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FAO Head of Libraries

Dear Sir/Madam

Celebrating RE month - March 2011

I am writing on behalf of the RE Council of England and Wales to bring to your attention a national celebration of school religious education that will take place throughout the month of March this year. This is being organised by the RE Council and will involve a wide range of events and experiences across both countries. You can find out more by visiting the Celebration website: <http://www.celebratingre.org/>.

We are aware of the great support given to schools by public libraries across the UK. I am writing to ask if it would be possible for any of the libraries in your Local Authority to have displays or exhibitions of books about religions and beliefs during Celebrating RE month to support its aim of increasing awareness about the nature of modern RE. We are also aware that March 5th has been designated World Book Day and this would make it an especially appropriate time to celebrate the special place that books have in the lives of the world's faiths and beliefs.

You may also be approached by local schools or organisations to participate in local events (e.g. displaying examples of pupils' work in RE) or you may also like to link further with the celebration by arranging your own events in partnership with your local schools or SACREs (Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education). If you do, please let us know by placing your event on the events calendar on the website.

There are leaflets which explain the aims of the RE celebration as well as special celebration bookmarks. We can supply these free of charge on request for distribution through your libraries.

Should you wish to discuss possibilities for Celebrating RE month or to obtain more information, or to arrange for bookmarks and/or leaflets to be sent to you please contact info@recelebration.org.uk.

With best wishes,



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