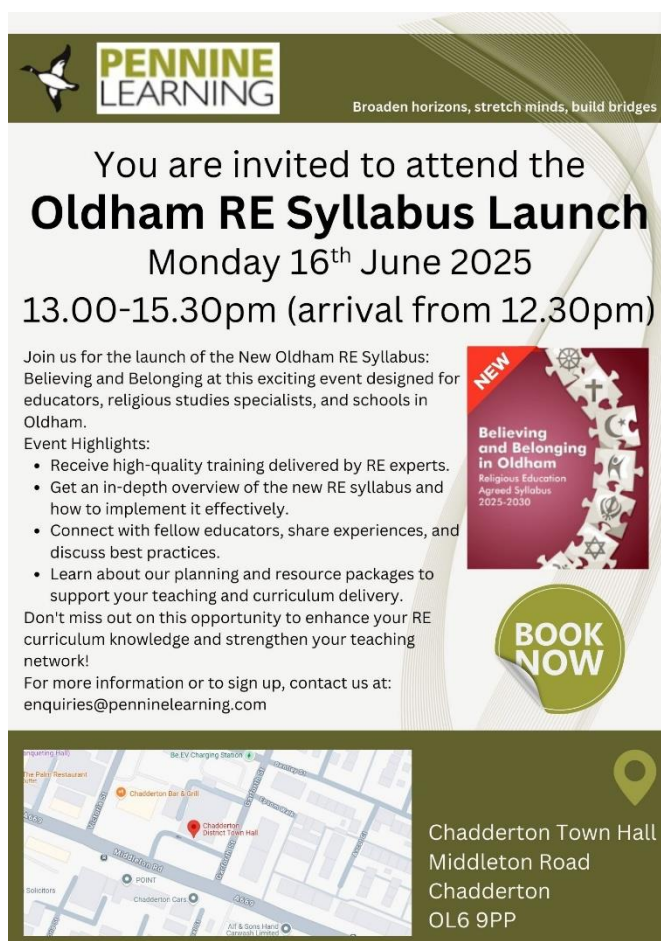


NEWS AND EVENTS

Oldham Syllabus launch

The new Believing and Belonging syllabus is now ready to be shared with all schools in Oldham, starting with the Syllabus Launch event. If you haven't registered yet please get in touch via the contact details on the flyer below (enquiries@penninelearning.com). In addition to the information listed on the flyer there will also be faith reps on stalls to help you connect with lived experience. Spaces are limited to book soon to avoid disappointment.

A flyer for the "Oldham RE Syllabus Launch" event. At the top is the Pennine Learning logo with the tagline "Broaden horizons, stretch minds, build bridges". The main text invites attendees to the "Oldham RE Syllabus Launch" on "Monday 16th June 2025" from "13.00-15.30pm (arrival from 12.30pm)". It describes the event as the launch of the "New Oldham RE Syllabus: Believing and Belonging" and lists event highlights: receiving high-quality training, getting an overview of the syllabus, connecting with fellow educators, and learning about planning and resource packages. A "BOOK NOW" button is prominently displayed. To the right is a graphic of interlocking puzzle pieces with various religious symbols (wheel, cross, crescent, star of David, etc.) and the text "NEW Believing and Belonging in Oldham Religious Education Agreed Syllabus 2025-2030". At the bottom left is a map showing the location of Chadderton Town Hall. At the bottom right, the address "Chadderton Town Hall, Middleton Road, Chadderton, OL6 9PP" is listed.

Faith Q and A at Thornhill Academy

Revd. Christine Hawke, Moulana Farook Yunus and David Currie were invited to form a panel to answer questions about their faith and beliefs at Thornhill Academy, Dewsbury. About forty Year 10 and 11 GSCE RE students, the majority of South Asian Heritage, attended the session. The students had been invited to submit questions in advance. Their searching and thoughtful questions made sure that the event was relaxed, personal, honest and respectful.



The warm and welcoming atmosphere enabled the conversation to flow, with the shared reflections and experiences of the panellists emphasising the meaning of a life of faith for Christians and Muslims.

Lucinda Rudd, Assistant Headteacher and Head of RE commented: "Myself and my students really appreciated your openness and willingness to engage in discussion. The students have spoken really positively about it."

