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- Godly Play at Cave Castle on Nov 24th
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- Assessment Guidance for RE is coming next term!
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The Spirit of East Yorkshire

Bridlington Spa

hosts the very first East Riding interfaith conference on **11th & 12th November**.

faith2faith:

Images of Religion

brings together young people aged 14-19 and faith communities from around the region in celebration of the diversity that makes up the East Yorkshire identity.

The conference is part of the *Spirit of the Nation* project supported by *United Religions Initiative*. The *Yorkshire & Humber*

Faiths Forum is represented by the young people of *United Faiths* and Director Inderjit Bhogal.

The first *faith2faith* conference in Hull two years ago drew young people into interfaith dialogue and they chose to follow it up with a look at 'images of religion' by visiting with local faith groups.



East Yorkshire schools have been working on their own images to bring to The Spa. The interactive curriculum day on November 12th has 12 workshops from the Gamelan orchestra to meditation, from Bollywood dancing to Islamic calligraphy, from music to drama to philosophy.

On the previous evening, young people will gather with local faith groups to celebrate the launch of a *Spirit of East Yorkshire* exhibition which captures the essence of our region. It will be opened by the Bishop of Hull.

Who Do We Think We Are?

Who and what is the East Riding? Where did we come from? What has influenced us in the past? Who and what will we become in the future?

Who Do We Think We Are? is a new East Riding initiative which links various aspects of the identity and diversity strand of the new KS3 curriculum; but it is aimed at all key stages. Launched in December

and running up to the national WDWTWA week in June, we are working in partnership with the BBC, WISE, plus the Hull & East Riding Museum Service. There will be 10 pilot schools.

The project is set to take off in a big way in future - *faith2faith* and *REaction* will be part of it.. If you'd like your school to take part, get in touch or sign up on www.eriding.net/CPDdata



Nikita from Howden finds out about United Faiths at Corrymeela, N. Ireland

From babies to bishops



Teachers and local church members are 'wondering' in a Godly Play training

"Children are a wonderful gift. They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are."

Desmond Tutu

Can you believe that there could be one spiritual development resource that fits all? Well there IS such a resource and that's **Godly Play!** More and more teachers are discovering the benefits of the open-ended questioning approach - **"I wonder..."** There are several resource books to help you and many have found that linking with local churches to share resources with the Sunday School has paid dividends!

Teachers are still struggling to

ensure that they allow enough time for **Reflection and Response** (AT2) and they find that this happens as a matter of course with Godly Play... So much so, that there are schools that now count on it for the delivery of Christianity in our RE units of work. They need only to plan how they 'plug the gaps' for their other chosen religions.

This term we are very fortunate to have Lizzie McWhirter, an excellent and experienced trainer

from Coventry Diocese. Lizzie comes to Cave Castle on November 24th to enlighten us on using the Godly Play method in RE, in worship and in supporting spiritual development across the curriculum.

Please see the enclosed flier for more details, or go to www.eriding.net/CPDdata enter as a guest and check out 'Teaching & Learning from the Agreed Syllabus' module. If you click on 'BOOK' then further details will appear.

At last: RE assessment defined!

It's what teachers have been waiting for!... a user-friendly guide to RE assessment - the bottom line when it comes to what you need to do to fulfill the requirements of the local syllabus and keep Ofsted happy too!

Our East Riding Assessment Working Group is preparing a guide for the classroom teacher which should get into schools next term.

Along with the guidelines there's the opportunity to train in Spring. Teachers who have helped to write the guidance will support others by exemplifying best practice on **May 20th** at **Lazaat's**. Please book in the usual way - the module *Teaching & Learning from the Agreed Syllabus*.

We still need to collect examples of pupils' work from your classroom; such pieces will be

moderated for **reweb** & the 8-level scale will be applied. For TAs and HLTAs, NQTs and others who may need a refresher, there is a general Agreed Syllabus training on **March 19th** at **Tickton Grange**. Assessment will be covered, along with ideas for enlivening RE lessons and bringing creativity into creation! Supplementary materials will be posted on **reweb**.

Of Moodles & Learning Platforms

CPD to keep you on the ball



Have you discovered our very own RE Moodle yet? Called **Opening Minds to RE** it's there for you to discover and add REsources of your own to share with others. Go to: <http://sis.eriding.net/>

and enter as a guest. You can take up full membership later.

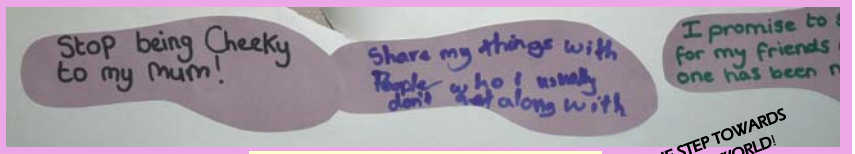
We are developing a Learning Platform for RE which will come into its own when **Who Do You Think You Are?** starts in earnest!

