

Contacts and resources useful to Ealing RE teachers

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The table below gives contact details for some of the places, people and organisations that might be useful to RE teachers in Ealing (although some of them are outside the local authority's borders).

Tradition	Organisation	Contact Details	Comments
Various	The names and contact details of SACRE members willing to answer queries about their tradition can be found on the EGfL: http://www.egfl.org.uk/categories/teaching/curriculum/subjects/re/sacre/consult/		
Bahá'í	National Bahá'í Office	27 Rutland Gate, London SW7 IPD. 020 7584 2566 www.bahai.org.uk secretariat@bahai.org.uk	Can be contacted for general inquiries about the UK Bahá'í community or to request information about the Bahá'í Faith.
	Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Ealing	C/o Marjohn Pourtabib 56 King Edward's Gardens, Acton, London W3 9RQ 020 8993 4042	Can provide books, tapes, teachers' notes and artefacts, as well as speakers for assemblies and RE lessons.
Buddhist	London Buddhist Vihara	Head Monk, Ven Bogoda Seelawimala The Avenue, Bedford Park, Chiswick W4 1UD 020 8995 9493 www.londonbuddhistvihara.org	Sri Lankan, Theravada Community. Very welcoming; has a tree in the shrine room said to be an offshoot of the Bodhi tree under which the Buddha is believed to have achieved enlightenment.
	The Buddhist Society 58 Ecclestone Square, SW1V 1PH	020 7834 5858 info@thebuddhistsociety.org.uk www.thebuddhistsociety.org	Well established, reputable centre for all things Buddhist. The society's premises are open 2-6 pm Monday to Friday and 2-5 pm Saturday.
	Buddhapadipa Temple	14 Calonne Road, Wimbledon Parkside, SW19 5JH. 020 8946 1357 www.watbuddhapadipa.org	Truly spectacular temple building with 5-6 resident monks. London centre for Thai community. Visit their website to see activities and info re: group tours.
	Fo Guang Temple	84 Margaret Street, WIW 8TD 020 7636 8394 ibps@londonfgs.org.uk www.londonfgs.org.uk	Very attractive temple, active Mahayana community, mainly Chinese but all welcome. Open 9am-5pm daily (except Friday).
	Clearvision Trust	16 - 20 Turner Street, Manchester M4 1DZ 0161 839 9579 education@clear-vision.org www.clear-vision.org	Publishing arm of Friends of the Western Buddhist Order. Produce some very good materials including web-based resources and a source of telephone advice.

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Christian	There are many Christian groups and churches in the borough, and it is impossible to list them all. However the following four church buildings are of historical interest.		
	St Mary's, Acton	<p>1 The Mount, Acton High Street, London W3 9NW 020 8993 0422 stmary.acton@btconnect.com www.stmaryacton.org.uk</p> <p>The Parish Office is open 1030-1230 weekdays</p>	There has been a church dedicated to St Mary in the centre of Acton since about the twelfth century. Over the years there have been many alterations and repairs made to the church. It was substantially altered and enlarged in 1837, and completely rebuilt in 1865-1867, with the original 16 th century tower being replaced a decade later.
	Holy Cross Church, Greenford	<p>Ferrymead Gardens, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 9JS</p> <p>020 8578 1543 (Rectory) www.greenfordmagna.info</p>	Holy Cross Church dates from around 1157, but the earliest remaining parts of the building are as recent as the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The porch on the south side of the church dates from about 1500, whilst the wooden tower dates from the sixteenth century.
	St Mary's, Northolt	<p>Ealing Road Northolt UB5 6AA</p> <p>020 8841 5691 (Rectory) www.northolt.org</p>	One of three ancient churches in the northern part of Ealing. Dates from about 1300, though a priest is mentioned as being resident in the parish in 1086. Originally only 13 by 8 metres. The roof and turret were rebuilt in the sixteenth century, and the south porch was rebuilt and a vestry added in 1945.
	St Mary's, Perivale	<p>Perivale Lane, Perivale, Middlesex, UB6 8SS www.st-marys-perivale.org.uk</p> <p>For information about concerts held in the church contact: Dr Hugh Mather hmather@btopenworld.com 020 8997 7691</p>	A Grade I listed building, St Mary's can be dated to about 1135. For years the church served a parish comprised of five farms and associated buildings. By 1950, however, Perivale's population had grown to 10,000, and a new church—St Nicholas—was built. At that point St Mary's was effectively 'cut off' from most of Perivale by the Western Avenue. It was rescued by a charitable trust in 1976 (Friends of St Mary's Perivale), and has remained a consecrated church.

