Devon and Torbay schools
Religion and worldviews visitor list 2022

Visits and visitors, involving people who hold a variety of religious and non-religious worldviews, are an important part of the RE experience. This document gives some information about how to access visits and visitors in the SW.

If your school would like a visit from a member of a faith or belief community, please make use of the list below. Please note that some of these visitors don't do many visits, so they may not have a current DBS certificate. It is up to your school to manage this according to your safeguarding policy. Some of them are happy to arrange a virtual meeting if that suits your school better.

This list is not exhaustive, and we would welcome feedback to help us develop links between schools and faith communities.

If you can add to this list or have any constructive feedback please contact Ed Pawson efpawson@gmail.com (Adviser to Devon and Torbay SACREs).

Useful guidance:

NATRE visits info page: https://www.natre.org.uk/about-re/guidance-on-resources/visits-and-visitors/

Getting the most out of visits in RE: https://teachers-talk.natre.org.uk/getting-the-most-out-of-visits-to-places-of-worship-ks1-ks2/

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Faith and Belief Visitors

Name	Community	Experience, areas of expertise		Area
Peter Lee	Baha'i	Baha'i	peterleepotter@gmail.com	Devon
Warren Houghton	Baha'i	Baha'I, science and religion (GCSE and A level)	warrenhoughton2@gmail.com	Devon
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Jeremy Woodward	Buddhist	Buddhism	jeremywoodward17@gmail.com	Devon
John Hall	Christian (CofE)	Christianity, Interfaith	jehall1949@icloud.com	Devon
Jeremy Roberts	Christian	Liberal Christian, theological discussion of GCSE and A level topics		Devon

James McAdam	Christian	Christianity, Science and Religion	jamesmcadam68@gmail.com	East Devon, Exeter
Hanneke Coates	Christian	Christianity, The Forgiveness Project, Reconciliation	hannekecoates@btinternet.com	East Devon
Sarah Buchan	Christian	Lee Abbey Community	sarahbuchan@leeabbey.org.uk	North Devon
Val Needham	Christian Science		valerie@valerieneedham.plus.com	Exeter
Alan Somerville	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Teacher, farmer	alan@somervillefamily.co.uk	S Devon
Lizzie Isaacs	Gypsy/ Roma community	Gypsy/ Roma education, inc talking about the Jewish holocaust	liz.small2406@tiscali.co.uk	Devon
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Sandhya Dave	Hindu	Hinduism, Cultural champions	sandhyadave@blueyonder.co.uk	
Suparna Bagchi	Hindu	Hindu religion	suparnabagchee@yahoo.co.uk	Plymouth (a wider area)
Jackie Watson	Humanist	Teacher, Humanism	jacquelinewatsondevon@gmail.com	Exeter, Mid/East/North Devon
Keith Denby	Humanist	Humanism	keith@sealsrock.uk	Devon
Lisa Robillard Webb	Humanist	Humanism	springtideuk@gmail.com	Devon, Torbay
Humanists UK	Humanism	Humanist visitors service	education@humanism.org.uk	
Hamzah Saeid	Islam	Islam	hamzahsaeid@gmail.com	Devon
Kate Hannan	Islam	Islam, Inclusive Mosque Initiative (secondary schools only)	kathrynahannan@gmail.com	Devon

Neomi Alam	Islam	Experienced school speaker on Islam: primary and secondary	Neomialam@hotmail.com	Devon
Edgar Mihas	Interfaith	Judaism, interfaith	edgar@dr.com	Exeter, Torbay, S Devon
Paul Arnison-Newgass	Judaism	Judaism, Holocaust Education, History of Anti-semitism	paulnewgass@ardeola.eclipse.co.uk	Devon
Stuart Raine	Judaism	Exeter Synagogue	stewartraine@hotmail.co.uk	Devon
Richard Halsey	Judaism	Exeter Synagogue	richard.rosen2@outlook.com	Devon
Jeremy Michelson	Judaism	Judaism With Jeremy (distance learning CPD)	jeremy@judaismwithjeremy.co.uk 07872 194 884	Virtual
Jane Silver-Coren	Judaism	Jewish Education workshops	janesilvercorren@gmail.com	Virtual
Iris Segall	Judaism	Bristol Progressive Synagogue https://bwpjc.org/	iris.segall95@gmail.com visits@bwpjc.org.uk	Bristol and virtual
Maia Miller	Pagan	Paganism, interfaith	maiamessenger@yahoo.com	Devon
Freda Wills	Pagan	Paganism	sacredcider@googlemail.com	Devon
Pete Squire	Quaker	Quakers, peace	petesquire@btinternet.com	W Devon
Penny Rouvas	Sikh	Sikhism, yoga	pennyrouvas@gmail.com	S Devon
Chaz Singh	Sikh	Sikh contribution to UK, turban-tying	chazgoldie@googlemail.com	Plymouth, Devon
Ras Virdee	Sikh	Sikhism	ras@khalsa.com	Torbay, S Devon
Tim Harlow	Retired doctor	Medical Ethics, euthanasia/assisted dying	timharlow77@gmail.com	Exeter, Devon

Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity

Try visiting the website for the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity to find out more about the visits they host.
http://www.pcfcd.co.uk/

The central aim of PCFCD is to promote education about different beliefs, faiths and cultures and to explore their common values, hopes and visions for the future well-being of the community.

Places of Worship

Name of Place of Worship	Religious community	Address	Contact name	Email address
Exeter Cathedral	Christian	Cathedral Green, Exeter		https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/educational-visits/
Torbay Islamic Centre	Muslim	Torbay	Abdul Abdi	golsom@gmail.com
Exeter Mosque	Muslim	13 York Rd, Exeter, EX4 6PG	Fuad Abdo (Mosque manager)	enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk fuadma@hotmail.co.uk
Quaker Meeting House	Quaker	Exeter	Penelope Putz	putz@onetel.net
Hartridge Buddhist Monastery	Buddhist	Odle Cottage, Upottery, Nr Honiton EX14 9QE		hartridge.monastery@gmail.com
Exeter Synagogue	Judaism	Synagogue Place, Exeter	Richard Halsey	richard.rosen2@outlook.com

Virtual RE visits

Virtual tours to RE places	https://www.cdec.org.uk/use-our-resources/films/
Virtual tours	http://request.org.uk/people/places/#
Jewish Museum	https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/
Al Aqsa Mosque	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol2LGO7Nl6c&feature=youtu.be
360 degree Hajj	https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=49xdCEsDDx4&feature=emb_title
Global speaker service	https://globaldimension.org.uk/classroom/school-speaker-services/
Understanding Humanism	https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/school-speakers/
Virtual schools visits	https://www.virtualschoolvisits.com/worldreligions?fbclid=IwAR16LDtiFYOFe1qbLwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU

Visits to places of worship in Birmingham	https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartssociety.org/