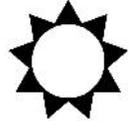




RS RESOURCE CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT 2007-8

What's being happening in 2007-8

NEW WEB-SITE

This year has seen a major development in the re-launch of our web-site. There is now an exclusive members area, with access to lesson plans and shared teaching practice. This is an area which will continue to develop.

We are now hosting City SACRE web- pages and the Agreed Syllabus for County SACRE, as well as details of RE Courses for teachers.

We are pleased to report another increase in membership and we anticipate continuing to grow, as we raise our profile to more potential users during 2008-9.

We offer the largest collection of religious artefacts and resources in Nottinghamshire and probably the East Midlands.

We have continued to host SACRE meetings for both City and County, as well as a City Schools RE coordinator's meeting. These will be continuing to meet here next year.



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More of what's being happening in 2007-8

TRAINING

In July 2007, we participated in a Secondary Teachers' day facilitated by Lat Blaylock, at Bestwood Lodge.

There was a County conference for Primary Teachers in April 2008 at the Derbyshire Hotel in the north of the County.

This was open to City teachers.

In April 2008 we delivered, for the first time, a two day training Seminar, on behalf of the City's School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT).

This was attended by twenty student teachers, here in our new enhanced facilities.

FUNDING

We have been generating some additional income from new roles, such as delivering SCITT training, working with SACRE and hosting on our web-site. This has enabled us to accumulate a reserve to carry forward to next year, as reported elsewhere.

As a consequence we are better placed to support our future development, replenish resources and invest in additional IT equipment, during the coming year.

We are fortunate in having accumulated this reserve, following our second unsuccessful bid to the Government's **Capacity Building Fund** - *Connecting Communities Plus* - *Community Grants*.



Our Vision

Our vision is to provide a unique opportunity for Personal Teaching and learning Development across all faiths, for both the City and County of Nottingham.

Our Aims and Objectives

At the RS Resources Centre we work to:-

- Provide a collection of resources available for loan to teachers, faith communities, and other organisations exploring the faiths of our world and community.
- Improve access to resources by generating our own materials; developing a resource bank of other teachers' materials and good practice guidance; signposting to other sources of support; as well as giving opportunities to inspect published materials.
- Encourage connections between users and faith communities, e.g. by building a network of reliable contacts, providing guidance on visits to places of worship.
- Providing an environment for teachers' research and learning, e.g. through short courses.
- Develop community education in faith issues, using our facilities to support courses, discussions, events, exhibitions, small group meetings and facilitating conferences.

Management.

The Centre Manager has overall responsibility for the project, worker(s) and volunteers.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2007-8

INCOME	£.
Funders	5000
Subscriptions	700
Conference Income	257
TOTAL	5957

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	3500
Resources	865
Stationery and Printing	156
I T. & Equipment	346
Books and subscriptions	97
TOTAL	4964

Income minus expenditure	993
Start of year balance	<u>5695</u>
End of year balance	6688

We acknowledge the continuing support of City and County LAs and the Bluecoat School, which hosts the RS Centre and provides infrastructure amenities, enabling us to operate and further develop our expansion.

We continue our partnership with Nottingham Inter Faith Council (NIFC), as we work together to promote social cohesion within our schools and communities. This partnership is reflected in the networking between NIFC and our School subscribers in the arranging of visits from schools to places of worship and that of Faith representatives to visit schools, for Acts of Worship and classroom input.

The NIFC Faiths Exhibition is made available on loan, from the Centre to schools and community groups.