If other secondary schools in the area would like to host a similar event, please contact helen@penninelearning.com to be put in touch with local interfaith groups.

Darshana – Exhibition on the Hindu Civilisation

Explore the timeless essence of Hindu Dharma through an immersive journey into its traditions, spirituality, arts, sciences and contributions to humanity. Discover, learn and celebrate the wisdom of the most ancient yet living civilisation in the world!

Location: Huddersfield Hindu Mandir (20 Zetland Street, Huddersfield HD1 2RA)

Date: Friday 16th May

Time: 12-3pm

For more information visit the website INSIGHTUK.ORG or email INFO@INSIGHTUK.ORG.



Questionnaire for primary and secondary RE leaders in Leeds

Leeds SACRE would like to know more about Religious Education and collective worship in Leeds schools. They take a survey of schools every two years. Please answer the questions and make your voice heard. **There is a free CPD offer for schools that complete the survey.**

Survey link here: <https://forms.office.com/e/H2b5JBgXeu>



Pennine Learning Launches New Facebook Platform to Share All Things RE

Pennine Learning has officially launched a new Facebook platform dedicated to sharing resources, insights, and discussions surrounding Religious Education (RE). The new page, Pennine Learning North, aims to provide teachers, students, and education enthusiasts with a space to explore the latest trends, resources, and news related to RE.

The platform promises to be a valuable tool for those involved in religious studies, offering regular updates, thought-provoking discussions, and expert content. Educators can also access a range of lesson materials, as well as engage with a community of like-minded professionals.

"We're excited to connect with the wider RE community and offer a space where everyone can share ideas and best practices," said a representative from Pennine Learning. "Our goal is to support and inspire teachers and students alike, fostering a deeper understanding of religious education."

To stay up-to-date with the latest posts, like and follow Pennine Learning North on Facebook at facebook.com/PennineLearningNorth.

If you haven't already, please also share and follow our BlueSky account [@penninelearning.bsky.social](https://penninelearning.bsky.social) — [Bluesky](#).

AREIAC and AULRE conference

AREIAC/AULRE are excited to be jointly hosting the 'To Boldly Go' Religious Education conference on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June 2025 at the University of Exeter. The conference brings together those with an interest in religious education (including researchers, teacher educators, advisers and teachers).

This year's conference theme is 'To Boldly Go'. In addition to the fabulous network opportunities with our wonderful RE community, the inspiring presentations and opportunities for dialogue, delegates will celebrate with a drinks reception and Gala dinner. Anna Strhan will be giving the "Robin Shepherd Endowed Lecture" that will be on Thursday evening before the Gala Dinner. <https://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/people/dr-anna-strhan/>.

You can book your place here <https://store.exeter.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-humanities-arts-and-social-sciences/school-of-education/aulreareiac-conference-2025>.



To Boldly Go? Conference Programme Overview

Wednesday 25th June - from 5pm

Optional Town Tour: Taking in the cathedral, mosque and synagogue

Thursday 26th June - from 10:30am

Opening: AULRE and AREIAC chairs

Welcome: Professor Rob Freathy, University of Exeter

Unlearning RE: What is the role of Religious Education in our time of climate and social justice crises?

Interactive opening session: provocations and responses: Dr Kate Christopher and Alexandra Brown

Workshops and papers: Informing practice and informing research

'At the chalk face': Quick fire, sharing school and university based innovative projects

Drinks reception and public lecture: Robin Shepherd endowed lecture

Making good citizens - religion, values and belonging in everyday school worlds

Dr Anna Strhan: Reader in Sociology, University of York

Thursday Evening: GALA DINNER

Friday 27th June - from 10:00am (following time with associations)

Bold innovative pedagogical approaches to Religious Education emerging now.

e.g. Rob Freathy: REsearchers approach

Workshops and papers: Informing practice and informing research

Plenary Session: To Boldly Go - the way forward, the risks and challenges

Rob Freathy, Kate Christopher and Alexandra Brown: interactive session of questions and dialogue.

Followed by a round table discussion, summary points and press release construction.

