

Pan-Berkshire SACRE hub

Real People, Real Faith – A film resource

Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, four of the planned films in the series are in the final editing stages and will be ready for release to schools in September.

The four venues visited are a Reform Synagogue in Maidenhead, where Rabbi Jonathan Romain was joined by some members of the community to answer the questions:

“What symbols are important to you?” and “What stories are important to you?” for key stage 1;

“How special is your relationship with God?” and “How does this affect the way you live your life?” for key stage 2;

“In what ways do science, belief and religion interact and what difference might this make?” and “Why might it matter that sacred texts are often open to interpretation?” for key stage 3.

Some of the answers were quite surprising, so SACRE hub has decided that a film needs to be made in an Orthodox synagogue as well, to demonstrate the diversity of Jewish thought.



The same questions were also asked in the Hindu Mandir in Reading, where a large group of members showed how diverse Hindu thought and practice is. It was great to hear so many different voices, with unity in their diversity. The passion and articulacy of the answers will help pupils to understand this complex set of beliefs.

The Shi'a Mosque, also in Reading, provided thought provoking and well-articulated responses to those same questions, and the hub has taken the decision to make a film in a Sunni mosque as well as soon as it becomes possible to do so.

The final film to be made before the closure of all places of worship was in an Anglican Church in Warfield, on the outskirts of Bracknell. Again a range of members of the community were asked the same questions, and again the answered demonstrated unity in diversity. Some interesting personal stories and views were shared, making this an invaluable resource for teachers wanting pupils to experience the lived reality of faith in Berkshire today.

Over the summer period, members of the hub and local SACREs are producing the first set of notes to accompany the films, but the full lesson notes and plans will have to wait for social distancing measures to be fully lifted.

True Tube has agreed to host the films and the notes providing they are satisfied with the quality of the resource, which we have every reason to believe they will.



SACRE HUB BUDGET 2020
PROJEDTED INCOME: £5400 IN APRIL 2021

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 Extra for W Berks?
 £1800????

Income	Received	Outstanding	Rcvd	Expenditure to date	Rcvd	Projected Expenditure	
Westhill	£4,000		✓	Filming Day 1 (23-10-19)	-£360	Filming Day 5	£360
Bracknell	£900		✓	Filming day 2 (10-03-20)	-£360	Filming Day 6	£360
Reading	£900		✓	Filming Day 3 (25-03-20)	-£360	Conference (projected)	£1,250
RBWM	£900		✓	Filming Day 4 (07-02-20)	-£360	Adviser time : Conference	£750
West Berks	£900		✓	Guidance writing	-£500	Writing sessions: teacher time	£2,400
Wokingham	£900		✓			Writing sessions: adviser time	£500
Slough	£900		✓	Adviser time: (27-11-19)	-£250 ✓	Writing session: venue hire?	£200
Carry over	£123.09		✓	Adviser time: (30-01-20))	-£250 ✓	Filming Day 7	£360
				Adviser time : (27-04-20 & 02-07-20)	-£250 ✓	Filming day 8	£360
Total	£9,523	£0	✓	Adviser time -Guidance writing July	-£500 ✓	Filming day 9	£360
						Additional writing time?	£500
						Total projected:	£7,400
				Total	-£2,690	Projected outcome	£4,710
				Remainder	£6,833		