

I have been teaching Religious Studies for several decades now, have taken 6th Form pupils to Auschwitz-Birkenau and regularly attend CPD through HET, the Jewish Museum and other organisations, as well as continuing my reading and research on this and related aspects of the Curriculum. As an Executive Committee member of NATRE (National Association of Teachers of Religious Education) and working on the Barnet SACRE I am constantly looking for opportunities to encourage and develop my fellow teachers' understanding of the place of RE in school. I am a speaker at regional and national conferences and I am an Admin for "Save RE", a Facebook forum with over 7200 members.

Last Academic year Whitefield School 's year 8 cohort took part in a term-long project based on "The Children of Willesden Lane", a Holocaust Survivor's story. Our students begin their RE studies in KS3 with a year-long look at 6 major faiths; then develop ethical and moral discussions looking at Rites of Passage within faiths in the UK and beyond. Many of these pupils have then gone on to KS4 GCSE and some have also continued to KS5 taking an A level in the subject.

With Antisemitism sadly often in the news, the Palestine / Israel peace concerns, religious freedom being challenged and other terrible atrocities taking place the next phase of my ongoing work about the Holocaust and Judaism post-1945 is to offer a 'Twilight' or 'Teach-Meet' (or however most suitable) for schools and individuals. This would be some practical training within the Humanities Departments and beyond. It would be of particular interest within RE & History. This training would be adapted depending on requests from potential participants and would be likely to include aspects of the following:

**"Safely In, Safely Out": Practical Training in Teaching the Holocaust**

- **the background to and meaning of Antisemitism**
- **the rise of Antisemitism in pre-War Europe**
- **Kindertransport - Torn from Home\***
- **Nuremberg Laws, Ghettos and Liquidation**
- **The Jewish Question and Solution**
- **"To life!" - Survivors Stories**

\**Torn from Home* is Holocaust Memorial Day's theme for January 27th 2019 - see here: [Torn From Home HMD 2019](#)

I welcome invitations from all Key Schemes within Secondary Schools and separately from Primary (Year 6 & 7). The training would take place over two sessions of about 90 minutes each. Use of a projector / PC or Laptop would be required for me.

I do not use graphic inappropriate imagery although I do use various aspects of media: along with HET guidelines I believe that despite the awfulness of the Holocaust, and subsequent terrible events in Darfur, Rwanda, Cambodia, Bosnia, Serbia and other places there are ways to teach so pupils and teachers feel they go "safely in and safely out" of a lesson about this.

The cost of this type of training is limited to resources / copying costs and travel / subsistence expenses (unless it takes places where I teach - a short distance from Brent Cross train station). Schools are encouraged to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and I look forward to Barnet's own event in January 2019.

Please feel free to contact me on [gco@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:gco@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk) regarding this, and to publish this information further, and to edit the above as appropriately necessary.

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