



Annual Report 2023

Where we are and what we do

The Nottinghamshire RSResource Centre, which continues to be a member of the Federation of RE Centres, remains housed within the Vine Community Centre on Bobbers Mill Road in Nottingham.



We are indebted to the staff at The Vine Reception who issue loans of artefacts and then receive them back for us, often in the early evening.

Our Centre continues to be managed by Rev'd Ken Johnson who gives voluntarily of his time to run it and to communicate the work of the Centre.

We continue to assist schools in enhancing their delivery of RE through our loans of artefacts, books and other items. These are available to subscribers at a cost of £30 per academic year. Loans are available for up to six weeks - orders are placed on line. We have an increased number of subscribers using this facility.

On our website, <https://rsresources.org.uk/> we now have a film of our work as well as offering various links which schools and communities might find useful. In our newsletters we list courses currently available for teachers. These go to schools in the City of Nottingham and the County as well as to schools in other areas who have requested them.

We offer schools the opportunity to use one of our Faith Experiences within their school (details of which can be found later in this Report). The Centre receives no grants as it is a self financing project generating its income through Faith Experiences.

Management Team

Our Centre is directed by our Management Team who give of their own time. Our team consists of Keith Charter, Simon Foulds, Graham Jennings and the Centre Manager. We have a webmaster who looks after the web site on a voluntary basis. Our Management team meets at least once a term

Our Management team has been considering the future development of the Centre and has met with interested parties about the future of the Centre. We have also continued to be active participants of the Federation of RE Centres nationally. The Federation does have representatives on the R.E. Council.

We have hosted a session for RE leads from Nottingham Schools Trust and also delivered a staff meeting training session to over 50 teachers in a City school at their request. We also deal with various enquiries about teaching RE during the year.



Faith Experiences in 2023

Faith Experiences, which are our unique contribution to the development of good Religious Education, have continued. We had to disappoint some schools who requested them as our availability was limited. The requests for these experiences have actually grown over the year, with quite a few schools having at least two or even three faith experiences in their school. We have also received requests from schools we have not visited previously.

We visited 27 schools in the City and County at last once in the year. Each year the faiths requested are different as can be seen below 2022 figures are in brackets.

Buddhism 456 (0)	Christianity 0 (60)	Hinduism 631 (840)	
Islam 796 (390)	Judaism 783 (215)	Sikhi 492 (240)	Total pupils 3158 (1745)

Whenever possible we try to find ways to make the experiences fulfil the school's objectives and the needs of the young people who will experience them.



TEACHER EVALUATION

We always invite written comments about the experiences. These are some of the comments we received.

*We wanted our children to be introduced to Hinduism – Fantastic- basics were covered!
The children were very well engaged & I like that they took their shoes off & rang the bell as though they were in a Hindu Temple.*

An RE experience thoroughly enjoyed by the class. Delivered with humour



The children have learnt & experienced so much in this impressive Gurdwara experience

The session was engaging, exciting & filled the children with enthusiasm. Fantastic!

Thank you for a great session which was both informative & engaging.

Great professional development for teachers' own knowledge of Hinduism

New sticky knowledge & chance to explore resources & get deeper insight into the religion

The children have learnt & experienced so much in this immersive Gurdwara experience with many different religious artefacts to engage with.

This was a respectful, engaging experience where pupils learnt



Islam in a SEN setting *Really interactive session.*

Great resources & the delivery by the leaders was engaging

It was a great, interactive experience. Very informative & engaging for the pupils (and staff!).

The knowledge of the providers was excellent.

The session was perfectly pitched for our pupils



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