



RELIGIOUS STUDIES RESOURCE CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT 2008/9

What's been happening in 2008-9

A new Joint City and County RE Syllabus.

The highlight of this year has been the development of a new joint Syllabus for RE, between City and County's Local Authorities. This work was facilitated by the RS Centre management. The new Agreed Syllabus will be launched at the Teachers Conference in June. Full access is planned to be available on our web-site www.rsresources.org.uk later in the year.

Another major development for us was the first Faith Focus day, on Hinduism, hosted here at the Centre.

A class from a local school experienced visiting a Place of Worship, in the Multi-faith room. This was led by a member of the Hindu Community and was following by an inter-active teaching session, using Hindu artefacts.

We have been researching and developing new methodology for taking Multi-faith RE into schools.



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More of what's being happening in 2008-9

THE DALAI LAMA

His Holiness the Dalai Lama spent five days in Nottingham, in May greeting and praying with members of the *Buddhist Faith*. Some 6-7000 people filled the Nottingham Arena on each of the five days. Sunday afternoon was especially for young people and was about saving the environment. We publicised this event across our network throughout Spring.

TEACHERS' DAY

In July 2008, a *Secondary Teachers' day* focused on a practical analysis of the work being done by the team drafting the new *Agreed Syllabus*.

TRAINING

In April 2009 we delivered, the second training Day Seminar, on behalf of the City's School Centred Initial Teacher Training (*SCITT*). This was attended by twenty student teachers.

FUNDING

We are currently awaiting the outcome of our third bid to the Government's *Capacity Building Fund - Connecting Communities Plus - Community Grants*. If successful, we will be investing in the development of individual Faith DVDs and other teaching resources.

THE JOURNEY

A *Curriculum Enrichment Day* for some pupils from Bluecoat School. This included a visit to the Holocaust Centre to make 'The Journey', an experience well worth sharing with you. A great Resource, worth considering as part of any RE. Course.



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 2008-9

INCOME	£.
Funding	5000
Subscriptions	540
Training Income	425
Miscellaneous	<u>56</u>
TOTAL	6021

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	3759
Resources	531
Stationery and Printing	0
I T. & Equipment	550
Books and subscriptions	156
Miscellaneous	<u>194</u>
TOTAL	5190

Income surplus	831
Balance at start of year	<u>6740</u>
End of year balance	7571

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.