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Dear colleagues,

We hope you enjoy this Autumn newsletter from your SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for RE) and that it has been a positive and productive term for you and your schools thus far.

Thanks to all who joined our Interfaith Day, we do hope pupils found it enriching and engaging.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next major event — the RE Conference on 3rd February (see flyer at the end of this newsletter). Remember attendance is FREE for one delegate from any South Glos schools.

As always, do contact your adviser

[laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org) with any RE related questions or issues, or to book a 1:1 visit.

Happy REading!

# Jesrusalem Trust—small grants



The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme supports the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education. The scheme operates by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase resources for use in RE lessons.

<https://www.regrants.org.uk>

## FREE RE TODAY units of Work for teaching RE to all key stages

We know that planning schemes of work is a laborious and time consuming job for busy teachers, which is why we have created ready-to-use schemes made up of 35 units for Primary schools and 15 units for Secondary schools.

Units include lots of teaching and learning ideas, links to useful resources, learning outcomes and assessment guidance and suggestions. **Each unit offers on average eight hours of classroom ideas.**

Check out our handy [guide to planning with RE Today units of work](#) to support you in deciding whether these schemes will work for you and your school.

### Primary

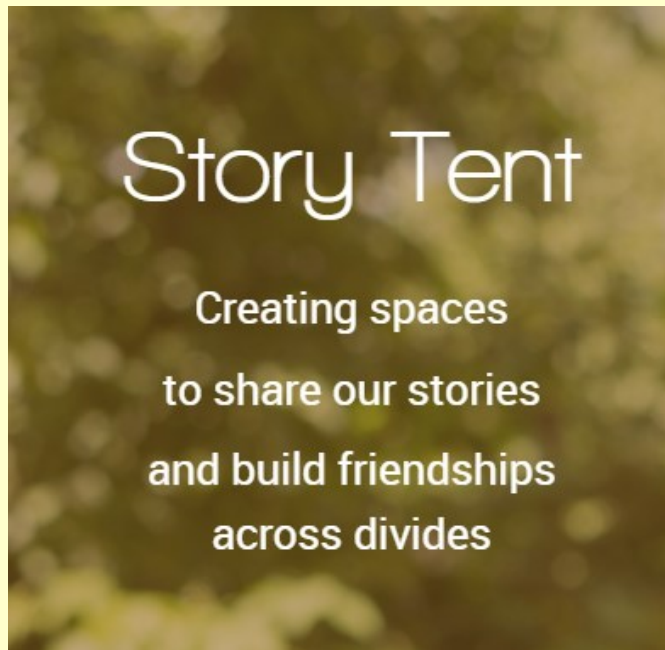
[1-2 Unit Exploration Planner Who is a Muslim Final SAMPLE](#)

[L2-4 Unit Exploration Planner Why do people pray Final SAMPLE](#)

### Secondary

[3-12 Is religion a power for peace or a cause of conflict in the world today SAMPLE](#)

# Story Tent—updated website



The Story Tent website has been updated with new content and information about work we will be doing in the coming months. Our new Events section highlights all of our upcoming workshops which are designed to build confidence, provide resources and enrich the RE teaching experience. We are now offering bi-monthly sessions of Scriptural Reasoning for teachers and providing new classroom resources developed in partnership with Coventry Cathedral.



Resources on the new look website include scripts for storytelling, formats for a story tent day, and introductions and lesson plans for scriptural reasoning. Definitely worth a look!

# Spirited Arts 2023—Themes now available!



Join hundreds of schools from around the world taking part in this year's Spirited Arts competition! NATRE welcome entries in (almost!) any art form your pupils can think of, including:

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

Visit the website to download this year's themes, find lesson materials to introduce the project and explore previous entries. [Spirited Arts 2023 \(natre.org.uk\)](https://natre.org.uk)

**And don't forget running a spirited arts event in your school could be one of three achievements that could win you the WIRE aware for excellent RE—do email your adviser for more info**  
Happy creating!

## Real people Real faith



A series of interviews filmed in locations across Berkshire, featuring local faith communities answering questions about their faith. Two questions, specific to each key stage were asked across the range of venues and in most venues, several people an-

swered each question. This allows pupils and teachers to explore some of the diversity both between and within faith communities. The same six communities were interviewed at each key stage. Each film has a page of notes outlining the key questions and concepts, with a brief summary of the answers and some suggested follow-on activities. [www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/real-people-real-faith/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/real-people-real-faith/)

## Ordinary Objects Extraordinary Journeys

For secondary pupils

This microsite aims to look beyond what we see on the surface. The items featured are seemingly commonplace, but through further exploration they reveal the harrowing journeys and heartbreaking experiences of their owners before, during, and in some instances after, the Holocaust.