Proposals for papers and workshops welcomed

Display stalls (no cost) available on a first come first served basis

Contact: p.hannam@exeter.ac.uk or janmcquire@btinternet.com by 17th April, 2025

To register for the conference (<https://tinyurl.com/boldlygo2025>) or scan the QR code



Full programme details will be available soon on our website

Calderdale SACRE at Todmorden High School

At the last Calderdale SACRE students at Todmorden High School (THS) hosted members. They shared the THS EPR (RE) Curriculum and completed a question panel on the importance of RE. They talked about the relevance of RE to Britain today and



explained how it would enhance their career prospects and future success. The session also included an extended recorded student voice on the need for RE as a bastion of critical thinking and additional presentations from staff on how the curriculum aligned with the new Believing and Belonging Syllabus. Members of SACRE commented that they were highly impressed with the ability the students had to articulate the need for high quality RE, and they urged other schools to engage with SACRE in a similar manner.

"It was a privilege to witness the presentation at THS by members of staff and students. The students impressed us all with their understanding, eloquence and ability to link their learning with how it could enhance their future careers." A quote from Robert Fox (Methodist representative, Calderdale SACRE).

Curriculum and assessment review interim report

On 18 March, the interim report of the Curriculum and Assessment Review was published, you can read this here: [Curriculum and Assessment Review: interim report - GOV.UK](#). The Review expects to recommend a phased programme of work in different subject areas and will publish its final report in autumn 2025.

NATRE have shared a useful document, prepared by Deborah Weston, which can prompt and aid useful discussions about Religious Education findings from the report. You can view this here: [Discussion-prompts.pptx](#).

Jerusalem trust grants

The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme supports the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education. The scheme operates by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase Christianity resources for use in RE lessons. The scheme is open to state funded schools in England and Wales.

The application process has now reopened. To find out more visit [The Jerusalem Trust](#).

New Updated KS2 Archbishops' Young Leaders Award

The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award are excited to announce a brand-new version of the KS2 Award for use by schools from September 2025, that will enhance pupils' leadership journey and support schools further to create a culture of justice and responsibility. Unit topics and the much-loved central character Archie remain, but a brand-new design threads through the resource, with a wide range of new activities organised under the headings Spark, Discover, Act to help explore local, national and global communities.

If you already run the AYLA, you don't need to do anything, the team will be in touch as usual before your renewal point.

If you've not run the AYLA before, find out more about the programme through their free online Information Webinar sessions this term. For more information and sign up for a session, please visit www.nse.org.uk/ayla/whats-on



Believing and Belonging Evaluation for Pennine Learning Resources

Thank you so much to those schools who have purchased the resources package for the new RE syllabus 'Believing and Belonging'. Pennine Learning would appreciate your feedback on the resources and how you have been making use of them in school. Please find a link below, and a QR code for your ease, to the evaluation. All feedback will be collated and then utilised to further improve the quality of resources and our services to you.

Thank you in advance from the team at Pennine Learning for taking valuable time to help us continue our work on these resources.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ykKMsVSzyK>

Pennine Learning Believing and Belonging Resources Evaluation



Pennine Learning leadership moves on

Alastair Ross is retiring from Pennine Learning at the end of May, twelve years after the company was founded. Jake Womack, who has worked with PL for the past few years, is taking over as the new Director. Alastair will support the team over the transition. He will find plenty of things to do, among them outdoor activity leading and writing. Before starting Pennine Learning, Alastair was a secondary head of RE and an advanced skills teacher. Previous to that he worked in the Anglican ministry, mostly in Liverpool.

Jake, Helen Rivers and Liam Spencer, and supported by Emma Salter, will continue Pennine Learning's work into the future, taking this on from Alastair and Ian.

Jake combines work at Pennine Learning with RE leadership at Todmorden High School. Among many other things, he supports RE in Oldham and secondary RE teachers across much of West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester.

Helen will be completing the production of new primary RE resources for Oak National Academy, as part of Pennine Learning creators' team. She supports SACRE and schools in Leeds, as well as primary schools across the area. She also focuses on helping schools to meet and engage with communities of faith and belief. Liam supports Tameside SACRE and schools, while his main job is assistant head in Trafford.

