

West Yorkshire Update

RE, SMSC & Equality



AUTUMN TERM 1

SEPTEMBER 2021

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

IMPRESS YOUR COLLEAGUES WITH YOUR CONFIDENCE, SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE AND TEACHING STRATEGIES IN RE

As things begin to return to normal, several courses will be running this term. These are designed to support teachers in school either with their role as coordinator or in developing subject knowledge. Courses are a great way to network, learn from each other, share resources and support RE Coordinators. All our courses and networks are delivered by highly trained professionals and include hands on learning and resources to take away or download.

Being an Effective RE Coordinator: Practical training to inspire a new subject lead

Friday 5th November 2021 (0900-1530) £180 in Calderdale. Book via debby.simpson@calderdale.gov.uk

Friday 12th November 2021 (0900-1530) Hillside Centre, Leeds. Book via <https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/>

"As usual, amazingly prepared, resourced and knowledgeable consultant. Many fantastic ideas regarding assessments, next steps etc" RE lead in Leeds

"Range of activities and presentation. Very comprehensive guide for RE lead." Calderdale Teacher

Teaching Three Faiths: Islam, Judaism & Sikhism

A series of webinars to develop basic subject knowledge for teaching RE and including invited guests from faith communities. Twilight online sessions on: 7 Dec 2021, 25 Jan 2022, 3 May 2022 (1600-1730) £30 each/£60 series

Book through enquiries@penninelearning.com

RE Coordinators Plus: Excellence in RE: Two workshops – come to either or both

0900-1200 Curriculum and Creativity; 1230-1530 Action planning & Assessment

Friday 1st April 2022 £90/£180 Book through debby.simpson@calderdale.gov.uk



Free Conference - Creative and Thoughtful RE for 4 – 11 Year Olds

A **free** day conference for primary teachers of RE, 13th October 09:00 – 15:45, Presented by Lat Blaylock (RE Today).

This day conference will take place via Zoom. Book through enquiries@penninelearning.com

Lat is the Editor of RE Today magazine, and a national RE adviser in the UK. He was a classroom teacher of RE for 11 years in a large secondary school in Leicester. He has published a large number of RE resources, including making nine series of broadcasts with the BBC. He has written many RE syllabuses and schemes of work for clients all over England, and has a reputation for practical and inspiring professional development days. He was the specialist writer of the RE Council's new National Curriculum Framework for RE, published in October 2013, a member of the writing team for 'Understanding Christianity' and the initiator of projects including 'Primary RE 1000' and 'Spirited Arts – which has enabled over half a million young people to take part in competitions for art and poetry through RE over the last 15 years.



INTERFAITH WEEK 2021

Interfaith Week is a great opportunity for pupils to explore inter faith issues and for schools to build relationships with faith, belief and inter faith groups in their community.



Kirklees Interfaith Week schools events:

Secondary: 'Learning from Text: Scriptural Reasoning for Key Stage 3' Wednesday November 17th

Primary: 'The Story Tree: Interfaith story telling for Key Stage 1 and 2' Friday November 19th

For information and to book Kirklees schools events contact helen.rivers@kirkleeseducation.uk

Information about other Kirklees events contact Nisar.Mayet@kirklees.gov.uk



The **Interfaith website** has lots of ideas and resources for in-person classroom and whole-school activities as well as suggestions for events with a virtual dimension. Interfaith Week resources and events can be [accessed here](#).

The Interfaith Network offers free [secondary school resources](#) and [primary resources](#) to help teachers when covering inter faith activity in the UK, especially but not exclusively in the lead up to and during Inter Faith Week.

WESTHILL FUNDING FOR SYNAGOGUE FILM PROJECT



Congratulations to Leeds SACRE on the award of a Westhill grant. The grant will fund the production of two professionally produced films to introduce young people to local faith communities. The first film will focus on a synagogue in Leeds; this will widen access to the Jewish community across the city and to other areas of West Yorkshire with no local synagogue. A similar, second film will be created in conjunction with the local Sikh community to introduce the gurdwara. The films will be offered to schools, alongside supporting materials and the option of a live session online or in person with representatives of the faith community.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS: REQUESTS FOR HELP WITH RESEARCH

Improving Buddhist resources for teachers: A group of teachers and Buddhists wish to translate their knowledge and experience in teaching Buddhism to children and teenagers into useful resources for others. [This short survey](#) aims to find out what would be the most helpful. Amalee Rycroft and her colleagues are seeking to build a picture of the needs regarding Buddhism, of those working in the area of teaching religion and ethics in schools.

