# Religion, Values and Ethics

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An introduction to Religion, Values and Ethics

A guide to how Religion, Values and Ethics can be planned within the Curriculum for Wales



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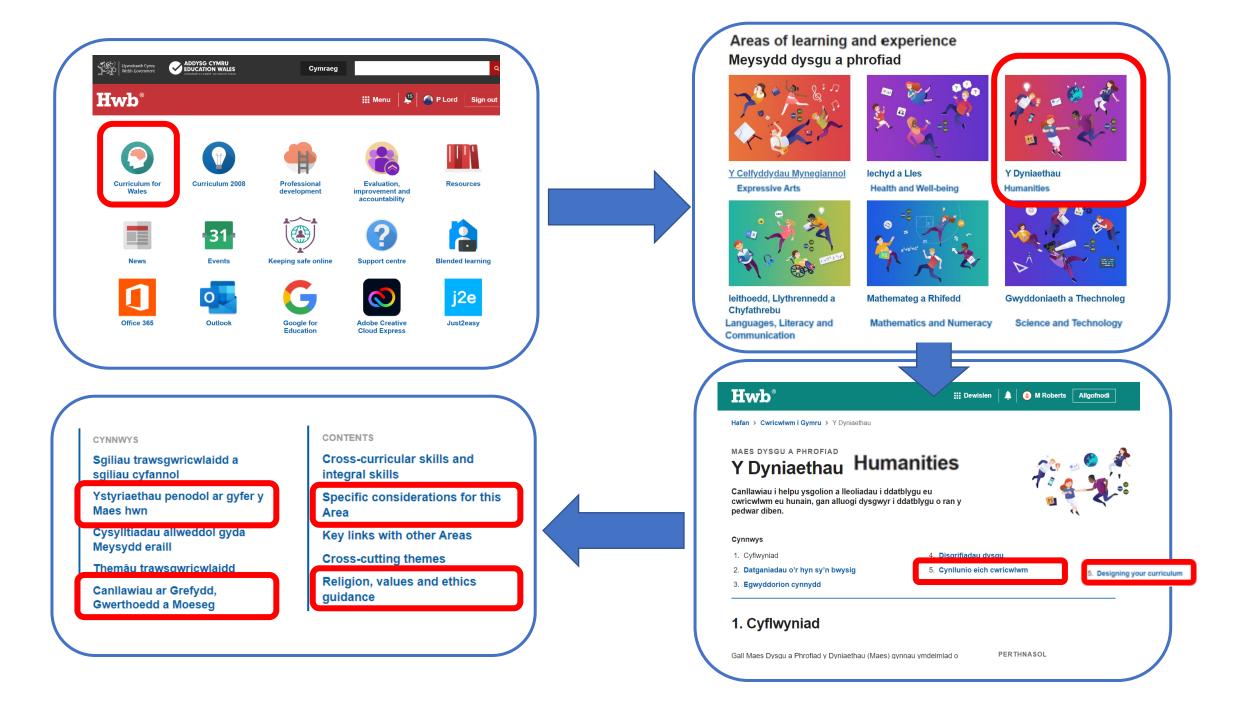
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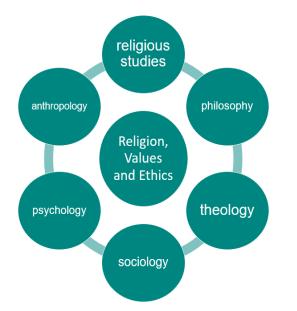




