

FOR THOSE  
THAT  
TEACH &  
LEAD RE IN  
ER

VOLUME 12, ISSUE 1

AUTUMN 2009

The Spirit of East Yorkshire can come down your way...

REaction2 for Year2 in Howden, Bridlington, Market Weighton and Driffield in November...

Who Do We Think We Are? launches again Dec 2nd...

Assessment Guidance and exemplification for RE - the saga goes on...

REaction 2010 booking SOON!

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Buddhism 2  
online

Assessment 2

CPD 2

REaction09 3

Curriculum changes 3

Interfaith Week 4

Resources 4



## Who Do We Think We Are?

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

**Who Do We Think We Are?** is the new East Riding initiative that links various aspects of the identity and diversity strand of the national curriculum. Aimed at all key stages, it launched in December 2008. The annual WDWTWA week happens in schools across the country every June. East Riding is working in partnership with Hull University's Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE) and Hull & East Riding museums. In 2008-2009, 10 pilot schools got the project off to a flying start and now more are coming on board as the word spreads.

The culmination of the pilot project was a **Hands-On History** family day at Holy Trinity Church in Hull. Hundreds of members of the public came to research **Who Do You Think You Are?** There was opportunity to search the parish records and climb the church tower. Horse-drawn carriage rides and Victorian costumes helped to set the scene. Some WDWTWA schools displayed and performed their work.



*A Victorian class from Hull St Nicholas perform music hall songs in Trinity Square*

WDWTWA is set to take off in a big way in the future - **REaction** and **faith2faith** are part of it. So too are various community cohesion, global and multicultural aspects of the curriculum. Each school chooses its own local application and areas of focus.

This term there has been the added stimulus of the Hull & Humber Clipper in the *Round the World Yacht Race*. A race calendar has been sent to all Primaries: [www.bobaroundtheworld.com](http://www.bobaroundtheworld.com)

Schools are exploring links between East Riding and Rio, Cape Town and Western Australia.

*It's all starting to show that maybe we are not quite who we thought we were!*

If you'd like your school to take part, do get in touch with Sue Holmes or Yvette Fox or register: [www.eriding.net/CPDdata](http://www.eriding.net/CPDdata)

## faith2faith



**One sunny day at the end of 2008 *Bridlington Spa*** saw 200 young people and local faith communities gather for the second East Riding & Hull interfaith conference. The previous evening, Bishop Richard of Hull launched the *Spirit of East Yorkshire: Images of Religion* exhibition celebrating the diversity of faith that makes up our East Yorkshire identity. *The Spirit banners are available for loan to schools.*

*faith2faith* was led by members of East Riding Youth Assembly, supported by young people of **United Faiths** (Yorkshire & Humber Faiths Forum) [www.unitedfaiths.org.uk](http://www.unitedfaiths.org.uk)

Through interactive workshops including soothing sounds from the Gamelan orchestra, calming meditation, lively Bollywood dancing, disciplined Islamic calligraphy, P4C, games, singing and drama, students challenged and explored faith & belief.



*faith - to - faith*

The Madhyamaka Buddhist Centre near Pocklington meets Hull St Mary's Roman Catholic College

## New: Buddhism interactive

In a world in which nobody was in charge, how would we best live together? With its non-theistic stance, Buddhism offers a fascinating contrast to other faiths, and contributes the stimulating question: *"Why be ethical if nobody is watching?"* Can a human being realise perfect wisdom and compassion?

At Clear Vision we're passionate about getting young people to ask questions about the meaning and purpose of

life. The answers are up to them of course. We're a small Buddhist charity working in the audio-visual media. We make engaging DVD video materials enabling pupils to learn from and about Buddhism. Our materials cover KS1 - KS4 and all include full teachers' notes with discussion points and activities.

Newly released is our first online, interactive product: **The Life of the Buddha** for KS2 & 3. Seven chapters con-

tain questions, short illustrated story videos and web quests and other activities:

**For a free trial section visit:**

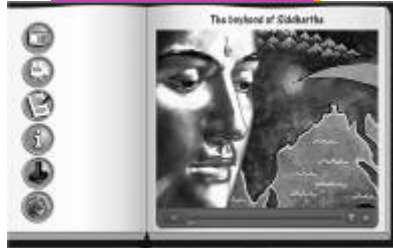
<http://www.clear-vision.org/Teachers/Default.aspx>

