

Devon and Torbay schools

Religion and worldviews visitor list 2025

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.

Some will require payment, others may just ask for travel expenses.

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, Torbay and Plymouth 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
Billie Snowden	Nichiren Buddhist (Soka Gakkai)	Exeter group	billie_snowden@yahoo.com https://sgi-uk.org	Devon

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John Hall	Christian (CofE)	Christianity, Interfaith	jehall1949@icloud.com	Devon
Jeremy Roberts	Christian	Liberal Christian, theological discussion of GCSE and A level topics	jeremybrob@gmail.com	Devon
James McAdam	Christian	Christianity, Science and Religion	jamesmcadam68@gmail.com	East Devon, Exeter
Sarah Buchan	Christian	Lee Abbey Community	sarahbuchan@leeabbey.org.uk	North Devon
Ruth Beckett	Christian	Trainee CofE vicar	revruth2022@gmail.com	Devon
Lizzie Isaacs	Gypsy/ Roma community	Gypsy/ Roma education, inc talking about the Jewish holocaust	orchard2406@gmail.com	Devon
Ravi Nathwani	Hindu	Hindu religion and cultural awareness	RaviNathwani14@gmail.com	Devon
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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
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Karen Cannon	Islam	Islam	giulietti44@gmail.com	Devon
Seema Thafadar	Islam	Islam	SThafader@ventrus.org.uk	Exeter area
Edgar Mihas	Interfaith	Judaism, interfaith	edgar@dr.com	Exeter, Torbay, S Devon
Jane Carpenter	Judaism	Judaism: festivals and craft activities!	bjanec13@gmail.com	North Devon
Stuart Raine	Judaism	Exeter Synagogue	stewartraine@hotmail.co.uk	Devon
Ruth Zadji	Judaism	Exeter Synagogue	reworgan@gmail.com	South, West and East Devon
Sheila Gewolb	Judaism	Judaism	sheilagewolb@gmail.com	Virtual
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
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Leonore Newson	Pagan	Pagan	Leonorenwson@gmail.com	Plymouth

Bill Becher	Quaker	Quakers, peace	webecher@yahoo.co.uk	Torbay, Devon
Laura Conningham	Quaker		lauraconyngham@icloud.com	Exeter, Mid Devon
Chaz Singh	Sikh	Sikh contribution to UK, turban-tying	chazgoldie@googlemail.com contactswassl@gmail.com	Plymouth, Devon
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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
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	Jane Carpenter	bianec13@gmail.com
Buckfast Abbey	Christianity (Catholic)	Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EE	https://www.buckfast.org.uk/education	education@buckfast.org.uk
Exeter Orthodox Church	Orthodox	St.Anne's Chapel, Old Tiverton Rd, Exeter EX4 6LA	Edward Skidelsky	hpeliasdevon@gmail.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=Ol2LGO7NI6c&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=IwAR16LDtiFYOFelqblwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU
Visits to places of worship in Birmingham	https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartsociety.org/

Faith and belief organisations in and around Plymouth

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/services/pastoral-and-spiritual-support/places-of-worship/>