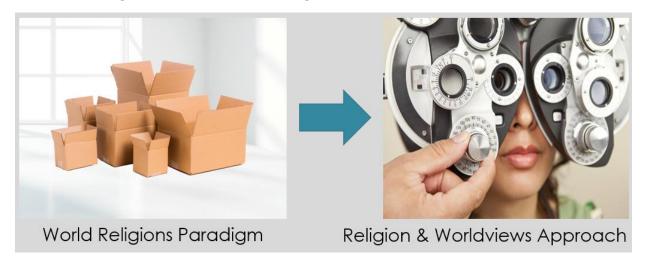




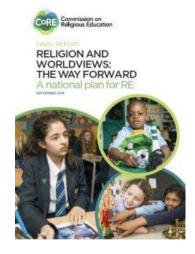
Signposting Towards Wordviews Resources



The arrival of the Religious Education Council (REC) CoRE Report in 2018 issued in an ongoing shift in the way in which RE could be taught moving forwards. It is a shift from the 'World Religions Paradigm' which presented religions as sets of facts, almost like box sets, towards an approach which explores personal worldviews, some of which are aligned to organised or institutional worldviews like religious traditions or non-religious worldviews such as Humanism.



You can read the CoRE Report using the link below and it is a good starting point if the worldviews approach is entirely new to you.



Theory on the Worldviews Approach for RE Teachers & Leaders

There are plenty of articles and blog posts about the worldviews approach and The REC have also produced a handy little video making it clearer for teachers:

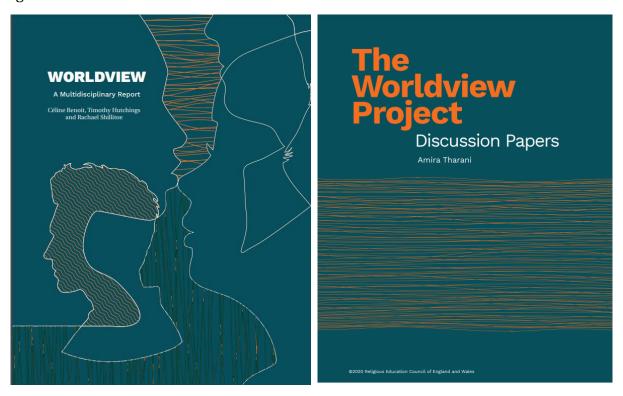


Welcome to a Religion and Worldviews Approach

Produced for the RE Council of England and Wales

https://vimeo.com/644860244/64c04865c9

The REC has also commissioned several research documents that make for interesting and valuable reading:



 $\frac{https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/5-REC-Worldview-Report.pdf}{}$

https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Worldview-Project.pdf

Likewise, the Theos Think Tank have useful reports and video resources on the worldviews approach, presented by Professor Trevor Cooling:



https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/cmsfiles/Worldview-in-Religious-Education---FINAL-PDF-merged.pdf See the launch of this report here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAK1lCS2 y0

https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/research-of-the-month/what-does-the-shift-to-worldview-mean-for-teachers/

https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/?news=religion-and-worldviews-a-conversation

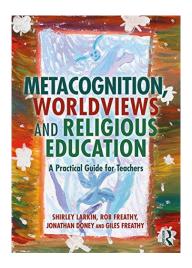
Other key thinkers, such as Freathy et al, have produced some interesting and helpful articles and books:

Worldviews and Big Ideas: A Way Forward for Religious Education? Rob Freathy & Helen C. John http://kau.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1386095/FULLTEXT01.pdf



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY AND MULTI-METHODOLOGICAL RE: A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHER EDUCATORS, TEACHERS AND TEACHER TRAINEES

BY ROB FREATHY, ANNEKE SCHMIDT AND HELEN C. JOHN UNIVERSITY OF EXETER



https://www.teachre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BIA-Handbook April-2020.pdf

Well-known secondary RE teacher and co-author of *Making Every RE Lesson Count*, Dawn Cox, has put together a useful list of blogs, articles and research focused on the Worldviews Approach to Teaching RE. You can access the list here:

 $\frac{https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pCe~gP2CQ6SjOy3ifcUXIV2JWMWP6JvaCOWDQAU2~IE~/edit\#gid=0}{}$

Research and analysis

Research review series: religious education



Published 12 May 2021

The Ofsted RE Research Report (May 2021) written by HMI for RE, Dr Richard Kueh, also references the shift towards a worldviews approach to the teaching of RE:

