

RE for other specialists

An Oxford Education Deanery Event

Monday 29 June 2026



Are you teaching (or leading) religious education in an English secondary school as a teacher with other specialisms? Join us for a workshop on Monday 29 June at 9:30am-3:45pm for teachers with other specialisms who are delivering religious education in English secondary schools.

This workshop will introduce the history and nature of RE in England today and provide useful and practical suggestions for how to build your subject knowledge and confidence.

Programme

09:00–09:30 **Registration and coffee**

09:30–10:00 **What is it like teaching RE as a teacher with other specialisms? An open discussion**

Jonny Tridgell, RE Teacher and Doctoral Researcher & PGCE General Tutor at the Department of Education, University of Oxford

10:00–10:45 **Where does RE come from? An overview of the history of RE in England, as well as statutory rights to RE (and withdrawal from RE) in England today**

Dr Nigel Fancourt, Director of Doctoral Research & Associate Professor of Education and Values, Department of Education, University of Oxford

10:45–11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00–12:15 **What is RE for? 'Paradigm wars', whether the name of the subject matters, religion and non-religious worldviews, and finding the purpose of RE in your lessons**

Jonny Tridgell, RE Teacher and Doctoral Researcher & PGCE General Tutor at the Department of Education, University of Oxford

Fiona Moss, Education and Programmes Manager, Culham St Gabriel's

12:15–13:00 **Lunch & networking**

13:00–14:15 **How do we teach "controversial" topics in RE? A practical session focusing on medical ethics, environmental ethics and LGBTQ+ people**

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14:15–14:30 **Coffee break**

14:30–15:45 **What can I use to teach RE? A discussion of different online and physical resources used in RE lessons, how to draw on RE subject professionals and organisations, and working with living faiths**

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15:45 **Wrap up & close**





Convener: Jonny Tridgell, PGCE general tutor and doctoral researcher at the Department of Education. Jonny has been teaching RE since 2008 and has trained RE teacher s at the University of Oxford and the UCL Institute of Education.

