

RE CPD Special

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With the world of CPD changing this term, this special edition of REsource is to update teachers on INSET plans for RE in the East Riding for 2007-8.

The application process is now underway and you have until October 31st to register for your chosen courses.

REsource will help you to choose from the available options.

Don't miss out!

The RE blend is yours to choose.....

"It was good to talk face to face with other colleagues and share children's work with others. It is nice to know you are not alone."
Feedback from RE Subject Leaders Forum

"We could focus on what we really needed to focus on as an individual or school."
Feedback from RE Schemes of Work Inset

THE NEW CPD PROCESS
All teachers are encouraged to identify their own CPD focus and starting points whilst working to ensure that as a staff team, identified whole school priorities are met.

The East Riding team will then discuss and confirm with each school a range of blended learning activities in the training being offered, suitable to meet identified needs.

The school will facilitate the agreed range of blended learning activities e.g. day courses and visits, coaching and mentoring, lesson observation, on-line and off-line gap tasks.

At the end of the process, teachers will engage and co-operate in a common evaluative framework that identifies learning outcomes at pupil, practitioner and whole school level, moving into the next cycle.

REaction gets bigger! (or smaller...)

REaction is spreading its wings, as pilot days for smaller people - Year 2 - take place during October on a *Light & Dark* theme.

If they go well, there could be more days on offer for REaction08.

June dates will pick up on the exciting *faith2faith* work going on in KS4 and KS5, leading into another Hull & East Riding *faith2faith* conference in



in 2008 whilst fitting neatly with the new community cohesion agenda.

From this year, REaction becomes part of the CPD blended learning on offer to teachers with their pupils.

To take part, schools will need to book into the REaction CPD module.

DON'T MISS OUT! 3 out of 4 schools took part in 2007.



CPD and RE in East Riding Cross-phase MIMs:

- * Teaching and Learning from the Agreed Syllabus for RE
- * Networks for Primary and Secondary Subject Leaders of RE
- * REaction - a creative context for RE

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Teaching and Learning from



the Agreed Syllabus for RE

- Different modules for different key stages and for different audiences (teachers, HLTAs, NQTs.) Schools may customise the module by choosing from a series of options:

- * Teaching units from the **East Riding Schemes of Work (2006)**
- * **Assessment using Key Questions** linked to the **8-level assessment scale for RE**
- * **Visits from national trainers** in support of learning from the **East Riding RE Syllabus** (see details on right).

Church schools (VC) can access additional input relating to the way that the RE in the Agreed Syllabus may be taught in support of their distinctive Church School ethos.

East Riding RE MIMs & Moodles

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VISITING TRAINERS 2007-8

A Gift to the Child is about teaching religion to primary children. It builds on and extends a new approach to RE first published in 1992, and it was reissued as a CD with further material in 2006. The author, Julie Groove (ex-RE adviser) visits us on **November 19th** to inspire East Riding teachers with her passion for reflection & learning from religion.

On **July 3rd** Mary Stone, ex-Headteacher and adviser, will apply her "I wonder..." approach to suggest how we can help develop pupils' spirituality from the East Riding units of work. Mary is well known for her *Don't Just Do Something, Sit There* approach.

SACRE Monitoring of RE 2007-8

The ongoing programme of monitoring and evaluation of RE in East Riding schools continues this term. Schools are surveyed every 3 years to help SACRE fulfil its legal obligation to monitor the impact of the East Riding agreed syllabus. The successful online survey will continue with another cohort of schools, alongside a school audit of RE, and a conversation with the subject leader who may use the SEF (see below) to audit practice. The focus for OfSTED is now **Community Cohesion** and RE.

Sue Holmes will visit a cross-section of schools once the online surveys are in. These visits are seen as supportive in the giving of advice, and developmental for subject leaders in the schools concerned.

Every RE subject leader is advised to review their SEF regularly - see www.reweb.org.uk for the toolkit.

All 3 East Riding RE MIMs can be booked online:

<http://sis.eriding.net>

Networks for Primary and Secondary Subject Leaders of RE

...by popular request the networks continue...!

RE Networks provide opportunity for the community of RE subject leaders, in both **primary** and **secondary** phases, to encourage innovation and the sharing of best practice, in developing effective teaching and learning from the East Riding Agreed Syllabus for RE.

There will be regular face to face meetings and access to online resources. Unitary partners who share the same syllabus may join the group to share their different perspective. Faith communities may also join the meetings to support teaching of faiths represented in the Humber area. Church schools can access additional support relating to the way that RE supports and is governed by their Church School ethos.

... Ready to Moodle? ...

The virtual 'community' of local RE teachers is about to get going on our special RE Moodle:

Opening Minds to RE

The intention is to share good practice and resources. It will only work if you are prepared to open up your practice to others.

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REaction - a creative context for RE

The popular REaction days have run successfully in the East Riding every year since 2002. Each June around 2,500 Y6 and Y7 pupils come together over 10 separate days, to enjoy a lively mixture of singing, dance, drama, creative thinking, reflection, story and quiz workshops at 6 different church venues in the East Riding.

Teachers use the day as a starter to teach their next unit of work. The day acts as stimulus to further work in the classroom, with an element of preparation for pupils to get the most out of their REaction day experience.

There is also a built-in assessment element which provides opportunity for transitional moderation of

pupils' work from Primary to Secondary school.

The theme for 2008 will be:

faith2faith

- reacting to faith through dialogue