By tracing the journeys these objects have been on, it is possible to develop a greater understanding of the Holocaust and its complexities, as well as cast a light on its lesser-known aspects and share previously unknown testimonies.

This unprecedented project has been embarked on by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) – the charity established by the UK government to promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day in the UK, and The National Holocaust Centre and Museum. [OOEJ - Homepage - Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Journeys](http://OOEJ-Homepage-OrdinaryObjectsExtraordinaryJourneys)



○ Inmate uniform from Auschwitz death camp, H182477

# FREE Cpd E-learning units from CStG

<https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>

## New E-Learning Courses!

### Culham St Gabriel's Launch FREE e-learning site

We are delighted to announce that the first three courses on our new e-learning site will be going live next Wednesday 18th May.

Need CPD? Short of time? Why not try one of our FREE online self-study courses? These are interactive and designed for teachers to introduce you to current thinking in our field.



## Heritage Humanists

Exploring the rich history and influence of [humanism](#) in the UK



Explore the map



Browse by theme



Travel the timeline

[Humanist Heritage - Exploring the rich history and influence of humanism in the UK \(humanists.uk\)](https://www.humanists.uk/)

# The Wallace Collection—art & RE

[www.wallacecollection.org/learn/teachers-and-schools/secondary-schools/](http://www.wallacecollection.org/learn/teachers-and-schools/secondary-schools/)

A huge range of artefacts, lesson plans and online workshops for both Primary and Secondary pupils. Beautiful Islamic and Christian artefacts, linking art, religion and history in this rich resource.



# The real meaning of Langhar



This lovely video clip shares the meaning of Sikh langar, exploring how it feels to enter a Gurdwara as a stranger to Sikh faith and the way in which this charitable act can change lives.

[www.youtube.com/embed/9iuMW3710bE](https://www.youtube.com/embed/9iuMW3710bE)



## HIVE Hubs

Most 'hub' areas in South Glos now have a HIVE Hub leader, ready to support you with a 'mini-dive' : a self-evaluation session for RE in your school. Through the HIVE project you can access funding for a half a day supply cover to meet with your local leader and discuss your RE.

To find out who your hub area leader is, and arrange a session email your RE adviser:

[Laura.harris@bristoldioocese.org](mailto:Laura.harris@bristoldioocese.org)



## LTLRE South Glos Teacher Hub

*In addition to our smaller HIVE hub groups, you can access the FREE Teacher network group for RE in South Glos 3x per year.*

*The next Learn Teach Lead RE Hub meeting will be held online, on **Monday 6th February**. We will be hearing from Matt Evans, from Humanists UK, on key subject knowledge and ideas for teaching Humanism in schools.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

*Email leader Rebekah Guy for more info:*

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Wiltshire Council



**Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Swindon SACRE present**

# **Annual RE Conference 2023**

**Friday 3rd February, 9.30-3.00, Engineers' House**



## ***Religion and Worldviews for a fast changing world***

*A thought provoking and inspiring day of presentations and workshops offering you a wide selection of speakers with many ideas and resources to improve the quality of Religious Education in your school, from EYFS to KS4.*

**Aims :**

- **Revisit the principles of a Religion and Worldviews approach and why it is important and beneficial**
- **Identify ways R&W can connect with vital issues in our world today**



**KEYNOTE—Religion, Worldviews and Change**

Dr Kate Christopher is a secondary R&W teacher in London, as well as working part-time for Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

Why Religion and Worldviews, why change at all? In this keynote session RE adviser will explore the thinking behind the Religion and Worldviews approach and the reasons why evolution of the RE curriculum is promoted. How does a Religion and Worldviews approach allow children and young people to engage with the big questions facing our

**Also—a great range of workshops to support RE & worldviews throughout the curriculum, including visiting speaker — Luke Donellan Director of Understanding Humanism, who will provide a Primary and a Secondary workshop.**

The conference is face to face only, **FREE** for South Gloucestershire schools. £110 per delegate

**FIND OUT MORE:** To register please visit Eventbrite [HERE](#) or contact Ali.Driver@bristoldiocese.org or laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org