Teachers' responses to RSHE: The University of Huddersfield, School of Education, is undertaking a research project to find out teachers' and schools' responses to the new statutory requirements and training for RSHE/RHE. The overall objective of the project is to help knowledge-exchange between teachers about good practice in RSHE/RHE.

If you have any experience with RSHE or RHE Dr Emma Salter would love to hear from you, so please get in touch with her anytime on e.salter@hud.ac.uk to find out more about the project and how to get involved.

Religion & worldviews - capturing teachers' voices: Are you an RE teacher? If so, Céline Benoit (Aston University), Tim Hutchings (University of Nottingham) and Rachael Shillitoe (University of Birmingham) would love to hear your views about the move to 'Religion and Worldviews' in England and 'Religion, Values and Ethics' in Wales. Please [complete their questionnaire](#), which should take less than 10 minutes to answer.

HOLOCAUST EXHIBITION AND LEARNING CENTRE

The Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre at The University of Huddersfield, invites school bookings from September. They have an engaging learning programme with workshops designed to build historical knowledge as well as understanding around anti-racism and prejudice for upper Key Stage Two through to A-Level and above. They can also offer money back on coach travel for eligible schools. For more information please visit their website www.holocaustlearning.org.uk



FAIR AND FUNKY RECYCLING, ENVIRONMENT AND FAIRTRADE WORKSHOPS

Interactive and creative workshops differentiated to suit either KS1 or KS2 and educate children on the issues presented by these global themes. The workshops range from creative arts to debates; from roleplay to junk modelling. All teach knowledge and understanding within social, moral, spiritual and cultural frameworks, empowering students to take their own little steps to change the world. www.fairandfunky.com



LOCAL COURSES AND NETWORK INFORMATION

If you have not already discovered the local RE networks, why not join us this academic year? Primary and Secondary RE Networks meet termly. They are a great way to meet other teachers to share ideas and resources. Dates for 2021-22:

Primary RE Networks: Calderdale (1545-1745): 28th September, 1st March, 24th May
Kirklees (1545-1745): 30th September, 3rd March, 26th May
Leeds (1530-1730): 23rd November, 15th March, 14th June
Tameside (1600-1800) 17th November, 9th February, 15th June

Secondary RE Network: Kirklees and Calderdale (1600 – 1800) 20th October, 14th December, 17th February

See page 5 or visit penninelearning.com for details of all networks and courses



NATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION RESOURCES AND TRAINING

The Holocaust Educational Trust offers free training for teachers at all stages of their careers. Details of their teacher training programme can be found at <https://www.het.org.uk/education/teacher-training>.

Free and downloadable teaching resources can be found at <https://www.het.org.uk/teaching-resources> and details of an outreach programme, through which teachers can arrange for a Holocaust survivor to share their testimony with their students, can be found at <https://www.het.org.uk/education/outreach-programme>.

Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January, and there are lots of free resources online to help teachers lead assemblies, activities or lessons with students. New this year are lesson plans about the *Kindertransport* and a flexible set of worksheets called 'Days to remember', which give an introduction to different genocides through one day, one person and one artefact. You can find all the school materials at www.hmd.org.uk/schools.

Marking Holocaust Memorial Day helps students to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, more recent genocides and contemporary issues. They will increase their knowledge, empathy and desire to take part in social action. This is especially important at a time when hate crime, extremist views, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate are on the rise. Contact the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Education Officer today for help and support and to get started: education@hmd.org.uk.



