 'Crosses from around the World' are the latest downloadable resources to be added, featuring images and creative lesson material. Cost £4.99 per pack. 'Christianity around the World' is also available as a complete Barnabas RE Day of active learning for primary schools.

<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/topics/books-and-resources>



West Yorkshire RE action research project

Primary teachers from Kirklees and Calderdale have been undertaking classroom-based action research with the support of the University of Huddersfield. Dr Emma Salter, Senior Lecturer in the School of Education & Professional Development, invited a group of teachers to explore and improve their teaching of RE. The project (WYRE) resulted in a research community focusing on primary RE, with teachers conducting research into their own practice. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from academics such as Professor Paul Miller from Huddersfield University and Professor Julian Stern from York St John University.

Projects included an evaluation of Godly Play, an exploration of the role of SMSC, Faith visitors in the primary school and promoting dialogue in RE. Georgina, Lynne, Amanda and Helen presented their work to Calderdale and Kirklees RE networks.

If you are interested in participating in the next WYRE project please contact E.Salter@hud.ac.uk



Exploring our World: Free RE Resources Online

Warwick university would like to draw your attention to the free availability of two sets of curriculum resources for use in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

The free access website and the two series of books 'Exploring Why' and 'Exploring Our World' were developed by staff at the University of Warwick in collaboration with the St Mary's Centre, Wales. Each story in both series has five different formats of resources associated with it: a short story; an extended story; a pictures-only book; a key questions book; and activity sheets and ideas for further learning.

<http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources.html>



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SMSC and Equality Network

Wed 5th Mar 2019 (Halifax); Wed 12th June 2019 (Huddersfield)

Cross-phase network including support and guidance for coordinators and senior leaders. Enquiries ian@penninelearning.com

Welcoming Schools: Training for faith leaders and visitors

Find out about the RE syllabus in West Yorkshire. Discuss how to make visits effective and explore some interactive and creative learning activities to use with pupils.

Wednesday 27th March at Al Hidayyah Mosque, Caledonian Rd, Dewsbury 9.00 am – 12.15 pm. (NB change of date)

For information and booking contact helen@penninelearning.com

RE Co-ordinators' courses

Co-ordinators PLUS: Leadership and excellence in RE.

Inspiration and resources for more experienced co-ordinators,

[Kirklees](#) Fri 22nd Mar 2019 (Half Day) Hudawi Centre, Huddersfield

Enquiries ian@penninelearning.com

Inclusive assemblies to promote SMSC

Practical guidance and ideas on how to plan engaging and relevant assemblies that include reflection and spiritual development for pupils of all faiths and none. [Course Details](#): 15th March, 1 - 4pm

Hillside Centre, Beeston Road, Leeds. To book contact: maureen.mooney@leeds.gov.uk

Primary RE Networks 2019

Calderdale: Tuesday 21st May 3.30 - 5:45pm, Savile Park at Heath, Halifax

Kirklees : Wednesday 19th June 3.30 - 5.45 pm, Textile Centre, Huddersfield.

Leeds: RE Conference, Tuesday 18th June. Details tbc

Kirklees Secondary RE Network 2019

Kirklees : Monday 10th June 4.00pm - 6.00 pm.

RE Syllabus Review Training events

See page 2 for full details.

For details of all courses and training visit [Pennine Learning](#).

OTHER TRAINING AND RESOURCES

RE Resources Hub: New and revised Units of Work

Existing units of work have been revised to reflect changes to assessment and available materials. There are new units on world faiths including a full suite of units to cover Christianity in depth.

Schools with a subscription to the Hub can renew this for a **one-off payment of £100**, which will cover the whole period of the syllabus until 2024. Other schools can subscribe for a one-off payment of £200.

Subscriptions will be available from May 2019. enquiries@penninelearning.com

Webinar: Teaching about Non-Religious Worldviews

A practical online session exploring the breadth of non-religious worldviews and providing lesson ideas to use in your Primary school.

Date: Monday 18 March 2019, 4pm–5pm Trainer: Fiona Moss

Cost: £30 (Discounts available to NATRE members). Visit www.natre.org.uk (Courses and Events)

#REchatUK

This takes place on the first Monday of each month from 8 pm until 9 pm on Twitter. All you need to join in is a Twitter account.

Mon 4 March Teaching about Judaism ; Mon 1 April Teaching about non-religious world views and less commonly taught religions.

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