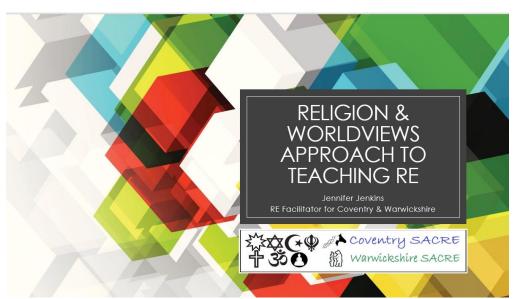
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RE Online offers a series of blogs exploring the worldviews approach:

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/07/17/what-are-worldviews-how-should-i-teach-about-them-how-is-re-changing/

https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/research-of-the-month/islam-as-a-worldview/

https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/worldviews-and-big-ideas-a-way-forward-for-religious-education/



CPD for Teachers on the Worldviews Approach to RE

SACRE ran free CPD on the Worldviews Approach to Teaching RE in Autumn 2021 and you can access the slides and resources here: https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-resources/standing-advisory-council-religious-education-sacre/5 Password: WCRESyllabus 2017

A recording of the session is available here: Worldviews approach to teaching RE

RE Online have produced new self-study courses suitable for teachers, subject leaders and governors:

Introduction to Religion and Worldviews



What is a Religion and Worldviews approach? Maybe you have heard the phrase and are unsure what it means. Perhaps you have not heard the phrase at all. This course provides an introduction to what is happening in Religious Education right now, covering the most recent report into the subject and the thinking behind a new approach to teaching and learning in the subject.

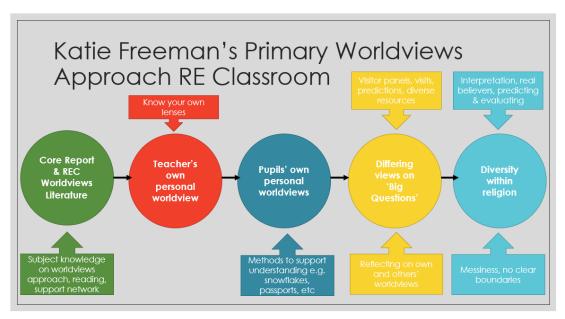
You will consider some background information about the subject to enable you to make sense of the paradigm shift towards a Religion and Worldviews approach. This approach asks us to think differently about knowledge: to look at it from a variety of angles, or through various lenses, so that we can investigate information at greater depth and consider different interpretations and ways of seeing.

This course is for anyone with an interest in the subject; teachers and non-teachers, parents, SACRE members, school leaders, governors... all welcome!

The course takes between approximately one hour and 90 minutes in total. You can pause and return to your work at any time.

You can enrol here: https://courses.cstg.org.uk/enrol/index.php?id=6

Exploring Your Own Worldview as a Teacher



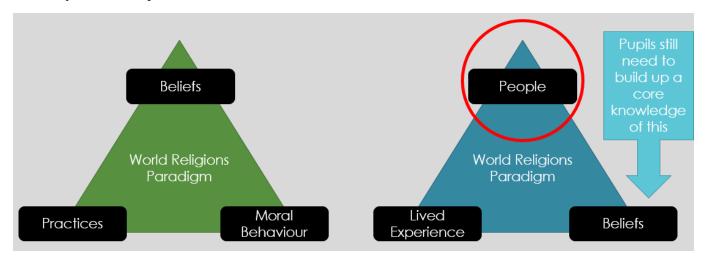
Katie Freeman, Chair of NATRE, identifies teachers improving their subject knowledge about the worldviews approach, as well as becoming more conscious of their own worldview, as an essential step in bringing a worldviews approach into the classroom. There is also a useful blog post by Ruth Flanigan (Exeter University) here:

https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/teachers-need-to-become-conscious-of-their-own-worldviews/

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Worldviews Resources for Curriculum Development

Introducing a worldviews approach to teaching RE will obviously lead to some curriculum changes. The substantive content (the facts and information) of what you teach may stay the same, change very little or have new content added/substituted, but the big change is the framing through which it is approached, essentially making a shift from focusing on 'beliefs' to focusing on 'people' and the diversity of lived experience:

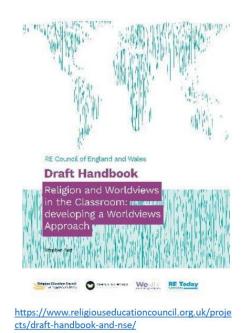


A brand-new document from the REC explores aligning RE syllabus/curriculum to a draft national statement of entitlement (SOE). This is a very interesting and informative read and may well herald the next stage in the move towards a worldviews approach to teaching RE:

Draft Handbook on Religion and Worldviews in the Classroom: **Developing a Worldviews Approach**

Published May 2022

Produced for syllabus writers and curriculum developers to support them on translating the REC's vision of an excellent education for all in Religion and Worldviews into practical resources for teachers



