

NEWS AND EVENTS

Believing and Belonging – full resources and planning package

Our resources and planning package is now being used across a number of authorities in both primary and secondary settings. It is available at competitive prices to support your school in the effective and detailed delivery of the new Believing and Belonging syllabus in your school.

What is the Believing and Belonging syllabus?

The syllabus has two strands:

- **Beliefs and values** – developing understanding of world faiths and other beliefs in a multicultural context.
 - **Belonging** – fostering respect for difference.
- Together, these promote spiritual awareness, diversity, critical thinking, and reflection.

It is free to all schools in a local authority area or multi-academy trust that has adopted it as their agreed RE syllabus (via your local authority). Shortened handbooks for Doncaster and Oldham are available at *Free Resources – Pennine Learning*.

What materials are available?

We provide PowerPoints, teacher notes, and knowledge organisers for every unit (EYFS–KS3), plus planning from EYFS–KS4. All are matched to the syllabus.

What is the cost?

West Yorkshire:

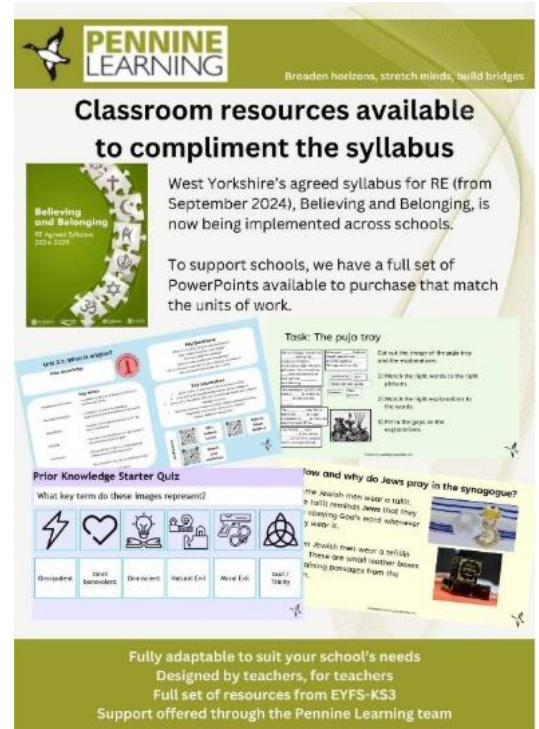
- Resource package: £500 (+VAT) per school (5 years).
- Planning package: £220 (via Kirklees Business Solutions).

Other areas:

- Package: £720 (+VAT) per school (5 years).
 - Oldham & Doncaster maintained schools: £300 (+VAT).
- Prices apply per key stage unless otherwise agreed (EYFS–KS3/KS4).

Are discounts available?

- 20%: academy trusts (all schools subscribe), schools with ≤150 pupils, ≤4 classes, or junior schools.
- 30%: single-phase Infant/Nursery schools.



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Broaden horizons, stretch minds, build bridges.

Classroom resources available to compliment the syllabus

West Yorkshire's agreed syllabus for RE (from September 2024), Believing and Belonging, is now being implemented across schools.

To support schools, we have a full set of PowerPoints available to purchase that match the units of work.

Task: The puja tray
Cut out the images of the gods from the magazine.
Stick in the right words to the right pictures.
Stick in the right explanations in the words.
Circle the gods on the magazine.

Prior Knowledge Starter Quiz
What key term do these images represent?
Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism.

How and why do Jews pray in the synagogue?
The Jewish men wear a tallit, a tallit katan, and a kippah. They pray in a synagogue, which is a place of worship. They pray in a synagogue, which is a place of worship. They pray in a synagogue, which is a place of worship.

Fully adaptable to suit your school's needs
Designed by teachers, for teachers
Full set of resources from EYFS-KS3
Support offered through the Pennine Learning team

Can I see samples?

Yes, at penninelearning.com/free-resources.

Do schools need both planning and resources?

Not essential, but strongly recommended. They are designed to work together.

How do schools subscribe?

Email enquiries@penninelearning.com for an order form (or business.solutions@kirklees.gov.uk for West Yorkshire planning).

Spirited Arts creative cross-curricular competition!

Join hundreds of schools worldwide participating in the 2026 Spirited Arts competition!

