



Annual Report 2024

Where we are and what we do



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

As always we are indebted to the very helpful staff at The Vine Reception, who issue loans of artefacts and receive them back for us, often in the early evening.

Rev'd Ken Johnson continues to manage our Centre, on a voluntary basis, though he has stepped down from leading our Faith Experiences. We have also been assisted by Mrs Lucy Moss, who has been working on our loans to schools in a voluntary capacity when she is not involved teaching in a City school.

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 using our new dedicated loans email address. We have continued to welcome new subscribers this year.

On our website, <https://rsresources.org.uk/> we host a film of our work as well as offering various links which schools and communities might find useful. In our termly 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 adjacent areas who have requested them.

The first part of the year saw the final Faith Experiences delivered by Ken and Janet after 14 years of offering them. The Management team has been exploring the future development of these popular experiences which generate the income to maintain the Nottinghamshire Religious Studies Resource Centre at The Vine. (More on this overleaf)

Management Team

Our Centre is directed by our Management Team; who give of their own time, which 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.

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. Ken has now agreed to become the membership secretary of the Federation.



Faith Experiences in 2024

Though this was our final year of delivering these, in the current format, we were oversubscribed for them in the Summer Term for the first time. Once more, we visited some new venues as well as visiting familiar schools. We visited 20 different schools, travelling just under 2,000 miles, some schools for up to 4 visits as well as visiting some city schools for the first time and in the County, Misson school near Doncaster.

We delivered experiences during the past year to the following number of pupils:

Buddhism 0 Christianity 0 Hinduism 580 Islam 400 Judaism 885 Sikhi 230

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

The Future



Loans of Artefacts The Management Team of the RSResource Centre has been looking at the future of the experiences we offer, along with our operations, for well over a year. The subscription to our loans activity is continuing as Lucy Moss expressed an interest and volunteered to continue this aspect of our work. With the support of the Vine Community Reception staff we are able to keep this aspect going in the near future. We thank Lucy for expressing an interest and becoming involved to keep this service operating.

Faith Experiences The Management team made representations to the SACRE's of both the City and County Council. The Councils wanted the experiences to stay in the area; to continue to bring our young people these unique and valuable insights. Some of the faiths represented also expressed a desire for their continuance but no volunteers came forth to undertake the preparation or delivery. Ken did a presentation to a local charity of volunteers who again thought it was valuable but nothing materialised.

The decision was made, in the light of Ken announcing his retirement from delivering these after 14 years, that we could not staff such experiences from September 2024. The Management team have been in negotiation with a possible provider from outside the County and City which is interested in developing them for schools in our area. It is hoped that an announcement on the future of this aspect of our work will be made in 2025, even though we have still received requests for experiences for late in 2024 and early 2025; such is the interest. If anyone is interested in being involved with this aspect please contact us. The Faith Experiences are the chief source of income to the existence of the Nottinghamshire RSResource Centre which receives no grant nor any external financial support.

News of developments will appear in newsletters and on our website in due course.



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