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FREE Online Webinar

Maximising the Impact of Collective Worship in Community Schools

Wednesday 1st November 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Led by Lat Blaylock

This FREE online webinar will share a wide range of **practical strategies** to help schools plan and deliver collective worship in line with Lancashire's 'Mirrors and Doors' guidance.



To sign up via LPDS please click here:

[Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service](#)

FAQ's

The Lancashire SACRE team has created a FAQ area on the new RE website with the intention of enabling schools to find answers to some of the more commonly asked questions.

[FAQ's - The Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education - LPDS Resources](#)

You need to have a LPDS account, to be able to see this, see [page 10](#) on how to create one if you have not done so already.

Annual Religious Education Self Evaluation Survey 2023

The annual self-evaluation survey is now live and the deadline for submission is 29 September 2023.

Instructions, which include a link to an electronic click form, were uploaded to the School's Portal in April and again on 22nd August 2023.

if you are finding it difficult to access the survey please use this link:

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=903771>

The SACRE are greatly appreciative of the increasing number of schools who are completing the survey each year. Findings are reported to the DFE, NATRE and schools via the annual report each autumn term.

School Portal Postings

We put lots of updates, newsletters, training opportunities, and other important RE/SACRE information on to the schools portal, these posts do get addressed to the headteacher and to the RE Lead.

If as an RE lead you are not getting these please check with your head and make sure that you are nominated as the RE Lead on the portal so that you get these important updates.

Needing Help?

Finding the Agreed Syllabus a challenge? Not sure how to assess in RE? Needing to increase subject knowledge of a specific religion? Wanting to raise the profile of RE in your school? Committed to developing the effectiveness of the subject leader for Religious Education?

To enquire about RE support and/or to find out more about what we offer please click this link and fill out the enquiry form, and someone will be in touch with you very soon.

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=909700>

FREE SELF-STUDY SHORT COURSES ON RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS

These are free and are designed to take about 90 mins (for introduction courses) and a little longer for other courses.

Click here for a link to the website: [Teach:RE - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](https://www.teach-re.org.uk)

Our Associate RE Consultants

Helen Hall - I am currently working as Acting Deputy Headteacher at Buckshaw Primary School, based in a Year 2 class. I have worked as an Associate Consultant for Lancashire SACRE since 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed working with colleagues from across the county to develop quality teaching, learning and assessment materials. Within my own class, I like to engage children in learning about different worldviews and how the belief has an effect on behaviour and choices through a variety of approaches.



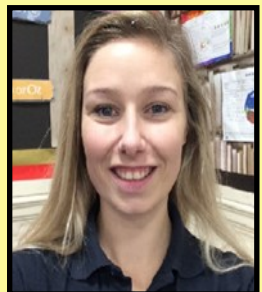
Michelle Smyth — I currently work as a Year 3/4 class teacher at Westhead Lathom St James and am responsible for RE. I have worked extensively across primary schools in Manchester and Stockport as an R.E. coordinator and I am passionate about the teaching of R.E creatively. I am excited to join the Lancashire R.E team and I look forward to supporting others, on their journey to delivering a great R.E curriculum for all their pupils.



Rebekah Fielding Hi! I'm Rebekah and I am part of the RE Advisory team. My Leadership roles have included Assistant Headteacher and Acting Headteacher. I am KS1 manager, SENDCo and RE Leader, with a degree in the subject. I currently lead the RE Hub for Manchester Diocese. These roles have equipped me with the knowledge and skills to support, encourage and enable RE Colleagues to teach high quality Religious Education, with an interesting, practical and creative approach for our children. I am looking forward to working with the Lancashire Advisory Team



Natalie Goodman - My name is Natalie Goodman. I am currently working as a lead practitioner and based in a mixed Year 3 and 4 class at Duke Street Primary School. I've been an R.E. coordinator since 2016 and I have a passion for teaching R.E. I love working with the Lancashire R.E team to help others to deliver a great R.E curriculum.



FREE RE NETWORK MEETINGS

**Please sign up to our Free Network meetings via LPDS.
All are twilight sessions running from 4.00pm—5.30pm.**

- **14th November: Lea Community Primary School Preston, PR2 1PD**
- **22nd November: St Pauls Constable Lee Primary School, Rawtenstall BB4 8HW**
- **23rd November: Westhead Lathom St James Primary School Ormskirk L40 6HL**

[Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service](#)

Lancashire SACRE? Who are we? Member profile slot



Ben McMullen

Ben joined the Lancashire SACRE in September 2000 and represents the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool. Ben lives in Wigan and has been teaching Religious Education in secondary schools since 1995. He was Head of RE for 10 years and is currently Deputy Headteacher of All Hallows Catholic High School, Penwortham, Preston - a role he has held since 2011. His main areas of responsibility are leading the Curriculum and the Catholic life of the school. Outside of work, Ben is involved in youth ministry, accompanying young people on retreats and on an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France in July. Ben is a keen runner and has completed several marathons (including London twice) for charity.

