



Nottingham Bluecoat School

Religious Studies Resource Centre

Annual Report 2004-5

This year saw the change over of Margaret Glen-Bott School to becoming the Wollaton Campus of Nottingham Bluecoat School. The RS Centre sited here last year, now enjoys the full facilities available, including the provision for collection of loan orders from this site. We also launched the North of the County collection and drop-off points, at Eastbourne Centre and Ordsall Primary School.



This year has seen the continued expansion of the Resource Centre. We have received donations of artefacts and books from both individuals and organisations, which have greatly enhanced our selection. Through the continued support in funding from both City and County Authorities and registration fees we have also been able to purchase other additional items. Funding has also enabled us to continue to finance our part time Administrator, whom we share with the Nottingham Inter Faith Council. During the Summer term of 2004, we were invited to facilitate a workshop at the County RE Conference .

In the Autumn term we made a Power point presentation to the County SACRE about the work of the Centre, our future developments plans and strengthening links with Nottingham Inter Faith Council. Following this we have been invited to take part in a County RE. Conference during the Summer term this year.

We have also been involved in the planning of an RE conference for City schools, also due to take place during this Summer term .

We continue to develop our cooperation with Nottingham Inter Faith Council, as we now provide a home for their Multi Faith Exhibition stand, which is available on loan to local Schools and organisations. There are ongoing discussions between ourselves and the Council as to how we can support each other in the task of promoting better understanding among Inter Faith communities.

We have continued to build better networking between schools and the various local communities. We were able to find Chinese dancers to visit one of our member schools, for the 2005 Chinese New Year celebrations.

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Development Plan

With the development of a purpose - built facility within the new building on the Aspley Campus, due to open in 2006, the Religious Studies Centre is moving towards a more ambitious vision. The support of our many partners will be crucial in this developmental phase to help us to work towards this vision. Moving to our own classroom on the Wollaton campus in summer 2003 has put us in a better position to start addressing some of these goals.

Aim

To play a key role in supporting work to increase awareness and understanding across the community, of the beliefs and practices of different faiths.

Objectives

Provide a library of resources available for loan to teachers, faith communities and other organisations with sympathetic aims.

Improve access to resources by: generating our own materials; building a resource bank of other teachers' materials and good practice guidance; signposting to other resources of support; giving opportunities to inspect published materials.

Encourage connections between users and faith communities, i.e by building a network of reliable contact, providing guidance on visits to places of worship.

Provide an environment for teachers' research and learning, such as through short courses.

Develop community education in faith issues, using our facilities to support courses, discussions, events, exhibitions etc.

Needs

To continue to provide space to store and display resources, preferably with room for users to work and attend events.

Staff time for processing orders, administration, planning, networking, etc. It is important for this to be a known quantity so we know what level of service we can offer to users:- time for turning round an order.

Stock of resources - broad ranging, high quality and up to date - includes purchasing new items and maintaining current stock.

Good connections with education authorities, school, faith communities, other providers, publishers, etc.

Management Structure

We are accountable to our funders and other stakeholders, including local authorities, Nottingham Bluecoat School and Nottingham Inter Faith Council. The Centre Manager has overall responsibility for the project and oversees the project worker(s) and volunteer helpers.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2004 - 5.

INCOME	£
Grants	3000
Affiliation fees	499
Conference seed fund	400
Income from conferences	<u>269</u>
Total.	4168
EXPENDITURE	
Staff costs	2500
Resources	468
Stationery & office supplies	41
Equipment	15
Books & subscriptions.	194
Sundries	<u>19</u>
Total.	3237
Income minus expenditure	931
Start of year balance	1088
End of year balance	2019

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