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Active Learning and Living Our Values in Religious Education

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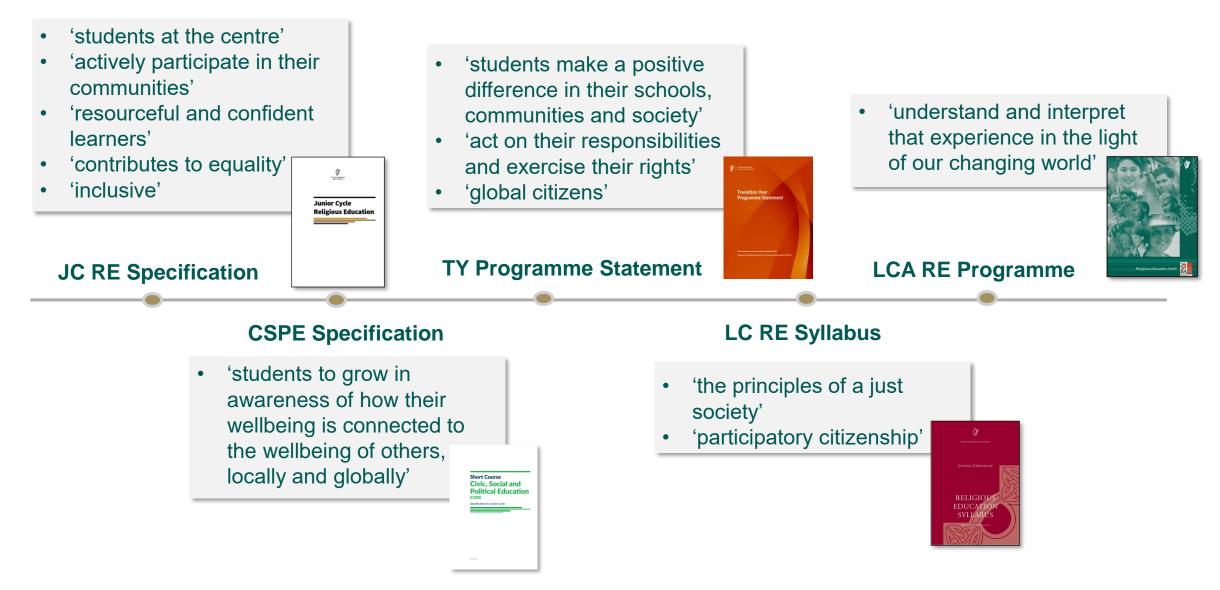






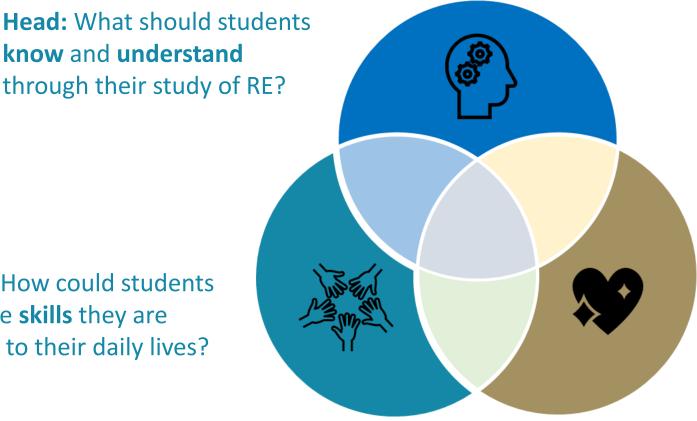
Students as Active Citizens





The Value of Religious Education Oide

know and understand through their study of RE? **Hands:** How could students apply the skills they are learning to their daily lives?



Heart: What important attitudes and values can be nurtured through the study of RE?

Knowledge and understanding of ...