Gujarat Hindu Temple (Mandir)

Are you wanting your pupils to develop an understanding of the living religious traditions of the local Hindu Community?

A visit to the **Gujarat Hindu Temple (Mandir)** in Preston will bring your teaching to life. Their educational programme invites schools to visit the mandir and experience worship, dance workshops and arts and craft workshops.

A clearly illustrated guide book is provided.

Please contact: The Gujarat Hindu Society, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JN



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School Governor Information

Are you a School Governor? Do you want to see effective RE provision in your school?

This article by Lat Blaylock identifies 10 questions that you can ask your leadership team.

[Ten ways governors can help RE.pdf \(natre.org.uk\)](http://natre.org.uk)

NEW ONLINE SHOP FOR RE RESOURCES

RE Today produces RE resources to support teachers in the classroom. Whether you are looking for eResources linked to their most recent termly mailings, the back catalogue of RE today resources, resources linked to their publications and projects, or just FREE resources you can find them via this link

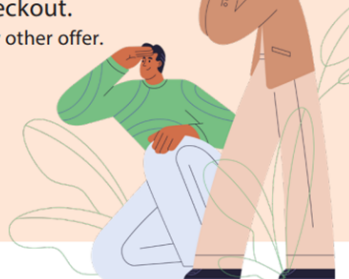
[Resources \(retoday.org.uk\)](https://resources.retoday.org.uk)

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SACREs!

Get 20% off* when you shop for books! If you've had your eye on a book, now's the time to buy it! Use the code **sacre20** at the checkout.

*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

reteachingresources.co.uk



RE Today

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Direct line: 0121 415 3970

The Holocaust Educational Trust

The Holocaust Educational Trust's *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project (LFA Project) is now open for applications.

This educational and commemorative project offers post-16 students the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust and consider its relevance for today. Through the bespoke interactive online platform, two online seminars and a one-day visit to Poland, participants join others from across the country as they embark on an educational journey in which they:

- Learn about the history of the Holocaust and the role of camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Consider the individuals whose lives were affected by the Holocaust
- Reflect on the relevance of the Holocaust today and share their learning with others

For more information click here:

[Holocaust Educational Trust - Lessons from Auschwitz Project \(het.org.uk\)](https://www.holocausteducationaltrust.org.uk)

**HOLOCAUST
EDUCATIONAL
TRUST**

PENNINE LEARNING: SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS

Develop your subject knowledge of religion and worldviews by meeting and hearing from someone who practises their faith, as well as exploring teaching strategies and resources. Each webinar will welcome a guest from the respective faith/ belief tradition who will share first-hand perspectives and answer questions about the faith or its teaching in school.

All are twilight sessions run from 4.00-5.30 pm at a **Cost of** £30 per webinar.

- **Tuesday 26th Sept 2023 - Judaism**
- **Tuesday 21st Nov 2023 - Islam**
- **Tuesday 23rd January 2024 - Christianity**
- **Thursday 14th March 2024 - Humanism**

The webinars are aimed mainly at primary RE teachers but will also be useful subject knowledge development for many secondary colleagues, for more information please click the link:

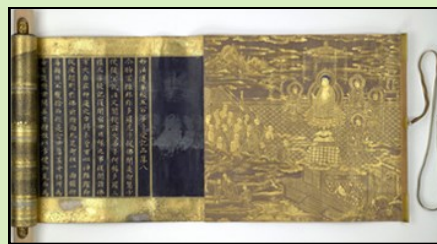
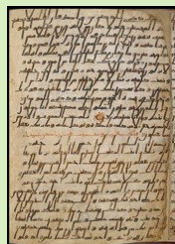
[Pennine Learning](#)

To book or enquire, contact Ian Ross on enquiries@penninelearning.com



DISCOVERING SACRED TEXTS

The British Library have a collection of sacred texts that are now downloadable for the six main world religions. They are suitable for years 5 and 6 and include lesson plans.



Please follow this link: [Discovering Sacred Texts: Key Stage 2 teaching resources | The British Library \(bl.uk\)](#)

This virtual tour of a Mosque is suitable for KS2 and KS3 and is really clear to follow. Vocabulary is emphasised.

To access please click here: [Holy Cribs: The Mosque - TrueTube](#)

"Azeen welcomes TrueTube to the East London Mosque and we're given the full tour. Azeen talks about the features of a traditional mosque and shows us how Muslims pray."

The Letter – A message for our earth.

Exploring the climate emergency with KS3/ 4 students.

'The Letter' is an 80 minute free film available to watch on YouTube. The film is inspired by Pope Francis's 'Laudato si' and calls for people to take swift and unified action to fight climate emergency. It contains compelling personal experiences from the poor, the indigenous, the young and the world's wildlife.