Download the draft handbook containing the national SOE here: https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/projects/draft-handbook-and-nse/

Reforming RE and RE:Online have several blog posts from teachers that are useful when thinking about how this approach impacts upon curriculum:

Useful blogs from Reforming RE: https://reformingre.wordpress.com/category/religionsworldviews/



 $\underline{https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/11/30/introducing-worldviews-as-part-of-studying-religion-and-belief/}$

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/07/21/what-has-the-idea-of-worldview-contributed-to-my-curriculum-thinking/

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/07/28/our-journey-to-understanding-worldviews-in-school/

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/07/31/a-worldviews-approach-doesnt-dilute-re-it-gives-the-subject-context-and-relevance/

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/08/07/worldview-education-hermeneutics-and-teaching-pupils-how-to-know-not-just-what-to-know/

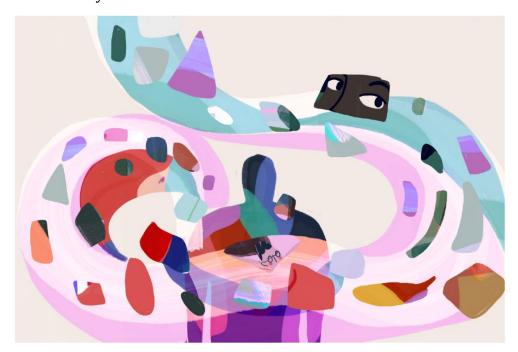
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https://www.reonline.org.uk/2020/07/24/worldviews-from-a-primary-perspective-self-detectives/

Worldviews Resources for Teaching RE

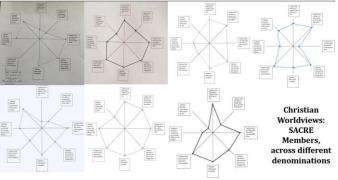
A great resource when you first start moving towards a worldviews approach for teaching RE is the short but excellent Nobody Stands Nowhere animated film from Theos:



https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/comment/2021/05/12/worldviews-film

Coventry & Warwickshire SACREs are developing resources to support a worldviews approach:





Christian Worldviews video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-6-B1g-Cmg&t=235s

SACRE Worldviews Snowflakes Comparative Study:

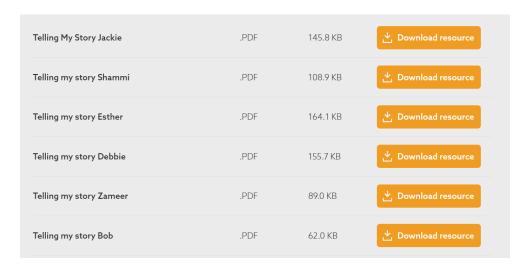
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RE Online have a growing collection of resources offering worldviews perspectives for use in the RE classroom:

RESOURCES

Telling My Worldview Story



https://www.reonline.org.uk/resources/telling-my-worldview-story/

RESOURCES

Places of worship - Voices from Religion and Worldviews

Baha'i	>	Jewish	>
Buddhist	>	Muslim	>
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Hindu	>		

https://www.reonline.org.uk/teaching-resources/places-of-worship-voices-from-religion-and-worldviews/

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Voices from Religion and Worldviews
Sikhi
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

https://www.reonline.org.uk/resources/voices-from-religion-and-worldviews/





Bahá'i

NATRE also have a great many worldviews resources (some of which are free and shared below) which you can access by typing 'worldviews' into the search box here:

https://www.natre.org.uk/resources/?page=4&Search=worldviews&SearchType=and&NoDefaultFilter= However, you will get even greater access to resources with a NATRE membership

Some of NATRE's free worldviews resources:



https://www.natre.org.uk/resources/termly-mailing/bqic-secondary-challenging-knowledge-in-re/studying-worldviews/



Investigating Worldviews Pupil Booklet 1: How do people celebrate Christmas?

Big Questions Big Answers vol 2: Investigating Worldviews - Pupil booklet 1 'How do people celebrate Christmas?'.

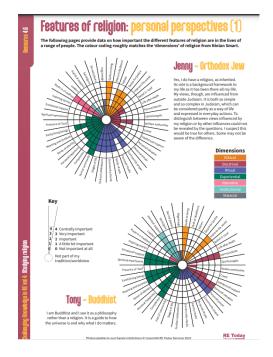


Investigating Worldviews Pupil Booklet 2: What influences dress?

Big Questions Big Answers vol 2: Investigating Worldviews - Pupil booklet 2 'What influences how religious and non-religious people choose to dress?'.