# **RVE** Disciplines



# Disgyblaethau CGM / RVE Disciplines



**Philosophy** – Why should we be kind to other people?

**Theology** – What does the story tell us how to treat other people?

**Sociology** – Who helps us in our community? (Religious Leaders)

**Psychology** – Do celebrations make us happy?

**Anthropology** – Why do we celebrate events in the past? Do other people celebrate in ways different to me?

**Religious Studies** – What stories are important to people from a range of different religious beliefs?

# Disgyblaethau CGM / RVE Disciplines

**Philosophy** – Is there a god? Where did we come from? What's the purpose of life?



**Theology** – What does the Bible/Qur'an/Nature tell us about God?

**Sociology** – Why do many in my community celebrate Christmas even if most of them don't follow Christ?

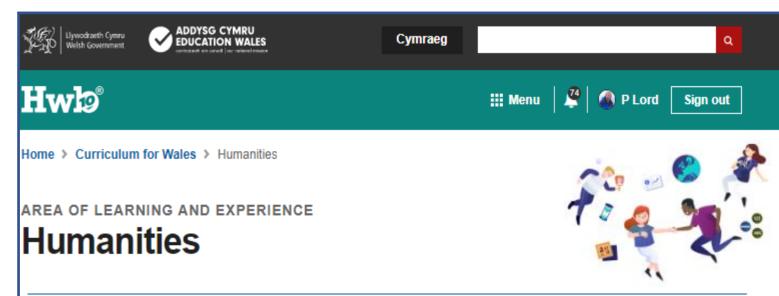
**Psychology** – Why are more religious people less stressed and more content with their lives than non-religious people?

**Anthropology** – Why do cultures around the world find it important to remember past events? Do animals remember the ancestors' achievements?

**Religious Studies** – Why are there common themes in different religions yet the practices be so different – e.g. worship, buildings, beliefs, founders etc...

# RVE Concepts





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#### **RVE** concepts

The **statements of what matters in this Area** allow learners to explore and critically engage with a broad range of religious and non-religious concepts, which should be carefully considered and underpin curriculum design.

When considering RVE concepts within their curriculum, schools and settings should:

- · develop an understanding of the discipline and its value
- · provide rich contexts for learners to be curious, to explore ultimate

What concepts should be included in RVE?

Pa gysyniadau ddylai fod Wedi'i gynnwys yn RVE?

#### Concepts in RVE

It is important to consider which concepts you want your learners to explore within the theme/topic you are planning. These are the ones included in the guidance, but there may be others that you want to focus on too.

authority	diversity	Interconnected- ness	pluralism	ritual	tolerance
belief	equality	justice	practice	sacredness	tradition
belonging	ethics	knowledge	prejudice	secularity	truth
celebration	extremism	life	purpose	self	ultimate reality
community	faith	life stance	relationships	social action	values
culture	freedom	lived religion	religion	sources of authority	worldview
cynefin	good and evil	meaning	religiosity	spirituality	worship
death	humanity	morality	responsibility	sustainability	
discrimination	identity	origin	rights	symbolism	

## Jaleel's Big Day



What Knowledge can you learn from the video?

What Concepts are explored in the Video?

Watchable by hwbcymru.net.

Knowledge	Concepts	
Eid ul Fitr, Ramadan	Festivals and celebration	
Learning Arabic	Identity	
Mosque	Special Place, Community	
Thinking of other people, being kind	Community, Culture	
Not allowed to eat during Ramadan	Following Rules	
Qur'an	Source of authority	
Prayer, washing	Ritual, worship	



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### What do I want the class to do? What activities can we do?

....we can read 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'....Where does cocoa come from?...learn about the rain forests.... design a new chocolate bar wrapper....learn more about Fair Trade....create a new chocolate bar...design advertising for this...compare prices of chocolate....etc etc .....Have I covered every subject?

Where can we go to make this theme interesting and fun?....Melin Llynon? Cadbury World!?.....

