



Annual Report 2018

Where we are and what we do

The RSResource Centre operates from rented accommodation within the Vine Community Centre at St. Stephen's Church on Bobbers Mill Road in Nottingham, where it is managed by Rev'd Ken Johnson.



We assist schools to enhance their delivery of RE through the items we have available for loan or through our Faith Experiences. The Centre is also the postal office of Nottingham InterFaith Council. Together we try to answer a range of enquiries made to us from various communities.

Through an annual subscription of £15 per academic year, subscribers can borrow artefacts / books / DVDs from our range to enhance their work in Religious Education. Loans are available for half a term. Orders are placed on line; then collected from the Reception at The Vine, to where they are returned after use. We are grateful to the staff at the Vine who issue loans of artefacts and then receive them back for us, often in the early evening.

The Centre Manager voluntarily gives his time to run and to communicate the work of the Centre, which is affiliated to the Federation of RE Centres operating across the country. He currently serves as the Secretary of the Nottinghamshire County Council **Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**.

Through consulting our web site, teachers can find out about what is happening in RE and can consult the County **SACRE** pages, which are hosted on our web site. The RSResource Centre is self financing, receiving no financial assistance from any authority.

Management Team

During the year Richard Hawthorne MBE, who has been associated with the Centre for many years, passed away. As a member of the Nottingham Inter Faith Council he was a keen supporter of our work and did come on some of our earlier Faith Experiences. Richard was always keen to encourage greater understanding of the different faiths in our community.

We have welcomed Tara Flannagan to the team to join Keith Charter and the Centre Manager as we look to develop further. Our Management Committee, which meets at least once a term, is composed of representatives from various stakeholders and interested parties.

The year gone by

We have continued to operate from within the Vine Community Centre and we have hosted meetings in the Centre including a City RE Network session. We have welcomed visitors from various groups to the Centre to view resources we have available, though this needs to be arranged in advance. Most of the administration of the Centre is done away from the Centre itself which is why we ask for 7 working days notice for loans.

Conferences and Courses

The RSCentre has been represented at various courses and conferences held within Nottinghamshire. We are members of the National Federation of RE Centres.

Faith Experiences during 2018

We have continued to visit schools delivering Faith Experiences where requested. During 2018 we visited 17 different schools, some of them more than once. We worked with 2,130 young people across schools in Arnold, Awsworth, Collingham, Gedling, Hucknall, Lambley, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Newark, Ordsall, Southwell, Underwood and Worksop.

We remain grateful to those who offer practical support in any way to our experiences. It is through the work of the Faith Experiences that we raise the finances to run the centre and develop our work. Though we try to replicate what it would be like in a place of worship we do modify the content to fit in with requests; so we have offered sessions on Diwali and Hanukah during the year.



Teacher evaluations from 2018 from some of the schools we visited

“A fantastic, multisensory experience that engaged the children and provided accessible information about the Hindu faith.” “A fabulous experience for the whole school.”

“The experience generated awe & wonder in the pupils and brought to life the learning they had done so far.”

“An engaging day that allowed our children to explore a new faith.”

“An insightful, inclusive day enjoyed by all the children “

“It was an invaluable and informative experience for pupils and staff. Thank you”

“A light hearted yet serious delivery of facts & information which added to the children’s prior learning.”

“Again, another enjoyable experience, filled with great artefacts and fun”

“The children were engaged in the lesson. The children loved the experiences & gained a lot from it.”

“Provides the opportunity to understand other faiths around the world”

“A great first hand experience.”

Our Web site We continue to host the Nottinghamshire SACRE pages, details of courses offered in the County as well as our termly newsletters. You can find links to various resource sites from our pages.

Our RSResource Centre Manager currently edits the newsletter of the Federation of RE Centres which links us with the work of RE Centres across the Country as well as giving us representation on the RE Council of England and Wales.

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