

Where on the web can I find...

ICT supporting RE 4 – 19



What is this resource about?

This chart is designed to provide a quick and easy reference point for busy teachers looking for web-based resources to support the use of ICT in RE. Whether it's for professional development or practical classroom ideas, significant starting points are highlighted, rooted in the curriculum requirements of both subjects.

ICT is a powerful tool which can serve RE well – this resource hopes to make working with it a little easier.

... help to embed ICT in RE?

Becta exists to provide teachers with advice and support in the development of ICT across the curriculum. Whether you are looking for technical information or curriculum ideas the chances are you will find what you are looking for on their website:

- **Becta:** <http://schools.becta.org.uk>

The use of ICT is embedded in the QCA's non-statutory National Framework for RE (2004), and in the schemes of work related to it. Particularly if your agreed syllabus (or equivalent) is based on this Framework, the following links will be helpful:

- **QCA:** www.qca.org.uk (download copy of the Framework)
- **Standards Site:** www.standards.dfes.gov.uk (schemes of work)
- **NC Action:** www.ncaction.org.uk (exemplification materials)

The DfES has produced a range of materials to support embedding RE as part of the secondary national strategy. See: '... practical ideas for the classroom?'

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There is a growing collection of practical - and free! - ideas for using ICT in RE.

- **Becta** (<http://schools.becta.org.uk>) provides more than 50 activities, from cameos to full-scale lesson outlines, in the resources listed below alone!
 - Effective use of ICT in subjects (primary and secondary CD-ROMs)
 - Using web-based resources in RE (primary and secondary editions)
 - Creative Digital Media (primary and secondary DVD)
- **Teacher Resource Exchange (TRE)** (<http://tre.ngfl.gov.uk>) is a moderated database of resources and activities created by teachers.
- **DfES** (www.standards.dfes.gov.uk) has produced a range of materials for RE and ICT as part of the secondary national strategy. Look out for:
 - 'ICT in religious education' (ICTAC: ref: DfES 0190-2004 G)
 - 'Embedding ICT @ Secondary: religious education' - includes a DVD of three video case studies (ref: DfES 0799 2004)

... resources for RE?

Looking for good web-based resources can be frustrating and time-consuming. However, using a select number of portal sites can help provide speedy access to appropriate resources. Check out the following:

- **REonline:** www.reonline.org.uk
- **BBC Religion & Ethics:** www.bbc.co.uk/religion
- **The RE Directory:** www.theredirectory.org.uk

Reviews of ICT-based resources for RE are invaluable. See:

- **Becta's termly epublications:** <http://schools.becta.org.uk>
- **REonline:** www.reonline.org.uk
- **Teachers TV:** www.teachers.tv
- **Curriculum Online (COL):** www.curriculumonline.gov.uk
- **Schoolzone:** www.schoolzone.co.uk

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- **Becta:** <http://schools.becta.org.uk>

... professional dialogue with colleagues?

Joining an online community is a good way to share advice, get feedback on ideas and talk to colleagues with experience of similar roles and situations. It is also a way of helping you stay informed (and for you to inform others) about new events, lesson ideas, resources.

Why not log on and see what these communities are talking about?

- **Becta:** <http://schools.becta.org.uk>
- **TES Staffroom:** www.tes.co.uk/section/staffroom/list_threads.aspx?
- **Yahoo Groups: Teachers:** <http://groups.yahoo.com>

The RE Subject Associations can help too. They exist to provide professional support to members on all aspects of teaching RE. Some of their web-based information, and all of their printed publications are available to non-members. Check out their websites:

- **RE Today Services:** www.retoday.org.uk
- **PCfRE:** www.pcfre.org.uk
- **AREIAC:** www.areiac.org