The team is supported by Esther on administration and Rob with finance, as well as an extended team of writers who produce materials for schools. The general contact email remains as enquiries@penninelearning.com

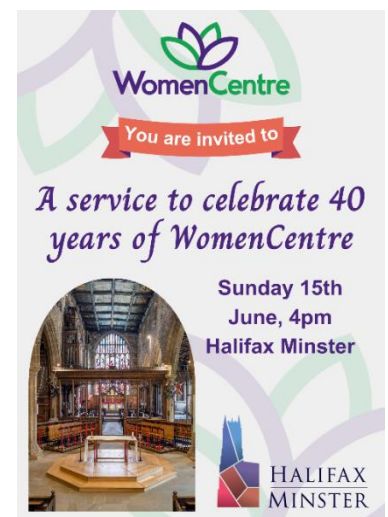


40 year celebration of WomenCentre

WomenCentre provides holistic, one-stop services at their centres in Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Halifax and in the community. Their wide-ranging services include emotional and practical support on issues such as debt, benefits, mental or physical health, domestic violence, counselling, training and development and much more.

WomenCentre enables women to:

- improve health and well-being
- increase training and employment opportunities for improved economic conditions
- raise self-confidence, self-esteem and social interaction skills
- improve citizenship and social inclusion
- support the development of positive, safe and stable circumstances and relationships



- improve safety and wellbeing of their children

This year WomenCentre has been running for an amazing 40 years. Please see the flyer (above) for more details on the upcoming Celebration of WomenCentre event.

Post 16 Summer School – Leeds Trinity University

This 3-day residential is completely free to attend, there will be the opportunity for academic tasters, social events and much more. Travel, food, accommodation, social events- all FREE. The deadline for applications closes mid-May.

To find out more visit [Post 16 Summer School - Study - Leeds Trinity University](#).



The flyer for Leeds Trinity University's Post-16 Summer School features a dark purple background on the left with the university's crest and logo. The title 'POST-16 SUMMER SCHOOL' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, a white text box asks: 'Are you a post-16 student who is interested in studying at Leeds Trinity University? Do you want to get a taster of life at university?'. It then states: 'Join us at our Leeds Trinity University Post-16 Summer School Tuesday 8 July – Thursday 10 July 2025'. A QR code is provided for more information, with text stating: 'For more information, to see if you are eligible and to register your interest for the residential, please scan the QR code below or email SROhello@leedstrinity.ac.uk'. On the right, there is a photograph of a smiling young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt, sitting at a desk and using a laptop.

Leeds Faith Trail – 18th June 2025 (Available for Leeds schools only)

An exciting opportunity for teachers, HLTAs and Governors with an interest in faith and Religious Education to spend the day visiting five faith centres around Leeds and to expand their faith based knowledge, **for free**. There are up to sixty places available (2 places per school). Pennine Learning reserves the right to invoice £30 per person for any no-shows, those listed to attend should cancel or send someone else if they realise they are unable to attend.

We will need the name of the school and one contact e-mail for communications. Contact esther@penninelearning.com to book your place(s), please be aware that spaces are limited and will be secured on a first come, first served basis.



The flyer for the Leeds Faith Trail has a teal background with a colorful illustration of five diverse people (three women and two men) standing together. The text reads: 'Leeds Faith Trail 18th June 2025 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.' Below this, it says: 'A free* Faith Trail Tour of 5 places of worship in Leeds to inspire RE Teachers HLTAs and Govenors'. A smaller text box states: 'There are up to 2 places per school to experience 5 different faith venues around Leeds: a Church, Hindu Mandir, Sikh Gurdwara, Mosque and Synagogue. The event includes free parking, coach, refreshments and a vegetarian lunch. To book contact Esther@penninelearning.com'. At the bottom, it notes: '*Places are sponsored by Leeds SACRE who reserve the right to invoice schools £30.00 for those booked who do not attend the event.' The logos for Pennine Learning and Leeds City Council are at the bottom.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Pennine Training/Meeting Dates (remaining academic year 24-25)

- Believing and Belonging webinar – 13th May 4-5pm (online) A training opportunity for all schools using the Believing and Belonging resources subscription to support with delivering RE in schools. Q&A with a PL consultant and opportunities for upskilling and trouble shooting. Sign up via enquiries@penninelearning.com.
- Calderdale Primary Network meeting – 3rd June 12-2.30pm Savile Park Heath Campus. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority.