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SOLUTIONS NOT SIDES

This Autumn, students all over the country will continue to read and see online what is happening in Israel and Palestine. 'Solutions not Sides' will be back in September to provide workshops for young people who are keen to learn more about the situation and give them the opportunity to meet young Palestinian and Israeli activists. Where possible, they will send a live facilitator into your school to deliver the workshop. In some cases they can also bring live speakers. [Further information and bookings here.](#)



'I feel that the sessions have given me a better understanding of the conflict and have equipped me with the facts so that I can decide for myself' Bradford student, Summer 2021

'UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY' TRAINING OFFER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The online course provides an overview of the 'Understanding Christianity' approach, units of work strategies and activities, as well as specific classroom resources to support learning through an extensive resource pack. Special offer for Primary and Secondary Community Schools – save £150! [Course information here.](#)

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS FOR RE TEACHERS IN YORKSHIRE

For the teachers of Yorkshire, check out the Curriculum Conversations taking place this autumn by Learn Teach Lead RE Yorkshire and Humber. The workshops explore topics such as designing an effective RE curriculum for GCSE and A Level, RE in the EYFS, using story and how to approach anti-racism in the primary classroom. For a full list visit Learn Teach RE [Eventbrite page here.](#)

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY SECURITY TRUST ANTISEMITISM MATERIAL FOR SCHOOLS

Community Security Trust (CST) is a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats. CST has brought together many educational videos and other content about antisemitism and other related topics that they have either created, assisted with or contributed to, as well as others that may be interesting and useful. Resources can be found [here.](#)

RELIGION MEDIA CENTRE

For the past three years, the [Religion Media Centre](#) has become an authoritative resource for news, fact sheets and commentators in the field of religion and belief. RMC is independent and non-confessional - simply there to improve religious literacy in society. As well as the fact sheets, they also produce a concise daily news bulletin, a weekly summary of religious news and weekly Zoom briefings on contemporary topics. RMC are followed by all the major journalists in the field and are regularly quoted in the main news outlets.



Media and Education event in Leeds on Thursday October 14th

Contact Ruth Peacock info@religionmediacentre.org.uk

COURSES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dates for your diary – courses and networks planned for 2021 – 2022.

For Calderdale courses book via enquiries@penninelearning.com

For Kirklees courses book via www.kirkleesbusinessolutions.uk

For Leeds courses book via www.leedsforlearning.co.uk

Details and fliers can be found at www.penninelearning.com

Religious Education Networks

Termly network meetings provide support and resources for the RE syllabus, planning for a broad and balanced curriculum, and subject knowledge development.

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Religious Education Courses

Don't Panic! Training for new RE subject leaders

Calderdale (Full-Day): 5th November

Leeds (Full Day): 12th November

Tameside (Full Day) 15th October

Thoughtful and Engaging RE for 4 - 11 Year Olds: A conference for Primary teachers

13th October 2021: A FREE full-day conference for teachers led by Lat Blaylock, RE Today. A day of inspiration and training to develop high-quality, imaginative RE. Book via enquiries@penninelearning.com

Learning about Faiths

A Subject Knowledge Course over three twilight session, offering resources and information to deepen understanding of Islam, Sikhism and Judaism. Each session welcomes a guest from the respective faith tradition. Book as single webinars, or as a discounted package. Book via enquiries@penninelearning.com

Tuesdays 7th December, 25th January, 3rd May 4.00 – 5.30pm

NEW SESSION now being developed on teaching Buddhism 8th March

Teaching Christianity Well

Using the Local Agreed Syllabus to teach Christianity effectively in church and community primary schools

Kirklees: 17th June, 2022 (Full- Day)

Coordinators Plus: for more experienced Subject leaders

Two half-day workshops—book either or both

Calderdale: 1st April 2022 Morning (0900-1200) Curriculum and Creativity
Afternoon (1230-1530) Action planning and Assessment

'Schools Welcome': Training for faith communities

Training and support for staff and volunteers from faith communities offering school visits.

Leeds and Kirklees: Tuesday 5th October 2021 930-1230 online via Zoom

Tameside: Thursday 18th November 2021 930-1230 online via Zoom



E-mail for more information enquiries@penninelearning.com

For details of all the above courses visit www.penninelearning.com

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