

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese

January 2019

Welcome to the January 2019 RE newsletter and wishing you all a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Devon and Torbay: new RE Agreed Syllabus for community and Church schools

Devon and Torbay SACREs have made a decision to adopt a new and better resourced RE Agreed Syllabus. This will be a legal requirement for all community schools and recommended for all academies. We are awaiting formal agreement from DCC, Torbay Council and Exeter Diocese, so more details will be sent out very soon.

The new syllabus, along with detailed medium term planning, will be available FREE to all schools (including academies) for first teaching in Sept '19.

There will be 3 high quality launch events taking place in North Devon, Exeter and Torbay/ South Devon on 3rd, 4th and 5th June. These will cost approx. £100 per delegate.

Plymouth SACRE is currently still working on its Agreed Syllabus review.

Remembering Jack Priestley

Many will remember Jack Priestley who sadly died just before Christmas, aged 83. Jack was Lecturer in Religious Education at St Luke's College, Exeter from 1960s-90s, specialising in the teaching biblical narrative and spirituality. Jack influenced a whole generation of RE teachers.

Jack Priestley on spirituality: *'Teachers cannot help but engage in the education or destruction of the spirit. To teach is to be morally responsible for what others, at least in part, become. It follows that what the teacher is, is as important as what the teacher knows.'*

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Courses and CPD opportunities

Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)

<http://ltlre.org/events>

Hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for more details

East Devon hub, Exmouth Community College TBA

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School TBA

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple 4.30pm Wed 23rd Jan

Plymouth hub, St Matthews Primary School 4.00pm Thurs 31st Jan

South Devon hub, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot 4.15pm Thur 14th Mar

Torbay hub, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot 4.15pm Thur 14th Mar

West Devon and Dartmoor, Tavistock CC TBA

Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 [events](#)

Exeter Diocese courses

Understanding Christianity 28th Mar St Matthew's, Plymouth. For further details [contact](#)

New RE Agreed Syllabus launch for Devon and Torbay schools: Mon 3rd, Tues 4th and Wed 5th June. Venues to be announced.

RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) for C of E schools

[Devon SACRE RE](#) for all Devon schools: RE Agreed Syllabus and support for **assessment** in RE

[Learn, Teach Lead RE](#) RE hub network groups

[NATRE](#) National Association of Teachers of RE
[RE Quality Mark](#) to audit and celebrate your RE

[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site

[True Tube](#) free video resources

[RE definitions](#) free info about key RE words

[Religious Education Council](#) national voice for RE

Find the new [RE Resources sheet](#) here

Strictly RE 2019



Last chance to book for NATRE's annual conference on Sat 26th Jan 2019: [Strictly RE](#). Discounts available if you are a NATRE member.

Useful video resources



KS1: Charlie and her favourite soft toy Blue visit a Hindu Mandir where Geetha shows them how Hindus use their senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell in worship.

Secondary: in The [Battle for Christianity](#) Professor Robert Beckford looks at how immigration, radical social action, conservative morality and charismatic worship are transforming the face of Christianity in the UK.

[True Tube](#) for free video resources

Philosophy 4 Children



The Philosophy Man is an excellent source of resources for P4C. They work with schools to develop confident, independent thinkers through [Philosophy for Children](#).

Global Neighbours



[Global Neighbours](#) is a new and exciting school accreditation scheme developed by Christian Aid. It aims to encourage a deeper understanding of global injustice and the Christian response to it in primary school pupils across England. It is a great tool to help to empower young people to become agents of change themselves. It has been developed working in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office.

RE:connect RE visits



Buckfast Abbey

Buckfast Abbey is an excellent place to visit with RE groups. They host an educational experience called [RE:connect](#); this is an exciting interactive facility to help young people to think more deeply about the world around them.

RE is compulsory!



[Schools Minister Nick Gibb says](#): RE is compulsory in all state funded schools at all key stages, community schools and academies. Schools not teaching RE are acting unlawfully.

RE: a valuable subject

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"RE is the number one subject that helps you understand people"

These case studies on [RE:online](#) show how useful it is to study RE. It provides invaluable life skills, opportunities for further education and careers.

Muslim rappers



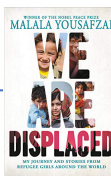
[Holy lyrics](#): Mohammed Yahya is one of a number of British Muslims channelling their faith in the form of hip hop

Spirited Poetry 2019



Get involved in this year's NATRE [Spirited Poetry competition](#) with a focal point for World Poetry Day on 21 March 2019. Schools are invited to send in up to ten poems. Entrance is open to children and young people aged 5–19, closing date 31 July 2019.

Malala's new book



In her new book, 'We Are Displaced', Malala shares her story of being displaced — and the stories of other girls who, like her, were forced from their homes by conflict, poverty and discrimination.

SIAMS Hubs for CofE Schools

SIAMS Hubs are free to access twilight sessions (4-6pm) open to anyone involved in the SIAMS process: SLT, teachers, governors, Ethos teams etc. Spring Term 2019 dates at the following locations. Spring Term topic: Courageous Advocacy, with plenty of time for Q and A. Please book-in through [Fran Bradley](#).

Date (4.00-6.00pm)	Venues for SIAMS Hubs
Wed 9 th January	St Cuthbert Mayne Schl, Torquay
Tues 15 th Jan	All Saints Thurstlestone, S Devon
Mon 21 st Jan	Plympton St Mary's Infants
Tues 22 nd Jan	Ashleigh Pr School, Barnstaple
Wed 23 rd Jan	Holsworthy Pr School, N Devon
Thurs 24 th Jan	Ilfracombe Academy, N Devon
Mon 4 th Feb	Zealley House, Newton Abbot
Wed 6 th Feb	St Luke's Science and Sports College, Exeter