

The Anne Frank Exhibition returns to the North-East - but with new material!

Here is something that many schools will want to take advantage of, an exhibition deriving from the internationally respected Anne Frank Trust. Called Anne Frank (+ You), the dramatic multi-media exhibition brings Anne Frank's voice firmly to the 21st century by addressing contemporary issues such as racism, identity and bullying, issues which affect British communities today. As such, the exhibition will assist all those schools engaged in lessons, programmes of study, assemblies, events, activities or conferences that address Anti-Bullying Week, Black History Month, community cohesion and/or the equality and diversity agenda.

The exhibition will reside in Newcastle City Library and admission is free. It opens on 8th October and remains in place until 1st November. Secondary school students from around the region will escort visiting groups through the exhibition, explaining the significance of the exhibits and displays, and prompting group members to think and reflect.

Visits can be made in the morning between 9.30 and 11.30, and in the afternoon between 12.30 and 2.30. If required, groups arriving for the afternoon session can be provided with space to eat a packed lunch.

To book your place (information about the exhibition suggests it is suitable for Year 6 pupils and above), write to bookings@annefrank.org.uk. Those requiring more information about the exhibition should write to Grace Dunne at graced@annefrank.org.uk.

Schools that place bookings will be provided with educational resources that can be used before or after the visit. This is clearly an opportunity not to be missed!



RE:Quest - Reflections

School-based colleagues with good memories will recall that, about four years ago, the Northumberland SACRE managed to secure from RE:Quest, a highly regarded educational charity based in the south-west, a DVD and Teachers' Guide entitled "Christianity Unpacked", which we distributed free of charge to every school in the local authority. Every so often we hear from teachers that this excellent resource continues to enhance RE/RS provision in their school.

RE:Quest recently launched a follow-up DVD to "Christianity Unpacked" called "Reflections", which is targeted specifically at Key Stage 4 students (although, in the right hands, Sixth Form and Year 9 students will also benefit from the content). "Reflections" examines a host of topical matters such as ethics, medical ethics, spirituality, interfaith dialogue, the environment, sport and leisure, alcohol and drugs, crime and punishment, science and religion, and war and peace from different perspectives within the Christian community. Targeted in particular at students studying for GCSE RE/RS, the DVD has potential applications in other subject areas, and can contribute significantly to discussion, debate and the development of thinking skills.

To find out more about the DVD and how to secure a copy for your school, access the RE:Quest website at www.request.org.uk. The DVD contains ready-to-use worksheets so that students can delve into the issues in greater depth than the video clips require.