They welcome entries in all sorts of art forms your pupils can think of, including:

- Art (painting, drawing, sketching, etc)
- Poetry
- Photography
- Dance
- Music
- Drama
- Sculpture



It's a fantastic way to engage teachers and students while boosting the profile of RE in your school. Some schools integrate the competition into RE lessons with a 'Spirited Arts' unit or a RE/arts week.

This competition not only enables your pupils to articulate their thoughts and opinions about religion and worldviews through the arts, they will also get recognised for taking part in a national competition. Winning/highly commended artwork will be displayed on our online Spirited Arts Gallery.

There will be a 40 prizes up for grabs plus certificates for all schools entering to give to their pupils.

New themes [Spirited Arts – NATRE](#)

Last years winners [2025 Archives – NATRE](#)

Places still remaining for NATRE's Strictly RE Conference 2026

Join RE colleagues from across the UK for an unforgettable experience at the UK's biggest RE conference, where you'll gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and inspiration to enhance your teaching practice. Strictly RE 2026 will offer something for everyone.

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your professional development, network with industry leaders, and contribute to the vibrant community of religious education enthusiasts.

- Guaranteed range of diverse seminars across all key stages
- Inspirational, thought-provoking speakers



- Practical seminars, many led by practising teachers
- Exciting and relevant exhibitors
- Opportunities to network and make connections
- Classroom resources to use instantly in your classroom
- Food and refreshments throughout the day

Date: Saturday 31 January 2026

Time: 8.45AM-4.50PM

Theme: Authenticity – Real voices, real RE, **Belonging** – Together in RE & **Challenge** – Aim higher, reach further.

Cost: £185 – NATRE members will receive £25 off the ticket price. *Applies to selected membership types only.

Venue: [Voco St. John's Hotel, Solihull](#)

Hotel booking: Bed & breakfast on Friday 30 January 2026 is £99. To make your booking, simply call the hotel's inhouse reservations team on +44 (0)121 712 7601 (9AM-5PM Mon- Fri), quote Strictly RE Conference 2026 and the date. A credit or debit card will be required at time of booking to guarantee.

Alternatively, you can email the inhouse reservations team with your hotel booking request reservations@stjohnssolihull.co.uk

We have 18 amazing seminars lined up for Strictly RE 2026 – Check out their profiles [here](#).

To book click here : [StrictlyRE 2026 – NATRE](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Pennine Learning Events

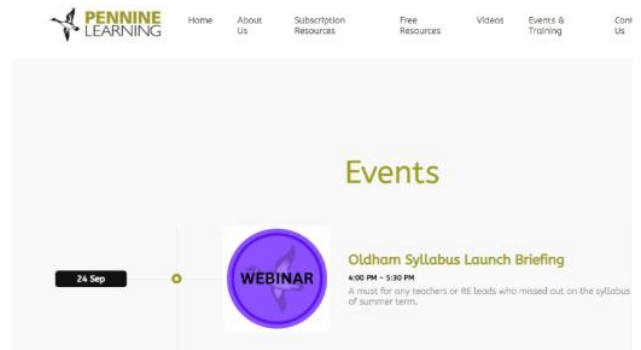
We've got a number of events and networks listed on our website now, with book now links, so you can access our year's programme covering all things RE! Please do take a look and join us while we work with teachers and schools to continue to enrich students' RE experience - [Events & Training - Pennine Learning](#).

Dates for your diary (please see website for more info)

- Manchester and Salford Secondary Network 2nd February 2026
- Leeds and Kirklees Secondary Network 4th February 2026
- Oldham Primary Network 9th February 2026
- Manchester and Salford Primary Network 12th February 2026
- Tameside Primary Network 25th February 2026
- Leeds Primary Coordinator Course 26th February 2026

Pennine Learning Believing and Belonging Syllabus FREE online support webinar

We are hosting a webinar on the 22nd April 2026, to offer support and guidance to all schools who are using the Believing and Belonging syllabus and who are using our resources and planning package. Hosted by Jake Womack, the webinar offers opportunity to ask questions and enhance understanding on how best to implement the syllabus and its accompanying materials. Email enquiries@penninelearning.com to book on.