- Oldham/Tameside Secondary Network meeting – 4th June 1-4pm Mahdlo Youth Zone. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority.
- PD Kirklees Network meeting – 4th June
- Leeds Primary Network meeting – 10th June 12.15-2pm and 3.45-4.30pm Technorth, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, LS7 3NB. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority.
- Tameside SACRE – 10th June
- Kirklees Primary Network meeting – 11th June 12-2.30pm Venue TBC. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority.
- Subject Knowledge Webinar (Hindu Dharma) – 11th June 3-4pm (online) A webinar covering Hindu Dharma with a visiting faith representative. Receive a recorded copy of the webinar along with slides delivered following the event. £30 + VAT to attend. Sign up via enquiries@penninelearning.com.
- Kirklees SACRE – 16th June
- Calderdale SACRE – 17th June
- Oldham Primary Network meeting – 17th June 3-4.30pm Shree Swaminarayan Mandir. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority. Hosted at the Mandir for this meeting including a tour.
- Oldham SACRE – 18th June
- Tameside Primary Network meeting – 19th June 3-4.30pm Ashton West End School. Led by a Pennine Learning consultant, an opportunity for training and sharing expertise with other RE leads in your Local Authority.
- Leeds SACRE – 23rd June
- Sefton SACRE – 24th June
- **NEW** Manchester/Salford Secondary Network meeting – 26th June 1.30-4pm Buile Hill Park Hall, Salford (M6 8GL). See writeup below.
- **NEW** Manchester/Salford Primary Network meeting – 2nd July 1.30-4pm Buile Hill Park Hall, Salford (M6 8GL). See writeup below.
- SREN Day Conference – 7th July Leeds Trinity

We will soon be sharing our calendar dates for next year (2025-2026) with you, so keep an eye on our website for this information and also our final newsletter of the academic year. Thanks to all who have attended and completed evaluations to support our development this year.

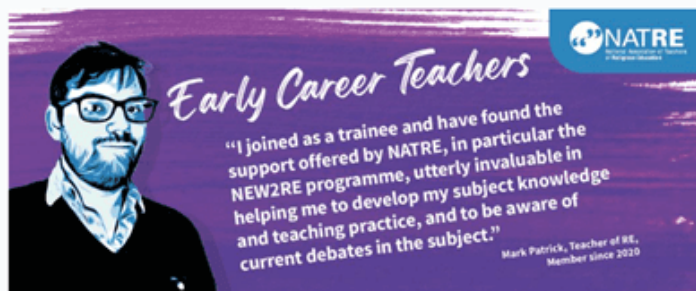
NEW RE Network meetings for Manchester and Salford

We are excited to invite RE teachers in Manchester and Salford to join our new RE Network meetings—completely free of charge! These meetings will provide valuable updates in RE, resources, curriculum development, networking opportunities, and career development. There will be separate networks for Primary and Secondary RE teachers to ensure that discussions and training are relevant to your specific needs. The first Primary RE Network meeting will take place on 2nd July from 13:30 to 16:00, while the first Secondary RE Network will meet on 26th June from 13:30 to 16:00, both at Buile Hill Park Hall, Salford (M6 8GL). To stay updated and access exclusive training opportunities, we encourage you to sign up with your contact details via the QR code or the online form via <https://forms.office.com/e/iWPaYZJzZ6>.

For more information and to register, please email enquiries@penninelearning.com. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to enhance your RE teaching and connect with fellow educators!

FREE NEW2RE monthly webinars

NATRE are running ECT New2RE webinars. All sessions run from 4 - 5.30 PM, they are recorded, and are FREE to access for NATRE members. Find out more information below including some of the session leaders and topics available. Visit [Empower Your Teaching: Join our New2RE monthly webinars | NATRE](#) to find out more.



Are you an Early Career Teacher (ECT) in religious education seeking to enhance your skills and subject knowledge? Or perhaps you're an experienced teacher new to teaching **Religious Education**, including **Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE)**, **Religious and Moral Education (RME)**, and **Religious Studies**?

