



# *RE-search* at the University of East Anglia



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## Dear Colleagues

This Newsletter is to alert you to developments connected with the RE Centre - at the University and beyond. We hope you might take time to visit the website [www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion](http://www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion) or to phone the Centre Secretary, Jo McGuire, if you would like any further details, tel: 01603 592632, or e-mail us at [khrec@uea.ac.uk](mailto:khrec@uea.ac.uk). The Centre was established in 1993, and in this our **tenth year** of working in partnership with schools in East Anglia and others engaged in religious education, we are celebrating by extending our support networks and activities.

### Keswick Hall RE Centre at UEA - research and development news:

Following the introduction of Citizenship education to the revised national curriculum, we are hosting a Conference: '**Citizens of the Future – their Faiths, Beliefs and Values**' on 3rd and 4th April 2003 (*please contact Jackie Watson or Jo McGuire on tel: 01603 592632 if you would like further information, or look on our website [www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion](http://www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion)*).

Keynote speakers include:

**Geoff Teece** - Director of The Westhill RE Centre, University of Birmingham

**Julian Stern** - from the Centre for Educational Studies, University of Hull

**John Hull** - Emeritus Professor of Religious Education at Birmingham University

**Lat Blaylock** - Executive Officer for the Professional Council for RE

**Marian Agombar** - Chair of the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils for RE

Norfolk LEA is supporting the second morning of the event as its annual SACRE workshop. Norfolk schools can apply for an assisted place. The whole Conference will be an opportunity for training and professional development, exchanging ideas, and sharing practice. Seminar reports will include classroom-focused topics from teachers, and workshops will also provide a practical focus to many of the sessions.

### Subject leadership - qualifications and in-service training:

The new 'Leading RE' course will begin in April 2003. Designed for subject leaders in primary and secondary schools, this course is available as an accredited option under the UEA Masters programme, or as non-award bearing in-service training.

Topics include (*please see website for further details [www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion](http://www.uea.ac.uk/edu/religion) or phone Jo McGuire on tel: 01603 592632*).

- **Effective Frameworks for RE**
- **RE, the Wider Curriculum, and Religion in Society**
- **Resourcing RE**

The course also includes a '**Knowledge and Understanding of Religions**' study weekend on 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at Westhill College, Birmingham.

The School of Education and Professional Development at UEA also offers opportunities in research degrees at Masters, EdD, and PhD levels. For further details please contact the Continuing Professional Development Office on tel: 01603 592625.

### Farmington Fellowships:

Each year, the Centre provides tuition for teachers engaged in a secondment through the Farmington Institute, Oxford. This term, we are pleased to be working with Penny Kite from Barton Church of England Primary School, who is developing materials for use in **RE at Foundation Stage and Key Stage One**. Penny will be giving a seminar on her research, entitled '**An Exploration of Religious Education for Children from 5 to 7 Years**' on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Barton C of E Primary School, Cambridge, at 4pm – do contact Jo McGuire if you are interested in attending (tel: 01603 592632). Details about the Farmington scheme are available on the Farmington Institute website [www.farmington.ac.uk](http://www.farmington.ac.uk) or on 01865 271965. We are also pleased that Jacqueline Watson, Farmington Fellow in the autumn term 2002, is now a part-time member of staff with the Centre **supporting schools in areas related to RE and CE**. Jacqueline's research report will be available shortly; please contact Jo McGuire at the Centre if you are interested in receiving a copy (tel: 01603 592632).

### Initial teacher training:

The Centre works with the School of Education and Professional Development partnerships in the **training of secondary RE specialists**, and **primary teachers** of all backgrounds and expertise. You might have one of UEA's students on placement in your school. If you are interested in the PGCE partnerships please go to the School website on [www.uea.ac.uk/edu](http://www.uea.ac.uk/edu). If you are a **former UEA PGCE student** we would be really pleased to hear from you (tel: 01603 592632), as we are establishing a new network of UEA RE 'alumni' in the region and beyond.

### Memorial lecture:

We have included details with this mailing of a lecture in memory of Geoff Hundleby, the former Suffolk LEA Adviser who was tragically killed in a car accident last term. Geoff had worked closely with the RE Centre, and partnership schools, and this event is seen as an opportunity for professional colleagues to meet and reflect on his contribution to RE.

**The RE-search Newsletter**, with links to other RE websites and contacts, will be updated regularly on-line. We are hoping to send out the Newsletter in paper form once a year to all schools in the East Anglia region. ***Please let us know what you would like included in the Newsletter.*** How can we help you, or your school, with RE? Each year we respond to issues raised by schools, and by national developments in education, in our taught programmes and publications.

If you do not wish to receive this Newsletter in the future please could you let the Centre Secretary know? (tel: 01603 592632).

We look forward to working with you again this year

With best wishes from the Centre team.

**Linda Rudge** - Centre Director

**Marian Agombar** - Field Officer (Keswick Hall Trust) and Honorary Lecturer (UEA)

**Penny Kite** - part-time Field Officer (Keswick Hall Trust)

**Jo McGuire** - Centre Secretary

**John Rudge** - Visiting Fellow (UEA)

**Jacqueline Watson** - associate researcher/part-time tutor

**Jonathan Davies** - executive secretary to Keswick Hall Trustees and can be reached via Jo McGuire  
tel: 01603 592632

We also work with many other visiting speakers, and associate researchers, and we thank them all for their support during the last ten years.