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Christian	Ealing Abbey monastery	St Benedict's Ealing Abbey Charlbury Grove London W5 2DY 020 8862 2160 www.ealingabbey.org.uk	Ealing Abbey is part of a monastic tradition (Benedictine) going back 1500 years. For information about visits by schools, contact the Parish Office 9- 12:30 Monday-Friday.
	A good starting point for information about the Anglican Church is http://anglicansonline.org/basics/index.html		
	The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) has an assemblies website (www.assemblies.org.uk), which contains ideas for school assemblies with predominately Christian themes; it also now has a multifaith selection .		
	For all branches of Orthodox Christianity a useful first stop is the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius in Oxford (info@sobornost.org ; www.sobornost.org 01865 552991)		
Hindu	ISKCON Educational Services	Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hilfield Lane, Aldenham, Watford, Hertfordshire WD25 8EZ 01923 851000 info@krishnatemple.com www.bhaktivedantamanor.co.uk	Have produced some good materials for schools. Source of speakers on Hinduism and venue for very interesting school visits. For more info on their education services: www.iskconeducationalservices.org
	Shri Swaminarayan Mandir	115 - 119 Brentfield Road, Neasden, London NW10 8IP 020 8965 2651 admin@mandir.org http://londonmandir.baps.org/	Famous and spectacular mandir much visited. Not typical of community mandirs. For information about school visits, see: http://londonmandir.baps.org/visits/school-visits/
	Shree Ram Mandir	22 King Street, Southall, UB2 4DA 020 085745276 www.shreerammandir.co.uk	
	Vishwa Hindu Mandir	2 Lady Margaret Road, Southall UB1 2RA 020 8574 3870 http://vishwahindumandir.com/	
	Vivekananda Centre London	Website with educational resources: www.hinduacademy.org hindu@btinternet.com	A non-commercial and a non-sectarian body involved in educational activities. Their 'Hinduism for Schools' website provides a good starting point for learning the basics of Hinduism.
Humanist	British Humanist Association 39 Moreland Street London EC1V 8BB 020 7324 3060 www.humanism.org.uk info@humanism.org.uk	There are other atheist/agnostic groups, e.g. National Secular Society, but BHA is used to dealing with schools and produces materials and organises speakers. They have a website for schools with excellent resources: www.understandinghumanism.org.uk	

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Humanist (cont.)	<p>The following are trained humanist speakers available in London. These people might be willing to meet a class at the Natural History Museum, Science Museum or an art museum to discuss how humanists experience wonder in the natural world, through art etc. They can also talk about the non-religious approach to ethical issues. This is an excellent way to include the non-religious viewpoint in the RE curriculum.</p> <p>Peter Silverman – p@petersilverman.com 01895 625770 Anthony Burn - ar_burn@yahoo.co.uk Leni Gillman - leni@clara.co.uk Paul Varotsis - paul@varotsis.plus.com Maria Maclachlan - maria@tolerate.me.uk 020 8908 3622 / 07939 537 670</p>		
	CND Peace Education	<p>Lisa Rønsholt Bounds 020 770 2393 pdc@cnduk.org http://www.cnduk.org/information/peace-education</p>	<p>Will provide free assembly talks and interactive classroom workshops, which can be adapted to suit a wide range of age groups and subject areas. Intended to encourage debate and independent thinking regarding the use and impact of nuclear weapons.</p>
Jain		<p>Learn Jainism site has educational resources, including lesson plans.</p>	
Jehovah's Witnesses		<p>Andrew Schofield Public Information Desk for Jehovah's Witnesses 020 8906 2211 pid.gb@jw.org</p> <p>Aristos and Marilina Photi (aristos.photi@gmail.com; 07956 198445) come recommended by Ravenor Primary School.</p>	<p>If the Photis aren't available, Andrew can arrange another representative to visit the school or for class visits to a local Kingdom Hall. Tours available at the headquarters and printery in Millhill: https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/offices/britain/</p>
Jewish	Ealing Synagogue	<p>15 Grange Road, London W5 5QB 020 8579-4894 http://ealingsynagogue.org.uk/</p>	<p>For tours of the Synagogue or talks in schools, contact Basil Mann, 0208 568 3779.</p>
	Ealing Liberal Synagogue	<p>Lynton Avenue London W13 0EB T: 020 8997 0528 http://www.ealingliberalsynagogue.org.uk/</p>	<p>For school visits contact Arnold Aarons, 0208 567 8521</p>
	Centre for Jewish Education	<p>80 East End Road, London N3 2SY 020 8349 5620 http://www.lbc.ac.uk/</p> <p>Large site houses Leo Baeck College for training progressive rabbis, Bible garden, primary school and mikva.</p>	<p>The Department of Education & Professional Development has Resource Centres in which teachers and students on courses can prepare materials and lessons, carry out research and borrow books, electronic equipment and materials from the extensive lending libraries. For security reasons you need to phone before visiting.</p>

