

## RE View June 2014

### National News

#### Young Ambassadors for RE

Over the last month, the ya4RE scheme has had further interest including a successful application from students at the Archbishop Sentamu Academy in Kingston upon Hull. Current Young Ambassadors from Redhill Academy have also had some very good media coverage in SecEd, which can be read on the **SecEd website**.

#### AG on RE

The EAG for RE has now been established with the support of the DfE and will work alongside similar sector led groups for other curriculum subjects. Its **first newsletter** has just been published and gives full details of the group's remit and membership. To sign up to receive future issues directly, please click **here**.

#### E Professional Development Portal

The REPD Portal is designed as a one stop shop for teachers and others involved in RE to find out about professional development opportunities of all kinds. We are currently populating the database with opportunities for the next academic year. If you would like to submit information about any PD events or provisions please use the form on the **submissions page** of the website

#### RE Today virtual seminars

Getting out of the classroom for CPD opportunities can be difficult; to support you RE Today Services are launching a range of termly virtual seminars, which you can take part online wherever you are. This term's online training includes:

##### **Using story in Primary RE, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June:**

This online seminar will provide participants with an overview of how to use story in Primary RE, with practical ideas and a forum for discussion, plus downloadable training materials.

**Revising your KS3 for next year, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** This online seminar is for anyone interested in the development of the 11-14 curriculum, taking on board the new RE Council Framework, plus fresh ways of shaping the RE curriculum, linking to other subjects and establishing the best of RE.

#### Updated resources on Humanism for Schools

There are new and updated resources on Humanism for Schools, including guidance on SMSC for non-religious students, quizzes and case-studies, and printable posters for the classroom: see the **Humanism for Schools website** for further information.

#### Hindu Council UK: GCSE resources on Hinduism

The Hindu Council UK have produced the following resources aimed at GCSE students studying Hinduism:

**Basics, Rituals and Scriptures of Hinduism**  
**Philosophy and practices in temple**

### **Face to Faith video conferences**

Face to Faith, a project of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, have hosted two days of video conferences on the topic of human trafficking linked to faith and belief in May 2014. They hosted video conferences with special guests who are human trafficking activists or victims of trafficking themselves from different parts of the world. F2F's human trafficking resources (compiled with Stop The Traffik) are free to registered Face to Faith schools. For more information, visit the **TBFF website**.

### **'What Price Peace?': a new project from Barnabas in Schools**

'What Price Peace?' is a new project from *Barnabas in Schools*, offering primary and middle schools a wide range of resources for exploring the First World War centenary in RE and other subjects. These include:

**A teacher's resource book**

**Free downloads**

**CPD for teachers**

**Creative arts days in school**

### **Board of Deputies: 'Jewish Living Experience' exhibition**

The South Wales Jewish Representative Council in association with the Board of Deputies of British Jews was delighted to present the '**Jewish Living Experience' Exhibition at The Senedd** (Welsh Assembly) in Cardiff, sponsored by Mohammad Ashgar, Assembly Member for South Wales East. The exhibition ran from 29<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> May and was open to everyone including local schools, cub, guide and scout groups, and voluntary associations as well as persons of all faiths and none. The exhibition has travelled around the UK for over 35 years, and its residence in Cardiff was the first showing of all-new exhibits. For more information about the exhibition, which teaches about the basics of the Jewish faith through engaging stands, role-play items and puzzles, visit the **Board of Deputies of British Jews website**.

### **PGCE Religious Education places at Bishop Grosseteste University**

Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln still has places on the 2014-15 PGCE secondary RE course. We have an excellent reputation for training, employment and positive student experience, and are a small community-based campus. If you know people who are considering teacher training but the course is full where they are, please point them in our direction. For further information contact Mark Plater, Tel: 01522 583630. Email: **mark.plater@bishopg.ac.uk**

### **3forRE support for professional development**

Engaged in an interesting RE project and wanting to reflect further on it? Or just keen to develop your understanding of RE? Why not consider completing an MA, with generous bursary support from Culham St Gabriel's Trust? Have a look on **the CStG website** to find out more, or contact Mark Plater to find out more about the Bishop Grosseteste University provision: Tel: 01522 583630; Email: **mark.plater@bishopg.ac.uk**

## The NASACRE AGM London

Below are 20 key points for SACRE's that were summed up at the end of the conference

- Contact MPs about joining the APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) for RE  
([Stephen Lloyd the MP for Eastbourne chairs this group](#))
- Contact Bishops about supporting and joining the APPG
- Engage with the local Initial Teacher Training provider
- Encourage schools and SACREs to engage with the local media
- Encourage schools to sign up for the REQM ( The RE Quality mark)
- Ensure that there is an Academy voice / Free school voice on SACRE
- Send an annual report to the LA Scrutiny committee
- Hold SACRE meetings in schools
- Consider a youth voice on SACRE
- Hold Primary subject leader network meetings to ensure RE subject leaders have a voice
- Hold an RE road show
- NB Report schools who are breaking the law especially academies / Free schools

[The funding agreement should ensure that pupils receive their statutory entitlement to RE. Senior leadership have a statutory duty to provide this.](#)

[If RE is not in the funding agreement the schools should be reported to the Secretary of State who has the power to withdraw funding](#)

- Hold post 16 conferences
- Develop resources for RE
- Develop resources for Collective Worship'
- Hold RE Competitions
- Engage with governors
- Produce a list of Faith group school visitors
- Some SACREs rotate the chair and vice chair
- Consider young ambassadors for RE

## Local News

Unfortunately we had to postpone our SACRE conference that was due to take place in May. We only had 27 booked by the dead line.

On a good note we have managed to rearrange it for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thankfully our speakers and workshop leaders have rearranged their diaries and are happy to have the date changed.

Please make a note of the date in your diary and get in touch if you have not had details 3 weeks before. We understand that details were sent out but clearly not all of you received them. Do please send Julie Stevens your main email address [Julie.Stevens@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Stevens@eastsussex.gov.uk) to ensure that we have an up to date list of RE subject leaders and can contact you direct.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Courses and Network Meetings 2014-2015**

Following the results of the questionnaire and the publication of the 2013 Ofsted report we have arranged a series of courses and network meetings to support the teaching and learning of RE in East Sussex Schools. Ofsted was highly critical of the weak teaching of the Christian tradition in English schools:

*'Inspectors judged pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity to be good or outstanding in only 5 schools. It was judged inadequate in 10'*

*Realising the Potential 2013*

You will note below that we will be offering a day course on the teaching of Christianity in order to help address this issue in East Sussex schools.

#### **2014**

November 5<sup>th</sup> Realising the Potential RE Day Conference – Dean's Place Alfriston

November 27<sup>th</sup> Twilight training Assessment Without Levels – (venue to be arranged)

#### **2015**

January 15<sup>th</sup> Day Course – Improving the Teaching of Christianity – (venue to be arranged)

February 5<sup>th</sup> Network Meeting - (venue to be arranged)

March 19<sup>th</sup> Day Course – Being an RE Subject Leader – (venue to be arranged)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Network Meeting (venue to be arranged)

### **SACRE Meetings**

#### **2014**

December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 County Hall

#### **2015**

February 25<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup> (AGM)

November 25<sup>th</sup>