**COMING SOON:**

**Online resources for Buddhism and Cz / community cohesion for KS3 & 4**

**Munisha**

**Education Officer**



*"This product is completely intuitive. There is evidently lots of careful thought behind it. The tasks are carefully thought out. This is a high quality resource."*

RE Today Services

## RE assessment... the saga continues!

**It's what all RE teachers are still waiting for! ...** the East Riding user-friendly guide to **RE assessment**.

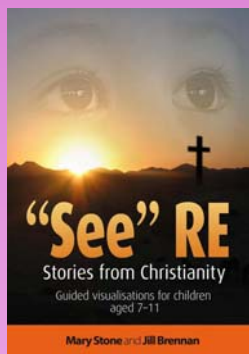
Our Assessment Working Group is working with other teachers from Hull and East Riding to exemplify the 8 levels with classroom best practice. Schools are collaboratively working to moderate pupils' work for **reweb**. The aim is to put in more cross-

curricular references, thereby paving the way to the next agreed syllabus of 2011. Five LAs, including York, hope to produce a common syllabus with cross-curricular units of work. We are working with QCDA to align with other RE syllabuses in England.

For TAs and HLTAs, NQTs and others who may need a refresher, there is a general Agreed Syllabus training on

**February 2 at Tickton Grange**. Assessment will be discussed along with ideas for being creative with RE.

*Mary Stone and ex-York CE teacher Jill Brennan have launched their new book **SeeRE** - a collection of biblical visualisations for the classroom including levelled assessments. They'll return to lead an inspiring CPD day on April 23 at Cave Castle: [www.rmep.co.uk](http://www.rmep.co.uk)*



[www.stapleford-centre.org/](http://www.stapleford-centre.org/)

download a free PDF each week for an idea to enhance Primary classroom practice!

## More CPD matters

Primary and Secondary Networks keep everyone in touch. We meet two or three times a year together with Hull. Primary teachers are meeting at the **Anlaby Sikh Centre on Nov 6**, the **Hull Community Church on Mar 12** and the **Quaker Meeting House on 21 May**.

Secondaries are invited to the **North Hull CLC on March 19** following their September meeting at South Hunsley.

We shall all be visiting the **Madhyamaka Buddhist Centre on July 13** for a relaxing meditative day at the end of the year - this one by popular request!

**Baptist Schools Project**

The Baptist Union, through its Mission Department, is currently working on a 2 year project producing resources and training that will help each Baptist church engage effectively with its local school. Some of the resources are already available and can be seen at: [www.baptist.org.uk/resources/children-youth-resources.asp?section=10](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources/children-youth-resources.asp?section=10)



# REaction09



"The children were expecting to have a dull & boring day and were not particularly comfortable about being in church.

They were pleasantly surprised & had a most enjoyable day!

From a staff point of view we find it one of our best trips and an extremely beneficial day."

**REaction09** took the theme of **faith2faith: The Journey of Life**. In 5 venues and on 11 lively days in June, around 2200 young people, adults and local church members came together to explore aspects of faith. What are the values would you put in **your** suitcase of life? Pupils celebrated 'what it means to be me' linking neatly with **Who Do We Think We Are?** and identity & diversity issues.

In 2010, 12 days will be once more be offered at 6 venues. Facilitators are working on a **Hopes & Dreams** theme. Invita-

tions will be coming out soon! RE resource materials will sent to participating schools by Easter 2010 & briefings will be in May.



**Celebrating Who We Are at Howden Minster**

## Great News for REaction!!

After 8 years of REaction for Y6 and Y7, **Label of Love** trustees have backed the team's involvement with KS1. So that means more lively workshops - now also for younger pupils!

So **REaction2** on a **Light & Dark** theme (Unit 2.2) is offered to all Year 2 pupils in November for the first time. It goes to Howden, Driffield, Bridlington and Market Weighton. Maybe more in 2010?!

## Thoughts from the RE world

with apologies to the Chairs of NATRE and NASACRE

*As we approach the second decade of the 21st Century, there are significant changes ahead for us all.*

*We need to work hard for the full recognition of RE's contribution to the spiritual & moral dimension of education and for its contribution to community cohesion. In a society where issues of social diversity and fragmentation are much to the*

*fore, we need to show that RE teachers possess a unique set of skills. An awareness of the spiritual dimension gives rise to a sense of human connect- edness.*

*In our pluralist and multi-cultural society, world events impact hourly on local communities. Speed of communication makes us appreciate that our planet is small and delicately balanced. Our*

