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This is a once in a lifetime event! An international exhibition about art and faith in Norwich! Don't miss it!

LAST CHANCE TO SEE IT!!

The exhibition is on until 23rd January, the final two school events take place on 13th and 14th January.

BUT you can still visit the exhibition **any time** before 23rd January.

The website continues after the exhibition, so you can still use the learning enquiries, photos and films to create exciting units of work!

Some £75 travel bursaries are now available to schools - but you need to be quick!!



The event of the year: Norfolk SACRE have acquired **The Forum in Norwich for 24th March** where we will be 'Celebrating RE' in many different ways!!! We hope to engage many faith communities to 'celebrate faith in Norfolk' as well as provide you with CPD opportunities and give young people an opportunity to use their creative and expressive talents to the people of Norwich.

Students Work required: We want to showcase students' work at the Forum Event. We would particularly like creative pieces- poetry and artwork- that 'Celebrate RE'. Please send any work to Carol Burgess at the PDC **by 10th March**, or if it needs collecting please contact Carol to discuss this further at; carol.burgess@norfolk.gov.uk

Celebrating RE- Norfolk Events: We will be putting a list of all Celebrating RE events on Fronter. Please email me if you would like your event advertised!

Fantastic ideas, competitions and resources available at: www.celebratingre.org

Network Meetings: 9th (Norwich) and 10th (West) February 2-4.30 p.m.

A chance to talk about spiritual development in RE and enquiry led learning. Both of these topics have been chosen BY YOU!! So make sure you come along to express your thoughts and learn from each other. *Network meetings should be booked online via your school office / INSET Co-ordinator (ref: EPFB9 R / S). Website is: <http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms/>*

ALL DELEGATES WILL RECEIVE A FREE 'BEST OF BRITISH ISLAM' DVD

The White Paper

I would recommend reading the executive summary of the White Paper - the importance of teaching. It can be viewed at:-

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/schoolswhitepaper>. You may also wish to look at the proposed structure for the new English baccalaureate, which currently does not include RE.

Exemplification of Standards

The exemplification of standards files for foundation subjects are now published! These support effective assessment by demonstrating national standards across key stage 3 at National Curriculum levels 3 to 8. They are a resource and reference point for teachers:

- when assessing pupils' work in relation to national standards
- for training and professional development purposes
- when thinking about next steps for students.

Each exemplification of standards file includes: examples of students' classroom work assessed against national standards; other supporting evidence; a detailed commentary; and an overall assessment judgement on the students' work.

See: <http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/keystages-3-and-4/assessment/exemplification/index.aspx>

Citizenship, Identity and Difference

An interactive CD-Rom with Teachers' Pack including supporting worksheets for Key Stage 2 - 3. This flexible new resource explores different strands of religious and non-religious traditions in British society today, and has been produced in response to requests from RE teachers for materials enabling discussion of citizenship and identity. Regional workshops to introduce the materials are being planned; contact Fiona Hulbert at the Council of Christians and Jews for details: fiona.hulbert@ccj.org.uk

Challenging RE Conference - May 2011. Fantastic Opportunity.

Challenging RE is an exciting conference opportunity from NATRE for all teachers of RE - primary, secondary and special. It takes place in York on 7 and 8 May 2011, and costs £100. Further details are available from www.retoday.org.uk/courses.

RE and Ecology: Climate Week

Climate Week, on 21-27 March 2011, is a national occasion that offers an annual renewal of our ambition and confidence to combat climate change. It is for everyone wanting to do their bit to protect our planet and create a secure future. Thousands of organisations will run events and activities highlighting **solutions**. They will use the power of real, practical examples to encourage thousands more to act during the rest of the year. The REC will be supporting Climate Week by making links through Celebrating RE Month. For further information on all aspects of Climate Week, see the website at www.climateweek.com

Available from the NATRE Website:

- **Ofsted Grade Descriptors** *Ofsted*
Generic grade descriptors and supplementary subject-specific guidance for inspectors on making judgements during visits to schools. Useful for all RE subject leaders.
- NATRE response to the White Paper and proposed new English Baccalaureate.
- **Hockerill / NATRE Prize for Innovation in RE Teaching** *Hockerill and NATRE*
Details and application form for the 2011 Hockerill / NATRE Award for Innovation in RE. NATRE is delighted to be working with the Hockerill Educational Foundation to make this new Award available to teachers.

New on REOnline

New A level section on spirituality and the development of the whole person.

New social network for RE

RE-online has recently launched a new online social network for RE. This is for everyone involved in RE and enables users to network at a professional level. Entitled *Share*, the site has been piloted with Oxford University's RE PGCE group and has proved a great success with trainees, tutors and mentors. **See: www.share-re.org.uk**

NATRE

Do consider becoming a member of our professional association - lots of privileges and useful material available. Check out www.natre.org.uk

King James Bible

In case you are not aware, 2011 is the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. There are lots of resources available, particularly from Diocesan websites. Why not consider an enquiry called 'Is the bible dangerous?!'

Summary of Key Dates this year:

13 th January 2011	-	Art of Faith KS3/4 day
14 th January 2011	-	Art of Faith G&T Day (KS3)
9 th February 2011	-	Network meeting Norwich
10 th February 2011	-	Network meeting West
24 th March 2011	-	Celebrating RE at The Forum (Whole Day/Drop in)

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(please leave a message and I will get back to you)

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To book events at the castle call 01603 493636

Have a great term!

You can also view this newsletter at: www.norfolk.schools.gov.uk!