

Summer term news 2025

Features on the RE Hubs Website

RE Local Groups

In our [local groups](#) section, you can find all the local groups in our region. These groups enable teachers to meet, share good practice in RE and support one another over a cup of tea and a piece of cake! Meetings are run by a mix of teachers, RE advisers, school improvement officers or independent consultants. Some Local Groups meet within their key stages, whilst others are cross-phase. There are also Local Groups for teachers of children with special educational needs. The engagement offered by these groups can be invaluable to teachers who feel isolated, and the networks provide support to all teachers who come along.

RE Hubs works alongside AREIAC and NATRE to support all those who lead Local Groups.

If you run a local group and it is not on our website you can add it here [Register your Local Group](#)

If you are a local group leader don't forget you can update your group and add your next meeting date on the website via our form [Register your next Local Group Meeting](#)

And do not forget our Jobs noticeboard!

This website section is a noticeboard advertising current RE jobs across England & Wales. If you would like to advertise a job [click here](#)

RE Hubs training

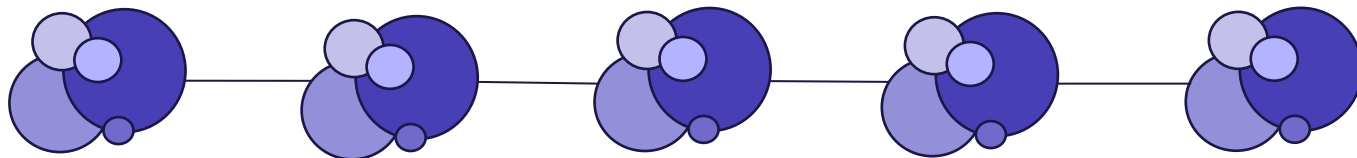
Local Group Leadership Training

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. [Access flyer](#)

Our next meeting is on 15 May 2025 - 4 PM - 5.30 PM with a focus on AI – Friend or Foe. **BOOK YOUR PLACE [HERE!](#)**

"Attending this CPD has enhanced my skills in adapting my own practice to ensure my meetings improve."





Places of Interest and School Speakers - Reaccreditation

The RE Hubs Kitemark assures teachers that the School Speakers they invite into school, or the Places of Interest they take children into, are quality assured. Over 500 individuals have undergone national training to enable them to present their religious or non-religious worldview in an educational context. Now many have been re-accredited after two years service. Look for the KiteMark (in English and in Welsh) or visit <https://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/school-speakers/>



Places of Interest and School Speakers – Video for Schools

We have been busy reaccrediting over 170 School Speakers and Places of Interest on the RE Hubs website. As part of this training, we listen carefully to feedback from those with our accredited kitemark. From the 139 reaccredited so far one of the most common pieces of feedback is around expectations when booking a school speaker or visiting a place of interest. To support schools in making this process as smooth and fruitful as possible RE Hubs has created a 28-minute video guide for schools. The idea is it will offer schools relevant guidance on getting the most from their encounter with a school speaker or place of interest. It will cover things such as sharing questions, risk assessment guidance, respectful behaviour, and negotiation of content / specific coverage. 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. [NEED LINK](#)

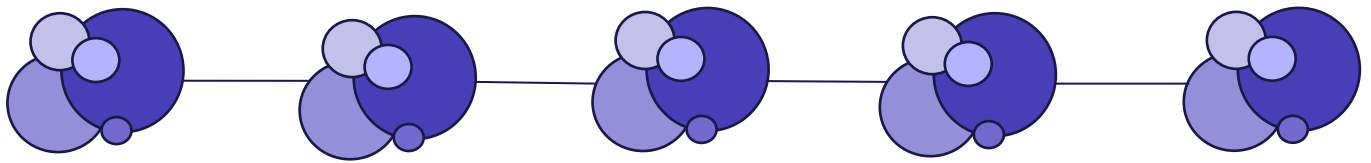
Places of Interest and School Speakers training in partnership with the Board of Deputies of British Jews

Do you work or volunteer at a Synagogue, Jewish museum, education centre, or are you a Jewish school speaker?

If so, join our kitemark accreditation online training to get tips on how to work well with schools. Whether you are hosting visits, visiting schools, or delivering a speech, this training can give you the confidence to ensure you are providing the best experience for schools. This webinar will be led by professionals in RE RE Hubs Director Claire Clinton, RE Hubs Leads and Anna Silver from the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Monday 12th May 2025 5 PM - 6:30 PM Book your place here: [Board Of Deputies Place Of Interest & School Speaker Training booking form](#)





Virtual tours

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A virtual tour website for RE and SMSC (Cumbria DEC)		
Buddhism, Warwickshire SACRE	Religions of the world	
Christian Westminster Abbey - London	Christian, Newark Salvation Army - Nottingham SACRE & Barnby Road Academy	Christian, The Friary, Nottinghamshire SACRE & Lowdham CoE Primary School
Gurdwara Places of Worship Tour	Gurdwara Places of Worship Tour	Hindu ISKCON Mandir - Newcastle upon Tyne

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 a way of extending learning, 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/>

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.

AREIAC/AULRE Conference 2025

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.



There are so many reasons to join the conference this year!

The conference brings together those with an interest in religious education (including researchers, teacher educators, advisers and teachers).

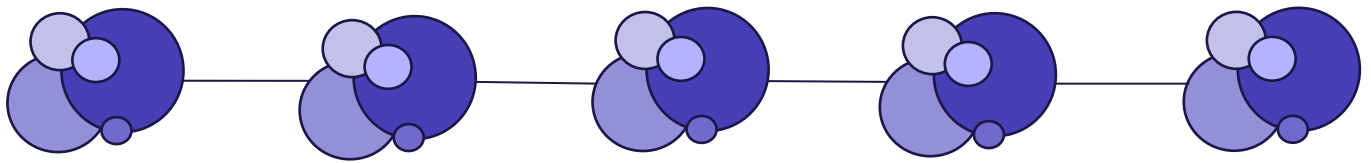


This year's conference theme is 'To Boldly Go'.

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 our 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>



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.

SAPERE P4C Name Change

SAPERE is the Society for the Advancement of Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education. They are the UK's national charity for Philosophy for Children (P4C).

Now in their fourth decade they are becoming Thoughtful – a name that reflects their purpose, their mission, and their values. Listen to their Patron Stephen Fry say more about their name change <https://www.sapere.org.uk/about-us/#Thoughtful>

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

REChatUK

NATRE's monthly Twitter forum, #REChatUK takes place on the first Monday of the month, from 8-9pm. These fast-paced, fun and informative discussions are a great way to discover new ideas, resources and conversations. The forum is also an effective place to network and meet new people on Twitter. Follow [@NATREupdate](#) on Twitter, and the hashtag #REChatUK.



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