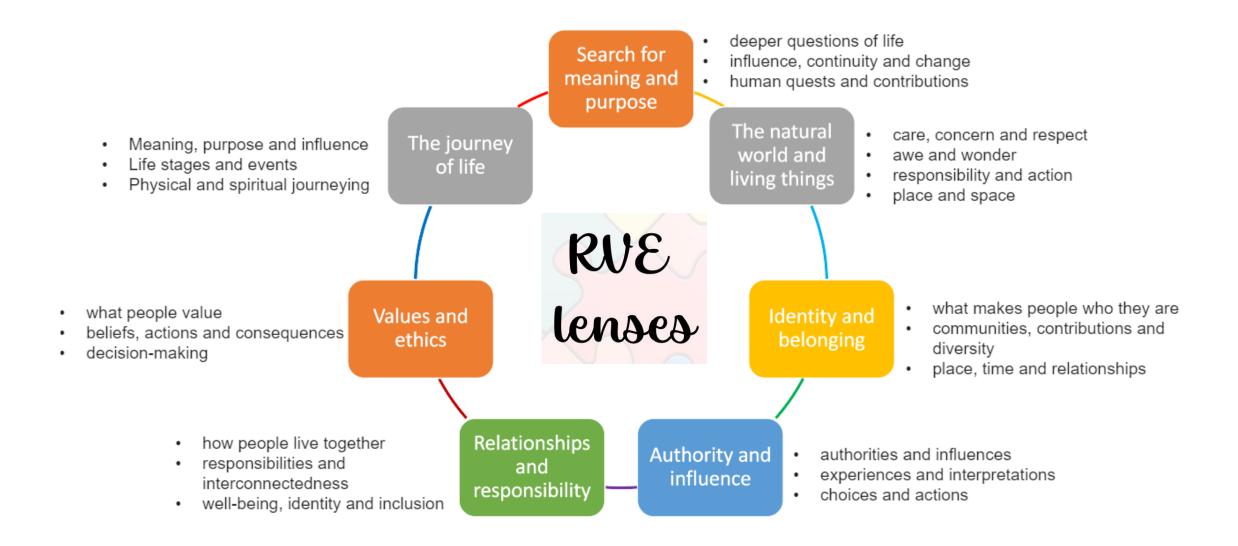




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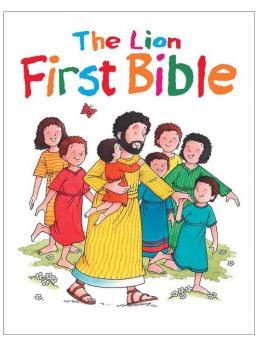


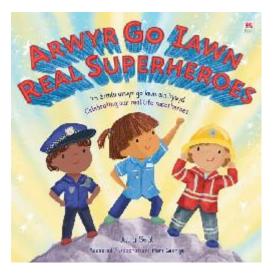


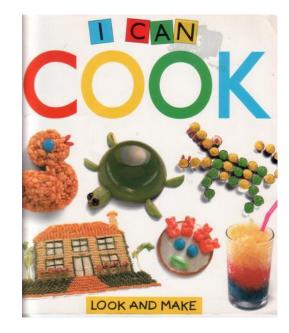
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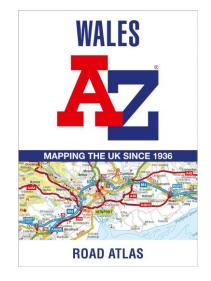
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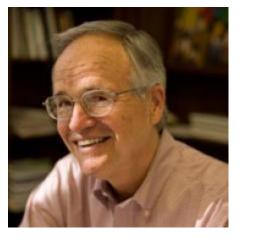




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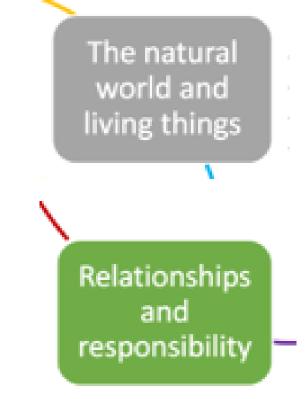
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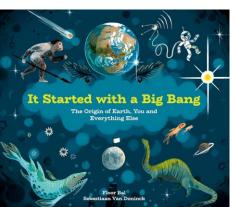
Former Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, United States "I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystems collapse and climate change. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong.