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Muslim	Al Masjid ul Husseini	Rowdell Road Northolt, Middlesex UB5 6AG 020 8841 5623 office@londonjamaat.co.uk www.londonjamaat.com	Largest mosque for Dawoodi Bohra Muslims in Europe. To arrange an educational visit, please contact: Mr Bashir Jariwala 020 8845 1221 mpmc110@yahoo.co.uk
	Central Jamia Masjid, Southall	Montague Waye Southall, UB2 5PA Tel: 8574 5115 www.southallmosque.org.uk	Contact Iman Bismillah to arrange school visits (07968 527793)
	Discover Islam	7 Bridges Place Parsons Green, London SW6 4HW 020 7471 8275 info@discoverislam.co.uk www.discoverislam.co.uk	Charitable organisation providing educational material about Islam. Will arrange visits to mosques.
	Ismaili Centre	1-7 Cromwell Gardens, London SW7 2SL 020 7581 2071 www.theismaili.org/cms/807/The-Ismaili-Centre-London	Comparatively small Shia Muslim community with spectacular building. Located opposite the Museum of Natural History and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Tours for school parties on written request.
	West London Islamic Centre & Jamia Masjid	Brownlow Road London W13 020 8840 4140 www.wliconline.org	Has a bookshop with books for children. To arrange a visit to the West London Islamic Centre or request an Imam or community worker to speak at your school, please call 07790 388993.
Ravidassia	Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha	282 Western Road, Southall, Middlesex UB2 5JT 020 8574 0245 www.gururavidas.org info@sgrds.org	
Sikh	Central Gurdwara	62 Queensdale Road, London W11 4SG 020 7603 2789 www.centralgurdwara.org.uk gen.sec@khalsajatha.com	The gurdwara is a short walk from Shepherds Bush tube station and for many in Ealing more easily accessible than Southall.
	Guru Granth Gurdwara	45 Villiers Road, Southall, Middx UB1 3BS 020 8867 9117	Housed in a former church, this gurdwara was founded in 1969 by Sardar Mal Singh Mangat.

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Sikh (cont.)	Guru Nanak Darbar	King Street, Southall UB2 4DQ 020 8571 3265/020 8574 4651 Gurdwara Facebook Page	Representing the needs and aspirations of the Afghan community in the United Kingdom.
	Ramgharia Sabha	53-57 Oswald Road, Southall UB1 1HN 020 8571 6904 www.ramgarhia.org	The first <i>diwan</i> (congregational meeting) of the Southall Ramgarhia Community was at the Dara Bingo Hall on Beaconsfield Road for the celebration of Maharaj Jassa Singh Day in 1966. The present site was purchased in 1969. Extensive rebuilding work was completed in 1981, with further renovation taking place in 1984/5 and again in 1998/9.
	Sri Guru Amardas Gurmat	1A Clifton Road Southall, Middlesex UB2 5QP 020 8570 1210	The Guru Amardas gurdwara was established under the patronage of Sant Baba Jaswant Singh Ji in a house in Clifton Road in the early 1980s. Since then it has developed into a large complex.
	Shri Guru Singh Sabha	2/8 Park Avenue, Southall, Middx UB2 4NP and Havelock Rd, Southall, Middx UB2 4NP www.sgsss.org	The gurdwara on Havelock Road, opened in 2003 is the largest Sikh temple outside India.
	Sikh Missionary Society	10 Featherstone Road Southall, Middx 020 8574 1902 www.sikhmissionarysociety.org	The premises house a bookshop that also stocks objects related to the <i>panj kakke</i> , the external symbols worn by members of the Khalsa. Audio-visual material, such as cassettes of devotional music and videos on the lives of the Gurus is also available.
Zoroastrian (or Parsee)	Zoroastrian House	88 Compayne Gardens, West Hampstead, NW6 3RU 020 7328 6018 http://www.ztfe.com/index.html	Zoroastrian House is a religious, cultural and social centre for the Parsee and Irani Zoroastrian Community, and is registered as a place of worship. It has a library, will give information and advice and will host visits.