Lesson plans are available via Salford Diocese from the Laudato Si Centre.

[Lesson-plan-Theology-or-philosophy.pdf \(laudatosicentre.org.uk\)](http://laudatosicentre.org.uk/Lesson-plan-Theology-or-philosophy.pdf)

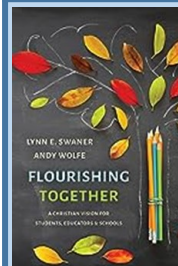


Assemblies For All

Assemblies for All is a project run by the charity [Humanists UK](http://HumanistsUK.org) which provides access to inclusive assemblies for schools across the UK.

<https://assembliesforall.org.uk/>

Flourishing Together



A book recommended for leadership teams in our voluntary controlled Church of England schools. This book calls leaders back to their theologically rooted Christian vision & their aims for pupil & teacher flourishing.

CELEBRATE RE IN YOUR SCHOOL WITH THE RE QUALITY MARK

The RE Quality mark recognises good practice in RE and raises the profile of the subject. The criteria are freely available to download and use for staff and subject development.

Find out more by visiting the REC website here.

[RE Quality Mark – REC \(religionseducationcouncil.org.uk\)](http://religionseducationcouncil.org.uk)



Interfaith Week

Don't forget Interfaith Week is on 12- 19 November 2023



Please click here for suggestions about how to get involved.

[Schools - Resources - Inter Faith Week](#)

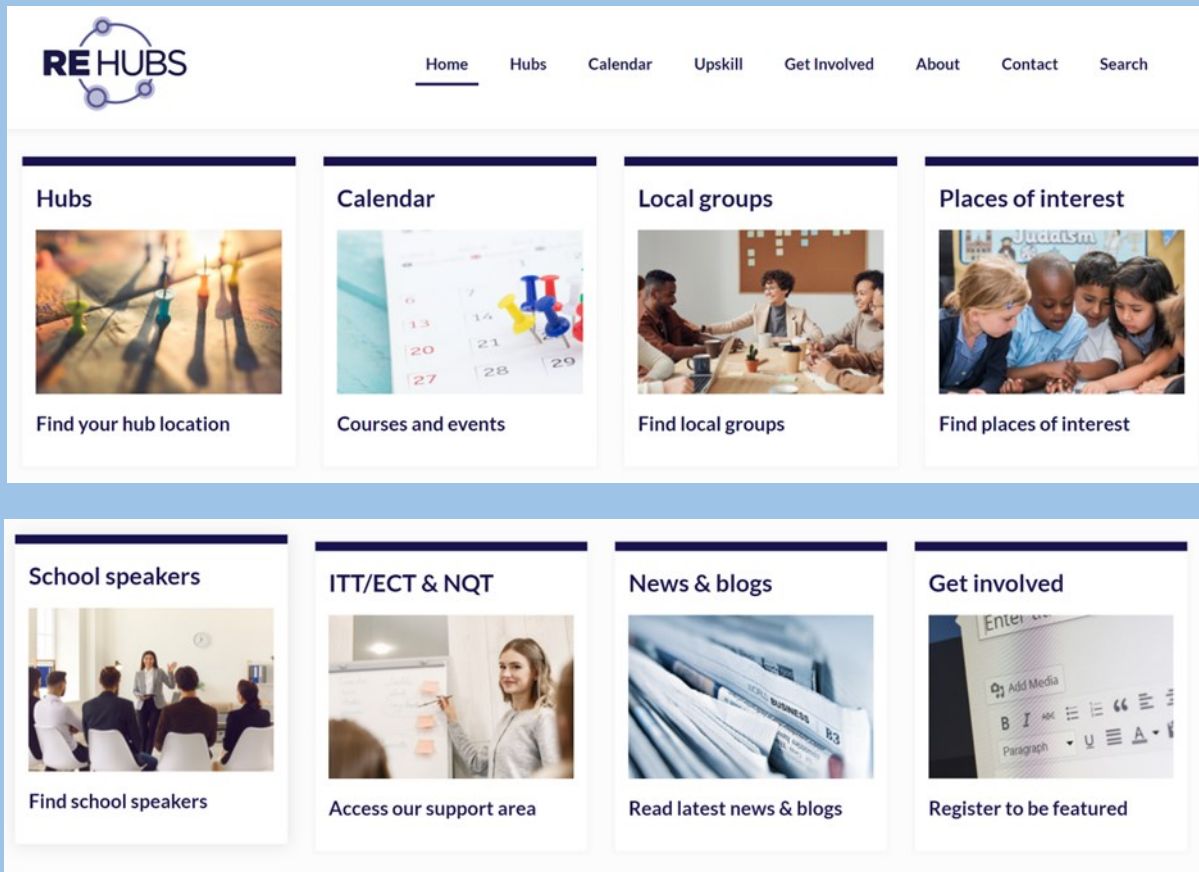
Inter Faith Week

The New RE-Hub website is now live!