NATRE offers an incredible opportunity for you! Join our FREE monthly webinars, explicitly designed to support you in developing your teaching abilities and knowledge in both Religious Education and Religious Studies, all while providing valuable evidence to meet the ECT standards.

The sessions are a mix of taught sessions and Café NATRE (A hot seating activity with a group of volunteers answering delegates' questions)

12 May 2025	Stephen Pett	Taught session: Focus on Religion and Worldviews
9 June 2025	Lat Blaylock	Taught session: Focus on Sikhi
14 July 2025	Deborah Weston plus guests	Café NATRE: Subject knowledge Christianity

Leeds Trinity Teaching Conference

**Leeds Trinity University**

RE Teachers Conference

A joint session for KS3/4/5 teachers, aimed at supporting you and your students. For Leeds and Kirklees teachers, you will need to use the QR code as well as your usual booking methods.

Location: Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth

Date & Time: Monday 7th July 0930-1500



Please follow the QR code and complete the form to book your place



NATRE and RE Hubs Local Group Leadership Training

Brought to you by NATRE and RE Hubs, this CPD is a fantastic opportunity for you as a RE Local Group Leader to explore how to deliver engaging and Impactful meetings that support high-quality RE in schools. The next meeting is on 15 May 2025 - 4 PM - 5.30 PM with a focus on AI – Friend or Foe. [BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE!](#)

Local Leader CPD Training
Thursday 15th May 2025
4 PM - 5:30 PM



AI—FRIEND OR FOE?



Presenters:

Nikki McGee
@RE_McGEE



Paul Hopkins
@hopkinsmmi



Matt Pitcher
@re_runner



Key takeaways:

- ⇒ **Hearing from other RE leaders around the country**
- ⇒ **Using AI in your RE and sharing top tips with your groups.**
- ⇒ **Sharing resources and creative ideas.**
- ⇒ **National updates for RE**

[BOOK HERE](#)

Hosted by
Justine Ball
Chris Giles

Project Free

Project Free provide free online training and learning opportunities for teachers and other educators who wish to enhance the traditional curriculum, challenge racism and discrimination and improve their knowledge of specific histories or topics and build their confidence in teaching this content to others.

Their recent events have included;

- Windrush Resources for Teachers
- Challenging Islamophobia in the Classroom
- Disrupting Disinformation

You can view the recordings and resources for each session: [Learning Events — Project FREE](#)

The next event is titled “Education as Resistance.” on September 17th at 4pm to 5.30pm

Education for this life event

Thursday 24 and Friday 25 July 2025

At the Coram Conference Centre, Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ



A special conference examining the potential threats and opportunities of Artificial Intelligence for education and building on the Sea of Faith's work to develop 'Solarity', 'Big Ideas', and children's education in Religion and Worldviews. To find out more visit [Education for this life - Sea of Faith Network](#).

SCHOOL RESOURCES AND WORKSHOPS

Picture News – Funded Opportunities

We are very excited to announce that we have recently received funding which we are using to help embed Picture News in a limited number of schools. We are offering this initially to all Pennine Learning schools.

Full details, and express your interest here. https://picture-news-online.co.uk/online-registration-form/?var_category=Picture+News+-+funding&var_id=136.

Picture news – a new Pope

Cardinal Robert Prevost will be the 267th pope, becoming the head of the worldwide Catholic Church and history's first ever North American pope. We've attached a pack to the email you received this newsletter on, provided by Picture News, exploring the recent announcement of the new Pope. This can be used in class to support student learning and aid discussion around the appointment of the new Pope.

Picture News VE day assembly presentation



As it's the 80th Anniversary of VE day this year, Picture News have produced a special assembly presentation, suitable for KS1 and KS2 that they are making available to all schools free of charge. The pack can be [requested here](#).

Jewish Living Online

Looking for a FREE, comprehensive, authentic and engaging resource to teach about Judaism or antisemitism to your students? 'Jewish Living Online' (JLO) is a new, free, digital resource for secondary schools in England – created by The Board of Deputies of British Jews.