Available in NATRE's RE Today Shop: https://shop.natre.org.uk/200357

Some of the free resources:





Features of Religion Resource:

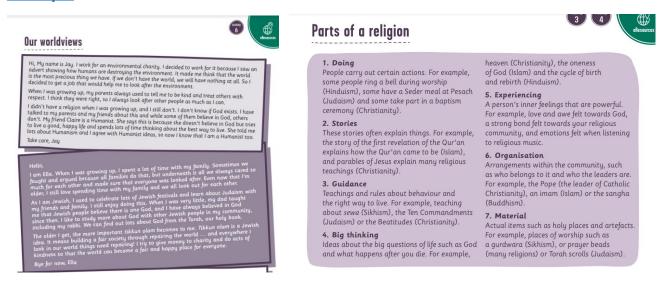
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Categorising Christians resource:

https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Member%20Resources/RE%20Today%20Resources/secondary%20publications/Challenging%20Knowledge%20in%20RE/2%20Worldviews/7 1%20Categorising%20Christians.pdf

Our Worldviews resource:

https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Member%20Resources/RE%20Today%20Resources/Primary %20curriculum%20Publications/Inspiring%20RE/Big%20Questions/Our%20worldviews Activity %206.pdf



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Religion in Britain:
supernatural and spiritual beliefs

Theo is a think tank that looks at the place of religion in society. In 2013 it published a research project called The Spirit of Things Uniseen: belief in post religious Britain. Even though religion is declining, this project shows that spiritual beliefs are not disappearing. Here are some of the findings.

Which, if any, of the following do you believe in?

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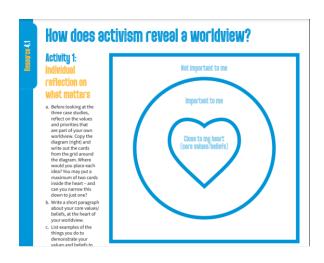
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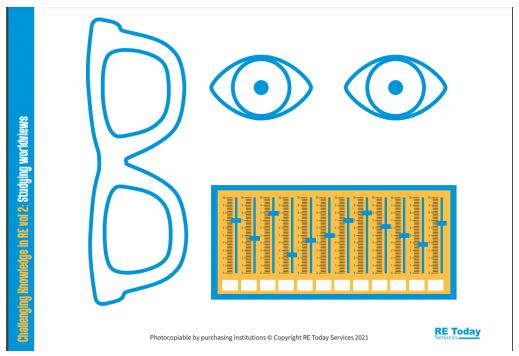


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Introducing Worldviews to Pupils

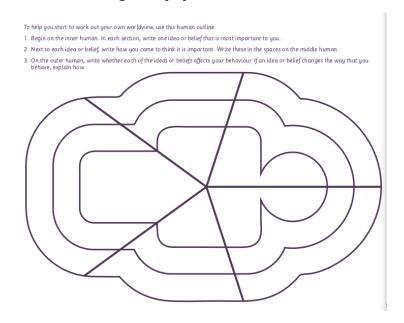
You can find some ideas for introducing worldviews to pupils in the CPD mentioned above available on the Warwickshire SACRE website.

NATRE also have some free resources, such as this one with the glasses and mixing desk metaphors:



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Another free NATRE resource for using with pupils:



https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Member%20Resources/RE%20Today%20Resources/Primary %20curriculum%20Publications/Inspiring%20RE/Big%20Questions/My%20worldview Activity %201.pdf

NATRE also have some free pupil questionnaires (with more available for members):



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Culham St Gabriel's recent pupil blog competition, on the subject of why an education in religion and worldviews is important, has produced some great pupil perspectives on the subject you can share and unpick with your own pupils, perhaps lading to them writing their own.

A selection of the pupil blogs on Religion & Worldviews:

https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/12/why-does-an-education-in-rw-matter-ashton-ks5/https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/06/why-does-an-education-in-rw-matter-maxwell-ks3/https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/12/why-does-an-education-in-rw-matter-ella-ks5/https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/04/why-does-an-education-in-rw-matter-abhijot/https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/06/why-does-an-education-in-rw-matter-arwen-ks3/https://www.reonline.org.uk/2021/05/05/why-does-an-education-in-religion-and-worldviews-rw-matter-catherine-ks2/

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Worldviews for Parents

As with any curriculum shift, it is useful to keep parents informed. This article on the School Run website by NATRE's Deborah Weston OBE offers a good starting point:

What is Religion and Worldviews?

Some schools choose to teach religious education with a worldview approach, but what is this and how is it different? We asked Deborah Weston OBE, former Director of Spiritual, Moral and Social and Cultural Development at Mulberry School For girls and current chair of the RE Policy Unit for NATRE, the REC and RE Today, to explain what parents need to know.



https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-religion-and-worldviews

Worldviews and the New Coventry & Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus (due 2024)
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