

**Report by Gillian Georgiou, (Diocesan RE Adviser and Lincoln Cathedral
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My work continues to be focused on reshaping the future of RE. I continue to work with a group of RE professionals – teachers (primary and secondary), ITE providers, independent consultants, Diocesan advisers – to produce materials that could be used nationwide to encourage a wide audience to reflect on the current situation of RE and possible future changes and developments. I have recently co-authored a paper on the purpose of RE that has been shared on RE:Online and will be published in a journal aimed at RE teachers. My work on the National Society's RE Development Group continues to look towards the launch of *The Christianity Project*, a series of materials developed in association with RE Today with a concept-based pedagogy that will enable teachers to deliver high-quality teaching of Christianity from Foundation Stage to KS3. Much of my recent CPD has focused on upskilling local RE teachers in key Christian concepts so that they are able to use this resource to give greatest impact in the classroom.

The other training I have recently offered has been focused assessing progress in RE, as many schools consider how to make RE more compatible with the other curriculum planning they carry out. I am also increasingly being asked to provide training on RE curriculum design, as well as the core concepts in a variety of religions including, but not limited to, Christianity.

We have finalised the funding for our interfaith project, which will focus on educating parents alongside their children about Christianity and Islam. The project will run in Swineshead (near Boston) in Lincolnshire; it will also run in Grimsby and Scunthorpe. The outcome will be a piece of community theatre with accompanying educational resources. We are developing the project with schools, and local Christian and Muslim communities.

I continue to produce a termly newsletter (the next edition will go out just after February half term) and run eight termly cluster meetings around the Diocese of Lincoln. During the spring term cluster meetings, we will discuss the purpose of RE and consider how this relates to effect curriculum design and assessment of progress and achievement.

In my role as the Cathedral Schools Officer, I have provided every primary, secondary and special school in Lincolnshire with an educational resource pack on the Methodist

Modern Art Collection. This is in conjunction with the Passion in Paint exhibition in Lincoln Cathedral.

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