JLO is primarily aimed at KS3 pupils and aims to make the lives of teachers easier! It requires little planning or subject knowledge, as well as being modular and flexible - allowing RE, History and Citizenship teachers to pick and choose sections which are useful to support the schemes of work they already have in place. It provides simply laid out information, varied multimedia content (including authentic, lived experience and opinions of Jews living in Britain today), discussion and critical thinking questions, as well as discussion questions and quizzes for assessment.

Content of JLO includes: Who are the Jewish people?, Torah and Tanah, Festivals and holy days, The Jewish lifecycle, History of the Jews in Britain, Israel, Antisemitism as well as a glossary and section of further recommended resources.

To view or use JLO, go to: www.jlo.org.uk

To see the JLO marketing video go to: <https://bod.org.uk/bod-news/board-of-deputies-launches-jewish-living-online-a-free-digital-education-resource-for-secondary-schools/>

For further information or to register your school to use JLO email: jlo@bod.org.uk.

Details of how to register your school: If you register your school, JLO can create a special school page with a unique sign-up link just for your school that you can send to all your students. This link will take them directly to your customised homepage, where your school's logo and any extra information you may want to add for students registering will be found. Students who register this way, will also be automatically associated with your school. If you would like to register as a school and take advantage of these features, please contact: jlo@bod.org.uk

Jewish Way of Life workshops and assemblies

Michael Marks is a Judaism and Music educator based in Manchester, with over 20 years' experience as a qualified teacher. He offers interactive workshops and assemblies for primary and secondary schools in the Manchester area and beyond. Topics are planned in consultation with schools and may include Sabbath and its laws, Synagogue, Torah, Festivals, Kosher laws etc. Workshops use a full array of Judaica (articles of faith) that the young people can touch, read, wear and immerse themselves with as part of the learning process.

CPD is offered for staff - this can either be face-to-face or online, with topics as requested by the schools. Costs and more details can be found on the website: www.jewishwayoflife.com.



Funded workshop opportunity from fairandfunky

Fairandfunky are partnering with Suma Wholefoods to offer a new 'Food Done Fairly' workshop FREE OF CHARGE to schools in Kirklees and Calderdale. Food Done Fairly' is creative workshop for KS2 children that explores food provenance, linking to Suma Wholefoods Sustainability Strategy. In an innovative and creative 90-minute workshop students will engage in a range of brilliant child centred activities including: an interactive quiz, food mapping around the globe, pollution activity, and seed planting. 'Food Done Fairly' provides links across the curriculum, connecting citizenship with Literacy, Science and Geography, and will develop their scientific view on the world around them.



Thanks to generous sponsorship 5 schools are now able to book a workshop for one class during the Summer term.

Please email helen@fairandfunky.com to express your interest, and the year group you wish to take part. If you would like to book a second workshop at the time of booking, this is on offer at a discounted rate of £165 (usual cost is £195).

Eco Conference Bookings OPEN

Book now to avoid disappointment and to take advantage of a 10% special discount offer. A full day of creative workshops from leading practitioners celebrate the planet's diversity and demonstrate how to embed environmental teaching into a busy classroom. Participants will explore nature's wonders on our doorstep and take little steps to change the world. Schools are invited to bring up to 8 students* and 2 members of staff at a cost of £150. This is reduced to £135 if booked before the end of this term. To book please contact

helen@fairandfunky.com.



Fairtrade Fortnight Special Offer



Fairtrade SCRAPtastic are interactive and creative workshops introducing Fairtrade to early years and KS1 or deepening knowledge and understanding with KS2. In each workshop students discover the importance of Fairtrade to farmers around the world and create individual artworks from recycled materials to carry the Fairtrade message out of the classroom.

This workshop costs £175 but fairandfunky have 10 workshops available for just £125! Offer available for workshops booked in Fairtrade Fortnight only (22nd September – 5th October) – but please email helen@fairandfunky.com to book.

Plastic Free July!

Plastic Free July is coming! Why not take part in our SCRAP THAT PLASTIC workshop to kickstart conversations on waste and how we need to re-think, re-use, re-purpose and re-imagine our use of resources.