For the rest of the year, the Primary and Secondary Networks will keep everyone in

touch. Primary teachers meet at **Willerby Reform Synagogue** on **Feb 4th** and at **Madhyamaka Buddhist Centre** on **April 30th**. Secondaries are invited to the **N Hull CLC** on **May 1st**.

Come and be inspired by your colleagues; celebrate your own best practice!

REaction08



Workshop at Howden Methodist chapel

Year 6 to Year 7 REaction has increasingly promoted social action in the community linking with projects such as *Lifestyle*.

Planning has started for 2009. A total of 12 days will be offered at 6 venues. Teachers have asked for a theme of *Belonging* which fits nicely with *Faith in The Community* and identity & diversity issues. RE resource materials will be in schools by Easter 2009 & briefings will be in May.

Meanwhile *REaction2* on a *Light & Dark* theme is running again this November for Year 2 children at CE schools across York Diocese. Facilitated by **Bible Reading Fellowship**, *REaction2* goes to Selby, Pocklington and Kirkby-in-Cleveland.

Don't forget that **Label of Love** is available for work in schools all year round. The group supports RE, worship and creativity in the (mainly secondary) curriculum. Contact Will on 01482 211379. Label of Love is part of *Spirit*.

ONE STEP TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD!

In June 2008, REaction took the theme of **faith2faith: Faith in the Community**. In 5 venues and over 11 days in June, nearly 2500 young people and their teachers came together to explore aspects of faith. Seen very much as a transition piece from

“Once again you have done wonders in bringing RE to life. This now has to be one of the highlights in the year!”

What they really thought of REaction...

Dear Sue Holmes

I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to go on the REaction day. Our school is very proud and pleased to have been chosen.

I can honestly say that I have never done anything like it before, I really enjoyed it, the different

groups were a great idea. I loved the drumming. I also enjoyed the big game of volley ball and my favourite group was music. The music, lyrics and games were great fun!

I learnt that Martin Luther King made a massive change to the lives of lots of black people in America.

Next year the theme could be something strong like in 2007 when it was William Wilberforce.

The whole day was fantastic. Thank you again for the opportunity to go. I wish I could go again!

Yours sincerely

Amy

Year 7



As the new secondary curriculum kicks in for KS3, it has been announced that the regional subject advisers (RSAs) are to be funded to March 2010. This is really good news for RE; we have our own East Yorkshire RSA in Hull. Gail Rule teaches at Winifred Holtby School and can be contacted there : gru@winifred-holtby.hull.sch.uk. Gail has a training menu that she offers individual schools to include cross-curricular activity, auditing practice and observing teaching. Gail's contribution comes free of charge; contact her to support your curriculum development.

All the materials for the secondary curriculum are web-based and there are three websites designed to support curriculum development,

- **Support Materials:** www.newsecondarycurriculum.org
- **QCA:** <http://curriculum.qca.org.uk>
- **NATRE:** www.natre.org.uk/secondary

secondary curriculum

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Are you looking for an opportunity to focus on spiritual development with your class in a cross-curricular way? Sue has prepared some presentations based on the work of Antoni Gaudi. His devout Catholic faith and careful observation of nature as a child, inspired him to design with amazing flair and an ingenuity that children find accessible and irresistible.

If the idea interests you and you'd like to discuss its potential further, please get in touch.

La Pedrera
Barcelona



www.reweb.org.uk

Keeping in touch - with the latest RE resources!

R.E.VIEW Time-Saver is a useful monthly resource for RE teachers. Each issue is packed with ready-to-go exercises based on relevant stories from the previous month's news. The various quizzes cover a range of topics and provide ideal flexible material for 11-15 year olds. An answer sheet is included.

Subscription costs £30 pa; check out the sample on:

www.schoolsproject.co.uk/mts1.htm

Faith Matters - *Understanding Faiths* provides a practical introduction to Religion & Belief. The recent government report *Face to Face and Side by Side* highlighted the need to develop 'building blocks' and partnership work with different communities. The workshops aim to engage with faith communities and people of faith in the Yorks & Humber region.

Book at: www.faithmatters.co.uk

Scandinavian Xmas Market takes place November 28th (4-9pm) & 29th (11am-3pm) at Danish Seaman's Church, Osborne Street, Hull. A large selection of designer Scandinavian Christmas decorations, gifts, candles and speciality foods. A pre-Christmas treat! Some of us visited the Danish Church for Primary networks any found a very warm welcome. School classes can visit too!



Don't forget our ER RE loans - see list on www.reweb.org.uk

RE SOURCE III

Jewish Way of Life CD-ROM

- a free resource for schools from the Board of Deputies of British Jews with video and audio clips of Jewish children growing up in Britain:

Order on: www.jwol.org.uk

Bishops in action - learn about the role and the work of a bishop:

www.bishopsinaction.com

Teaching about Humanism

- slideshows and videos, with Humanists talking about their beliefs and values, supported by teachers notes:

www.humanismforschools.org.uk

Hull & E R Humanist Group

- our local group has a new website with famous Humanists and what they say; the education area links to the Humanism for Schools site:

www.herhg.org.uk

www.retoday.org.uk