Equilibria Teacher Training Day: Exploring Islam Through the Mosque

Thursday 9th July 2026, Lincoln Green Mosque, Leeds

9:00am – 3:30pm

£50 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)

This immersive day is designed to strengthen subject knowledge and confidence in teaching Islam, with content shaped by the six RE pathways outlined in the new syllabus – all within the setting of a working mosque.

Highlights include:

- Training shaped by the six RE pathways
- Interactive, thought-provoking sessions
- Support for both primary and secondary phases

For any queries, feel free to get in touch: contact@equilibria.org.uk



Teacher Training Day Exploring Islam Through the Mosque

Thursday 9th July 2026
Lincoln Green Mosque
9:00 – 15:30

Strengthening subject knowledge and confidence in teaching Islam through the six RE pathways – all within the setting of a working mosque.

- ✓ Tour the Mosque
- ✓ Ask a Convert to Islam
- ✓ Find out about charity work in the mosque
- ✓ Quiz a Shia Imam
- ✓ Support for primary and secondary phases



Book your place today
email us at
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TEACHING AND LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM COURSE

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RE
TEACHERS AND HEADTEACHERS

Starts January 2026
Six online live sessions (4-5.30 pm), with recordings and training materials.

2025-2027
★★★★★
RE Hubs
Accredited

£180 for the full course + CPD Certificate
Alternatively, purchase individual sessions

MODULES:

1. The Five Pillars of Islam + Stories (Jan)
2. Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr (Feb)
3. What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain Today + Islamophobia (March)
4. Life of Prophet Muhammad + Stories (April)
5. What do Muslims believe? (Allah, Angels, Holy Books, Prophets, Life after death & destiny). (May)
6. Diversity within Islam – Sunni & Shi'a (June)

Scan the QR code or email: Imran@muslimlearnerservices.org

[BOOK A PLACE HERE](#)

MLS - Introducing our New Understanding Islam Course

Muslim Learner Services are excited to introduce a new six part in-depth Islam course for Primary RE Teachers & Headteachers. All sessions are delivered live online as twilight sessions with a video recording for all delegates.

It's not too late to sign up.

To book a place please use the following link or scan the QR code on the attached flier:

<https://muslimlearnerservices.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=75a38fa3a5249bf4e6d5370c4&id=c744ca9168&e=a404fba43>

AULRE Termly Webinars – 2025-26

Join the upcoming AULRE Webinars sponsored by Culham St Gabriel's

AULRE are delighted to invite you to a series of online webinars exploring key themes in religion and education. Each session is led by experts in the field and provides an opportunity for reflection, discussion, and professional learning.

To find out more and book your place:

- Click on the title of the webinar you're interested in to expand the window.



- Inside each window, you'll see the full details of the event and the booking form.
- Complete the form to secure your place.

Booking link: [AULRE Termly Webinars - 2025-26 - RE:ONLINE](#)

- Windows on Migration - 4th December 2025 - 5-6:30 PM GMT
- Religious Literacy - 15th January 2026 - 5-6:30 PM GMT
- Is my RE Curriculum Educational? - 9th February 2026 - 5-6:30 PM GMT
- Climate, Ecology, Curriculum: Learning to Lead - 12th March 2026 - 5-6:30 PM GMT
- Building Cultures of Welcome in School for People Seeking Sanctuary - 21st May 2026 - 5-6:30 PM GMT
- Showcasing Teacher Research - 2nd July 2026 - From 5:30 PM GMT

SCHOOL RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS



Muslim Learner Services

•Assemblies •Workshops •Training

Ramadan training by Muslim Learner Services

We expect Muslims in the UK to begin observing the holy month of Ramadan on 18 or 19 February 2026. To help schools prepare and understand the importance of Ramadan and the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, [Muslim Learner Services](#) will once again support primary schools through school visits (both in-person and virtual options).

- **Ramadan assemblies (R / KS1/KS2)**
- **Ramadan pupil workshops (Yr R to 6)**
- **Ramadan Training for Primary staff**

Enquire about a school visit: assembly, workshop or staff training for the spring or summer term [HERE](#)

<https://zfrmz.com/aJbKiqynJIHAK9stSRYO>

Book a place on the live Ramadan training webinar for staff (Wed 11 Feb 4 pm) or request a **recording** [HERE](#)

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