*'brother can be on the next Facebook page or belong to the same Yahoo 'group'.*

*Building bridges between groups in the local, the national and the international communities are vital to growing and nurturing those communities so that they become healthy supportive for all their members both now & in future.*

4 short NATRE videos explain the nature, purpose and value of RE in schools:

[www.natre.org.uk](http://www.natre.org.uk)

2 new videos illustrate RE in the secondary curriculum: <https://newsecondarcurriculum.org>

RE teachers developing the role of RE in community cohesion:

[www.community-cohesion.org.uk](http://www.community-cohesion.org.uk)

### Helping your Students to Become Successful Learners in RE (KS3/4)

Nov 6 at Wellington Hall, Leyland  
[www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/re](http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/re)

**new RE guidance**  
**+ the CHANgINg**  
**primary**  
**curriculum**

Now it's the turn of the primary curriculum for a makeover! The consultation ran from April to July and we are getting ready for the final report, due soon. Together with the recommendations of the Rose Review, came draft updated non-statutory guidance 'RE in English Schools'. It's the first time since 1994 that there has been new national guidance on RE, and it's not before time! The document is aimed at LAs through their SACREs, at local faith communities, school governors and teachers. It is intended to provide a clear point of reference, to inform and guide, not to direct, and to generate confidence in the capacity of RE to enrich the curriculum offered to young people. The **legislation** governing the provision of RE remains the same, but the **guidance** reflects the contemporary context of RE in schools today.

East Riding is adamant that national guidance will be reflected in our next Agreed Syllabus. The plan is to work towards delivering RE in tandem with the new curriculum, due in 2011.

[www.qcda.org.uk/curriculum](http://www.qcda.org.uk/curriculum)



Religious  
Education

### Teaching & Learning Consultant (RE)

Sue Holmes  
School Improvement Service  
Main Street  
SKIRLAUGH  
HU11 5HN

Phone: 01482 392464

Mobile: 07931 700851

Fax: 01482 392460

email: [sue.holmes@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:sue.holmes@eastriding.gov.uk)

The first-ever Interfaith Week to be held in England runs from 15-21 November : [www.interfaith.org.uk](http://www.interfaith.org.uk)

The website has resources for schools & faith groups.

Aims are:

- To strengthen good interfaith relations
- To increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- To increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious belief

Make contact with a local faith group & invite them in!

United Faiths available to visit! (see front page)

Unity



## Keeping in touch - with the latest RE resources

**Mercy Ships - bringing hope & healing** is an international Christian charity using hospital ships and land-based programmes to deliver specialised health care and community development programmes to the forgotten poor. Aimed at KS2 & KS3, curriculum resource materials offer topics for RE, Citizenship & Geography and also ideas for Collective Worship. Pupils can learn about the value of service to those in need. Speakers can usually be provided by arrangement.

Check out the website:  
[www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

**Questioning Origins - The Wonder Project** (Version 2) provides IWB games, video clips, lesson plans and pdfs for KS3 to explore the beliefs of different faiths and Darwin's own changing religious views.

Demo: [www.thewonderproject.co.uk](http://www.thewonderproject.co.uk)



### The JAINpedia project

**JAINpedia** is an ambitious five year project taking Jainism into the 21st century. Thousands of beautiful, rare and sacred manuscripts and artefacts will be put on the internet along with specially written translations and explanations. Featuring hundreds of original articles and a comprehensive glossary, **JAINpedia** will be available to anyone anywhere for free. Alongside the technical development there will be an extensive outreach & education programme with major and regional exhibitions and INSET sessions. For more information visit: [www.jainpedia.org](http://www.jainpedia.org) or email: [chetna.kapacee@jainpedia.org](mailto:chetna.kapacee@jainpedia.org)

Don't forget our ER RE loans - some new: [www.reweb.org.uk](http://www.reweb.org.uk)

**Citizenship - identity and difference** - This CD-ROM from the Council of Christians and Jews explores different strands of religious and non-religious traditions in British Society today and helps KS3 pupils to explore the nature of identity.

Order on: [www.ccj.org.uk](http://www.ccj.org.uk)

**Jumping Fish - Teaching Values for Life** - Primary resources for developing school ethos, creating a multi-sensory spiritual garden, persona dolls in RE, spiritual development, festivals and Christian symbols:

[www.gloucester.anglican.org/education/resources](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/education/resources)

**Hull & East Riding Interfaith (HERI)** - our local group has a new website with pictures of *faith2faith* and other work with young people. There will soon be more for schools too: [www.heri.org.uk](http://www.heri.org.uk)