



Annual Report 2025

Where we are and what we do



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

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

Everyone involved in the Nottinghamshire RSResource Centre is a volunteer, helping to keep our work in assisting schools and community groups viable. We continue to assist schools in enhancing their delivery of RE through our loans of artefacts, books and posters which are available to subscribers at a cost of £35 per academic year. Loans are available for up to six weeks - orders are placed on line using a our new dedicated loans email address. We continue to ask for 7 working days notice as Lucy Moss now sorts out the loan requests when she is not teaching in a City school.

On our website, we have a film of our work about loans as well as offering various links which schools and communities might find useful. Our termly newsletters list courses available for teachers, along with other resources. These go to schools in the City of Nottingham and the County, as well as to schools in adjacent areas who have requested them.



2025 saw the transfer of many resources we used to use on our Faith Experience Days to the care and use of the Open Centre in Derby. It has been good to see schools in the City and County availing themselves of the service now offered from Derby.

Open Centre

We have also increased the number of artefacts available for loan by schools and communities with some items from Faith Experiences. We have removed IT materials, along with CDs and DVDs as technology has moved on so much in schools. We have also put pictures of most of the artefacts available on the online catalogue to make it easy for subscribers to identify what each item actually is.



Resources Catalogue

Recently we have been working with the Holocaust Centre who have found our artefacts useful in their work with schools. In response to borrowing from us they said:

"We collected our box and we are impressed with the quality and condition of the resources."



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, Lucy Moss and Ken Johnson. We have a webmaster who looks after the web site on a voluntary basis. Our Management team meets at least once a term.

At our AGM, held in the Autumn Term 2025, it was good to have a teacher representative from the Nottingham City SACRE present who was amazed to see the range of what schools could access from the Centre.

A lot of sorting out of resources has been done by our volunteers to make us sleeker for the future, though more still needs to be done so we are in a good operational condition. We would love to have the assistance of more volunteers as well as more schools to be involved with subscribing to the Centre. With the New Agreed Syllabus next year we hope to be able to offer support to schools in making lessons even more dynamic to the young people in their care in an age when understanding of various beliefs is more essential than ever. During the year we have met with a Church schools worker to see how we can assist them in their educational work.



Subscriber details

Looking back

We started back in 1994 following on discussions with the Education Authorities, along with the Nottingham Bluecoat School and Nottingham Inter Faith Council. It was agreed to offer schools a service to assist in the delivery of RE from a Multi Faith perspective and in line with the Agreed Syllabus. This facility was hosted at Bluecoat School on Aspley Lane until 2003 when it relocated to Wollaton Park Campus due to building work in Aspley until returning in 2007.

In 2010 we received a grant to develop the Faith Experience Project from the Community Development Fund of £11,000. In 2014 we relocated to the Vine Community Centre as a self funding project.

Over the years we have been involved in RE Conferences, training events for teachers, developing RE Conferences for Post 16 students with the then St John's College. We have supported Nottingham Interfaith council in different ways as well increasing artefacts and running successful Faith Experiences from Northamptonshire to Barton upon Humber, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire as well as in the City of Nottingham and the County. We have given talks to faith communities and Rotary groups and assisted with training of trainee teachers in RE as well as loaning items out to faith communities.

Looking ahead

At the AGM it was pointed out that since ending Faith Experiences, as we could not find people willing to continue these, the main source of income to the Nottinghamshire RSResource Centre has ended. The Centre receives no external grants or financial assistance. Now, we only receive subscriptions from loans along with our balance to continue the work of the Centre. This means the long term future of the Centre is in doubt.

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