This is a one-stop shop for all things RE.

The RE Hubs project aims to connect those who can provide resources with those who need them.

<https://www.re-hubs.uk/>



The screenshot shows the RE Hubs website homepage. At the top left is the RE HUBS logo. To the right is a navigation menu with links: Home, Hubs, Calendar, Upskill, Get Involved, About, Contact, and Search. Below the navigation are eight content cards arranged in two rows of four. Each card has a title, a representative image, and a call-to-action text.

Card Title	Image Description	Call-to-Action
Hubs	Abstract image of colorful lines and dots	Find your hub location
Calendar	Calendar with pushpins	Courses and events
Local groups	People sitting around a table in a meeting	Find local groups
Places of interest	Children looking at a book	Find places of interest
School speakers	Teacher in a classroom	Find school speakers
ITT/ECT & NQT	Teacher pointing at a whiteboard	Access our support area
News & blogs	Stack of newspapers	Read latest news & blogs
Get involved	Computer screen showing a form	Register to be featured

Street Pastors

PSHE enrichment for secondary school students?

Street Pastors are volunteers from local church communities who care, listen and help those we meet in our towns and cities. Started over 20 years ago in Brixton, there are now over 12,000 Street Pastors in over 200 areas in the UK.

Mostly out until the early hours we assist those we come across who are in need, many who are young and often vulnerable. Lost, separated from friends, had too much to drink, or worst of all a flat mobile battery!

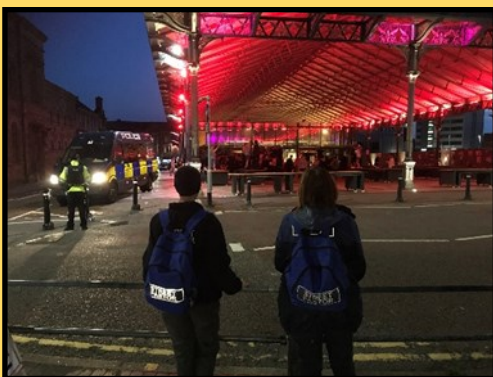
Aiming to keep people safe, we are happy to talk to secondary school pupils, share what we do, and offer advice for keeping safe when they do venture out to the night clubs and venues when old enough. Through an interactive session we share what we carry in our rucksacks, do some group work on real life scenarios, and have some fun whilst conveying a serious safety message.

We also touch on our Christian motivation in doing this work and how our faith is shown in action on the streets.

We can tailor sessions as required and there is no cost involved.

Interested over 18's are welcome to come along one night for some first hand experience

Click here to find your local [Street Pastors](#)



MAT Leads Network Meeting

Please see the flyer below, if you wish to book on use this link

[MAT Hubs Leads for RE networking meeting 12 October \(4 PM - 5.30 PM\)](#)



RE HUBS

MAT LEADS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NETWORKING MEETING

This 2nd session will be free for all RE leads in MATs who are

**TAKE YOUR RE MAT LEADING
TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

**12 OCTOBER - 4:00 TO
5:30PM**



Networking opportunity

Meet RE Leads in MATs across the country.



High-quality leadership

Hear from other MAT RE leads about how they have engaged & informed SLT on RE



High quality RE

Find out where other MAT RE leads go to support RE learning

This event will be free for all RE leads in MATs.

After this session, NATRE or AREIAC members will be able to attend for free. If you are not a member of either organisation, we encourage you to subscribe or a fee will be payable to attend our next meeting on 25.4.24

BOOK NOW



www.re-hubs.uk

The Jewish Museum of London

The Jewish Museum of London offers an extensive image library which aims to provide authentic representation of the Jewish community. There are a range of images and resources to download

[Inclusive Judaism - The Jewish Museum London](#)



New LPDS (Teaching & Learning Website)

You should be aware by now that the Lancashire Grid for Learning (LancsNGFL) has moved & is combined with the Lancashire Professional Development Service website. This new **LPDS Teaching and Learning Website** can be accessed here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds your RE website subscription is located here [Religious Education - LPDS Resources \(lancashire.gov.uk\)](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/religious-education)

In order to have your own account set up on the new website the head needs to follow the guidance sent to them in July via the portal, included here



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Once this is done you should visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds and select 'login', then select 'forgot password? Please use the email address that your head registered to your account. Please note that you can not do this if the head has not already set up an account for you, only the head can do this, see the letter below that was sent to the head with instructions.



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This means that you no longer need to use the generic password but can instead create your own.

If you need any **technical support** about logging on **after** your head has set you up with an account then please contact us at lpds@lancashire.gov.uk

For other queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01257 516166 or advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk