

# Learn Teach Lead RE newsletter



**November 2023**

## Opposite things can be 'true' at the same time

RE is a vital subject in helping pupils to learn how to disagree agreeably.

Writing about the British Empire, author Sathnam Sanghera says children should be allowed to form their own opinions. He [asserts](#) that 'opposite things can be true at the same time about people and history.' He counsels against the way so many current debates turn into a form of 'football politics', where you have to support your side and hate the opposition.

Talking about the current Israel-Gaza conflict, Jonathan Freedland [says](#): this is not a football match. We must avoid seeing these issues as a 'binary contest in which you can root for only one team, and where any losses suffered by your opponent – your enemy – feel like a win.'

So, when we are constructing learning opportunities about religious and non-religious worldviews, we need to help our pupils to see the complexity and the 'messiness' of the world they are growing up in. The concepts we are teaching them about need to be understood in terms of nuance and ambiguity. This makes RE exciting to teach, but it can also make it a tricky subject to cover. This is because so much of the subject-matter is contested knowledge, and therefore debateable, unlike many other subjects where facts can just be taught as facts!

Good luck and enjoy!

See P2 for Sathnam Sanghera books

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## Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE, Area 1)



LTLRE hub (twilight) meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [LTLRE website](#) for full details.

**West/Mid Cornwall:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Torbay/S Devon hub:** Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

**East Cornwall:** Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

**SWIFT SW RE hub:** Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Book [Here](#)

**Exeter hub:** Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November (visiting the Quaker Meeting House, Exeter)

**East Devon hub:** see Exeter

## Classroom-ready resources for primary RE



RE Today is offering a comprehensive solution to the needs of primary schools, providing a host of RE resources to teach religious and non-religious worldviews for 4-11s. What's included:

- Learning Pathways – step by step lesson plans and activities
- Knowledge Organisers
- Classroom Ready PowerPoint - designed to support each lesson.
- Full Assessment
- Sticky Knowledge Quizzes
- Key Vocabulary

This resource is fully compatible with the RE Today syllabus for Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall schools.

Schools can [access this resource](#) for just £270 per year if they book before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, saving £100 (usually £370).

## Interfaith Week 2023

12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> November Resources available [here](#)

Join the [Devon Faith and Belief Forum](#) interfaith week event:

**Meet a Muslim, Pagan, Buddhist, Jew ...**

2-4pm Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

The Mint Church, Fore St, Exeter

Admission free, no booking necessary

## Holocaust Memorial Day 2024

See P3 for details of resources and Exeter events

## Strictly RE conference



Sign up for NATRE's Strictly RE online [conference](#) (27/28 Jan 2024). 2 days of interactive sessions and inspiring talks and workshops

## Auntie Anita's Wedding Album ebook

Exploring Hindu worldviews. This [ebook](#), with turnable pages, shows a photo album of a Hindu wedding (only available for NATRE members).

## Christmas wonder-pondering

These Visual Philosophy for Children [resources](#) ask questions like: Do gifts make you happy? How would you explain Christmas to an alien? What Christmas traditions do you have in your home?

## Refuge



This [book](#) retells the story of the Christmas from the donkey's perspective was inspired by refugee children (reading age 3-5yrs).

## Pennine learning resources

Access extensive RE resources offered by Pennine Learning [here](#)

## Class clips for KS1 RE

This BBC series of [animations](#) explores the different religions of the world and their well-known stories.

## Buckfast Abbey visits

Contact [Buckfast Abbey](#) to find out more about visiting the Abbey and about the RE resources they offer.

## Places of Worship videos

Access excellent [Holy Crib](#)s videos on [TrueTube](#), filmed in places of worship, showing young people's experiences of religious practice.

## Recommended Sathnam Sanghera books

[Stolen History](#): an accessible, engaging and essential introduction to the British empire for readers aged 9+

[Empireland](#): how imperialism has shaped modern Britain

## Religion and Worldviews

Important [blog](#) from Kathryn Wright explaining the importance of the religion and worldviews approach.

## Empathy Week 2024

The theme for the 2024 [Empathy Week](#) (26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2024) is is Home and Relationships. A free festival of webinars, films, resources and events for students aged 5-18 years old.

## Israeli-Palestinian conflict

[Solutions not Sides](#) takes an informative but critical approach to education on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Its resources provide excellent support for schools.

## Great RE CPD

Looking for free, easily accessible CPD for religion & worldviews? Ideal for completing at your own pace, at any time. For beginners through to experienced colleagues. Culham St Gabriel's have 10 modules, suitable for primary & secondary colleagues. Access [here](#).

## Primary Subject Leader support



This is a really useful [site](#) featuring resources and links to support teachers working in the role of Religious Education/ Religion and Worldviews subject leader. All the content in these pages has been written and collated by Primary members of the NATRE Executive and RE Today Advisers.

## Subject knowledge courses



Sign up [here](#) for RE Today subject knowledge courses for primary and secondary teachers of RE

# Events for Holocaust Memorial Day Exeter 2024

Theme: [The Fragility of Freedom](#)

Events for Schools and the General Public

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Place	Times	Details
Cathedral	10.00 - 10.35am	Opening ceremony: Lord Mayor of Exeter, Chairman of DCC, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Dean of Exeter Cathedral, Imam of Exeter Mosque, President of Exeter Synagogue, Chair of Devon SACRE, Student Ambassadors, Primary school choirs
	10.35-10.45	The Fragility of Freedom in today's world
	10.45-11.10	Rosemary Schonfeld: Finding Relly
Southernhay URC	11.30-12.15pm	Talk: a Kindertransport Child, the story of Otto Deutsch (Stewart Raine, Jewish community) (Y5 upwards)
	12.15 - 12.40pm	Lunch break
	12.40-1.20pm	Film and talk: showing of 'Porrajmos', the Nazi genocide of the Gypsy, Roma and Sinti peoples (Lizzie Small, Romany community) (Y8 upwards)
	1.20-2.10pm	Talk: the roots of the holocaust (David Tollerton, University of Exeter) (Y8 upwards)
Guildhall	3.00 - 3.30pm	Closing ceremony: Reflections & Candle Lighting led by the Jewish Community
		Human rights trail: Self-Guided <a href="#">Tour</a> through Exeter's Multi-Coloured History
Exeter Synagogue	12.00-12.30pm	Guided visits for schools *This event is temporarily unavailable, because the Synagogue is currently closed to visitors
	1.15-1.45pm	
	2.00-2.30pm	

Contact [here](#) for a booking form

HMD materials can be found [here](#) . G2G resources [here](#).  
Resources for Devon schools [here](#).