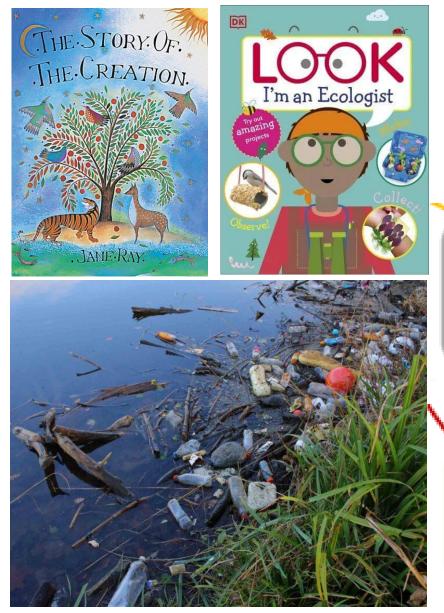
The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy... and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation and we, (Lawyers) and scientists, don't know how to do that."





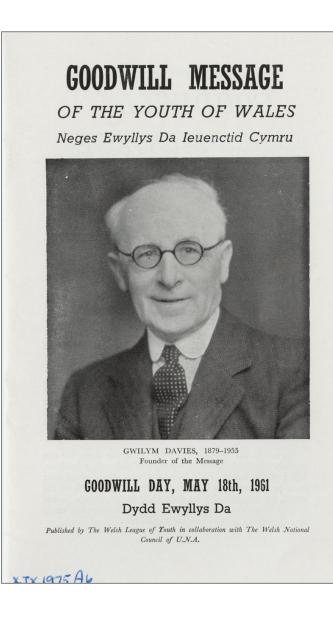


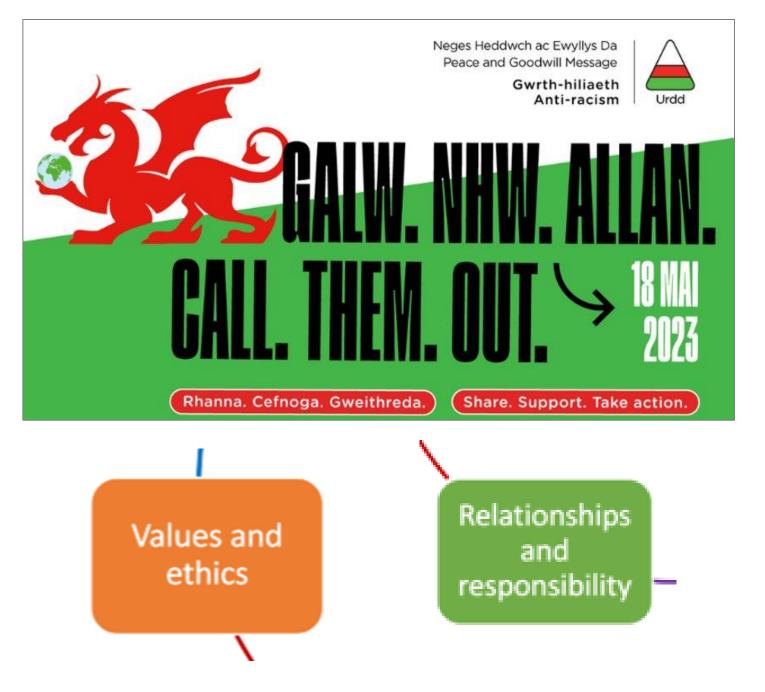


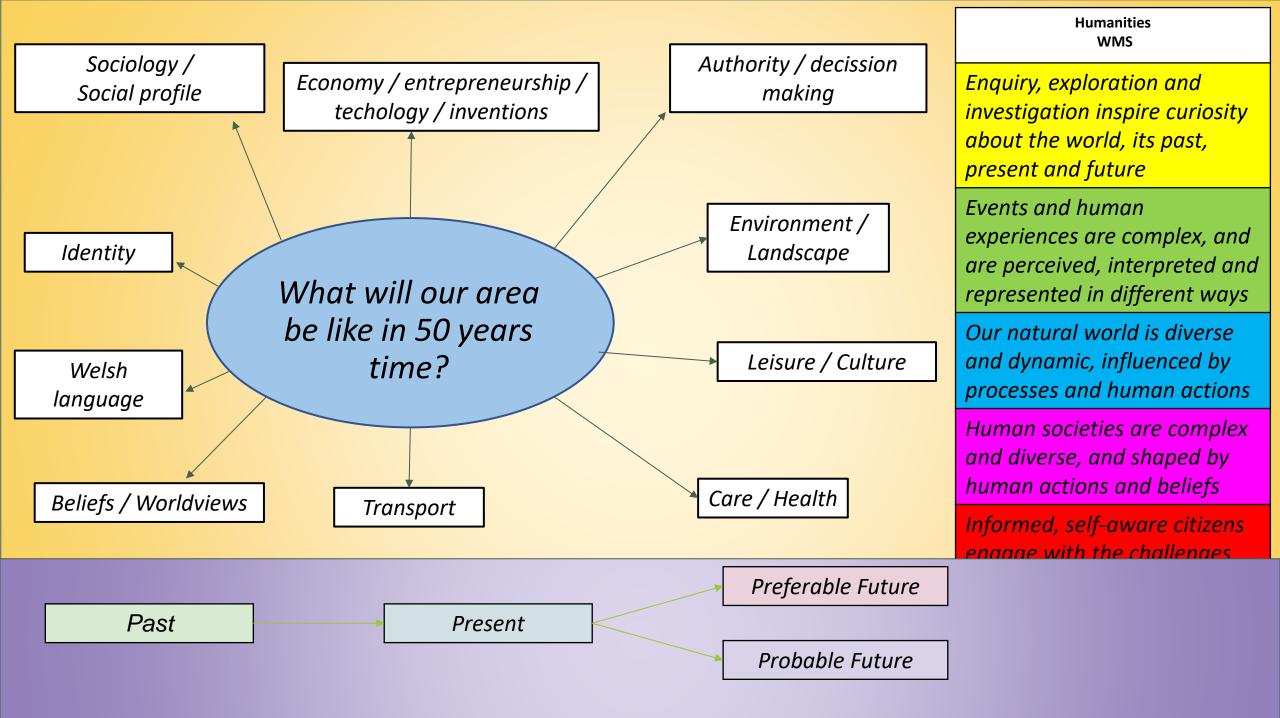


The natural world and living things

Relationships and responsibility







No more right to withdraw and post 16 compulsory RVE

RVE is mandatory for all learners from 3 to 16 years

This now includes nursery children: (including those in funded non-maintained nursery settings)

## **Religion, values and ethics**

Legal status of the RVE guidance

**RVE must be pluralistic** Therefore it must be designed so that it:

reflects the fact that the religious traditions in Wales are in the main Christian while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Wales

also reflects the fact that a range of non-religious philosophical convictions are held in Wales

## Non-religious philosophical convictions

It is not synonymous with the terms "opinions" and "ideas". It denotes views that attain a certain level of cogency, seriousness, cohesion and importance.

These include beliefs such as:



Pacifism and Veganism are not exclusively non-religious philosophical convictions or religious beliefs

RVE must be objective, critical and pluralistic

#### **RVE is locally determined**

Every local authority has to have its own agreed syllabus for RVE

The agreed syllabus must have regard to the Curriculum for Wales statutory guidance on Hwb including the RVE guidance

Schools and settings must have regard to the agreed syllabus when designing their curriculum

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#### STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL for RVE

Each local authority has its own SACRE Gwynedd SACRE Anglesey SACRE Conwy SACRE Denbighshire SACRE Flintshire SACRE Wrexham SACRE

## What is SACRE?

- Responsible for Religion, Values and Ethics in the local authority
- 3 groups: councillors, teachers and religious representatives
- Termly meetings
- Monitor and advise
- Annual Report



### Time allowance for RVE

 Sufficient to provide appropriate breadth and depth

# Thank you