An interactive and creative workshop that delves into the world of plastics; discovering the history and uses of plastic and how to combat the environmental problems of plastic the world faces today. The workshop looks at recycling in depth with brilliant child centred activities throughout the session.



We are offering a FREE SCRAPtastic BOOK with each workshop booking, [please click here to book](#).

Get 50 free religious stories from RE Teaching Resources

From 'Noah and the Rainbow' to 'The Night of Power' and more. Well-known stories from all 6 major world faiths are available. Each story is accompanied by key questions/activities for classroom use. The main themes covered by each story are identified. Simply sign up [Sign up for FREE religious stories » RE Teaching Resources](#) where you will receive RE updates and practical support for your teaching of RE and RE Teaching Resources will send these stories to you via email.

Faith webinars – complete set of pre-recorded webinars on offer at £35

From 16th June Pennine Learning will be selling a complete set of 7 pre-recorded faith webinars for the bargain price of £35. The faith webinars cover Buddhism, Islam, Humanism, Sikhi, Judaism, Christianity and Hindu Dharma. Each recording includes a presentation by one of our expert consultants, a visiting faith representative and comes with the slides from each session. These could be used to brush up on your own skills and knowledge in faith areas, to share with staff in your school and for training purposes. If you would like to purchase this package please email enquiries@penninelearning.com.

Places of Interest and School Speakers – Video for Schools

RE Hubs have been busy reaccrediting over 170 School Speakers and Places of Interest on the RE Hubs website so far this year.

To support schools in making this process as smooth and fruitful as possible RE Hubs has created a 27-minute CPD guide for schools. It offers schools relevant guidance on getting the most from their encounter with a school speaker or place of interest. It covers things such as sharing questions, risk assessment guidance, respectful behaviour, and

negotiating of content in any encounter. The video is great for ECTS, those in initial teacher training or as a reminder to those schools experienced in engaging with school speakers and places of interest as part of their RE curriculum.

Go to: <https://www.re-hubs.uk/upskill/explore-free-cpd/How-to-make-the-most-of-our-places-and-people/>

Virtual tours

Visits are a wonderful way to prepare children to encounter a new religious or non-religious worldview, but some schools cannot accommodate a visit in the real. In that case - go online! As an introduction, a post-visit debrief or as a way of extending learning in your classroom, virtual visits are really valuable. The RE Hubs has a wonderful collection from diverse worldviews, and from all over the country here: <https://www.re-hubs.uk/upskill/virtual-tours/>

Find below a selection of websites providing virtual tours for places of interest.

A virtual tour website for RE and SMSC (Cumbria DEC)	Buddhism, Warwickshire SACRE Religions of the world	Christian Canterbury Cathedral - Canterbury	CI Ci
Christian Westminster Abbey - London	Christian, Newark Salvation Army - Nottingham SACRE & Barnby Road Academy	Christian, The Friary, Nottinghamshire SACRE & Lowdham CoE Primary School	CI W Ri
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New material is being added all the time. Look out for the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Newcastle upon Tyne, the Progressive Synagogue in Darlington and a new collaborative project 'Religion and Worldviews through Objects' from the North-East Religious Resources Centre and the Oriental Museum in Durham.

Conway Hall Virtual Tour free CPD Join Understanding Humanism on Tuesday 3 June

A FREE webinar designed to support RE and history teachers in using the brand new virtual tour of Conway Hall in your classrooms. This free virtual tour of London's Conway Hall, one of only two surviving buildings in the UK built by and for the non-religious, offers an exciting, new way for you to take your pupils on a virtual field trip to a place of historic humanist significance.

This session will:

- introduce the virtual tour and its interactive features;
- showcase practical ways to use it in the classroom;
- provide ready-to-use classroom activities and resources;
- offer guidance on linking the tour to curriculum topics and learning objectives.

Tuesday 3 June, 16:00-17:00 - [Register here for your FREE place](#)

New Resource: Human Nature, Human Potential

'Human Nature, Human Potential', is a new animation exploring humanism, from Understanding Humanism.

This resource explores questions at the heart of humanism: 'What are we?', 'What are we capable of?' and 'How should we make best use of our capacities?'. Accompanied by resources, it will support teachers in illustrating a humanist approach to life.



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