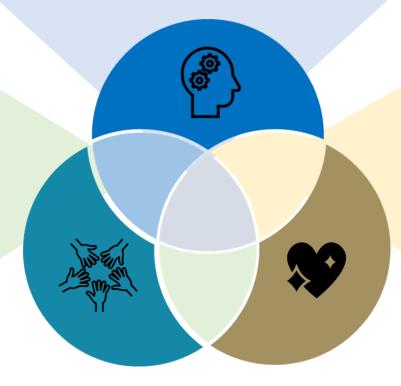
the human condition

different religious and moral codes non-religious traditions

different beliefs, values, rituals

how beliefs and values are expressed in people's daily lives

the world around us



Nurturing values and attitudes that allow for ...

being open to the "other"

care of the Earth

appreciating religious plurality and different responses to life's Big questions

respect for religious and non-religious traditions

the search for meaning as a common goal

Developing skills of and in...

respectful listening

communication skills

working with others

beliefs and values in action

personal wellbeing

volunteerism & social justice projects



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Living Our Values



Religious Education helps to equip students with the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes and values to support their life journey and enable them to participate in their communities and in the world as informed, respectful, responsible and caring members of society. (NCCA Junior Cycle RE Specification, page 6.)

Statement of Learning 7



Students will learn about issues of concern to them and the wider world and be challenged to consider how their response in local and wider contexts can contribute to creating a more just and sustainable

WOrld. (NCCA Junior Cycle RE Specification, page 6.)





Student Voice on Issues of Concern

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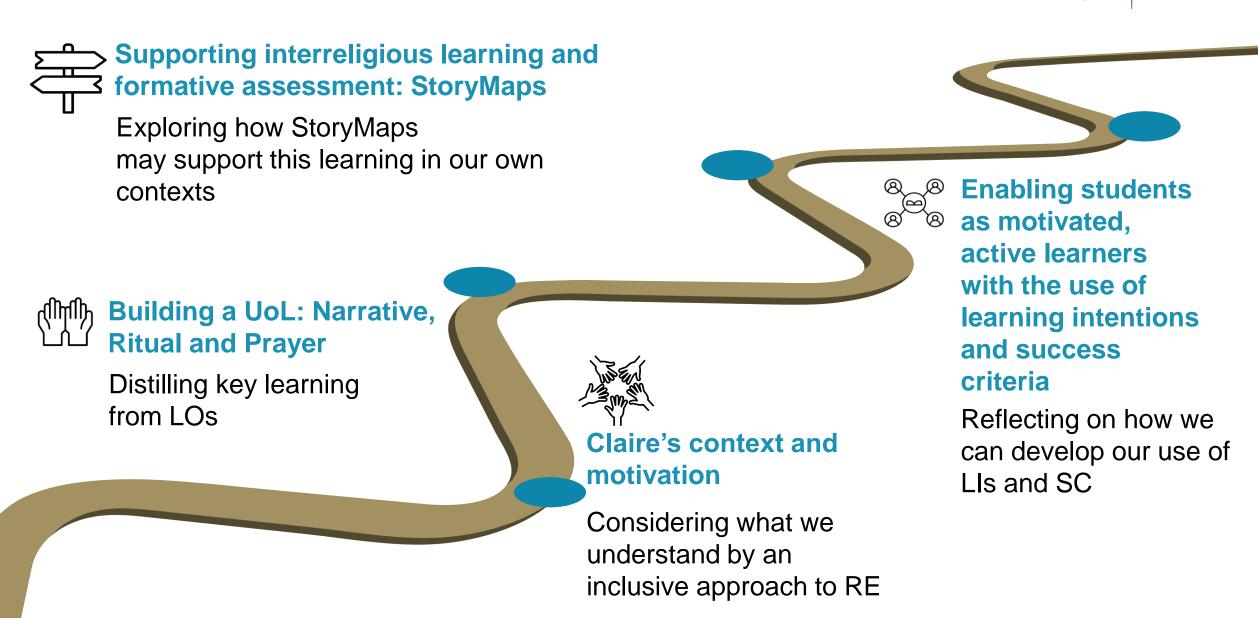
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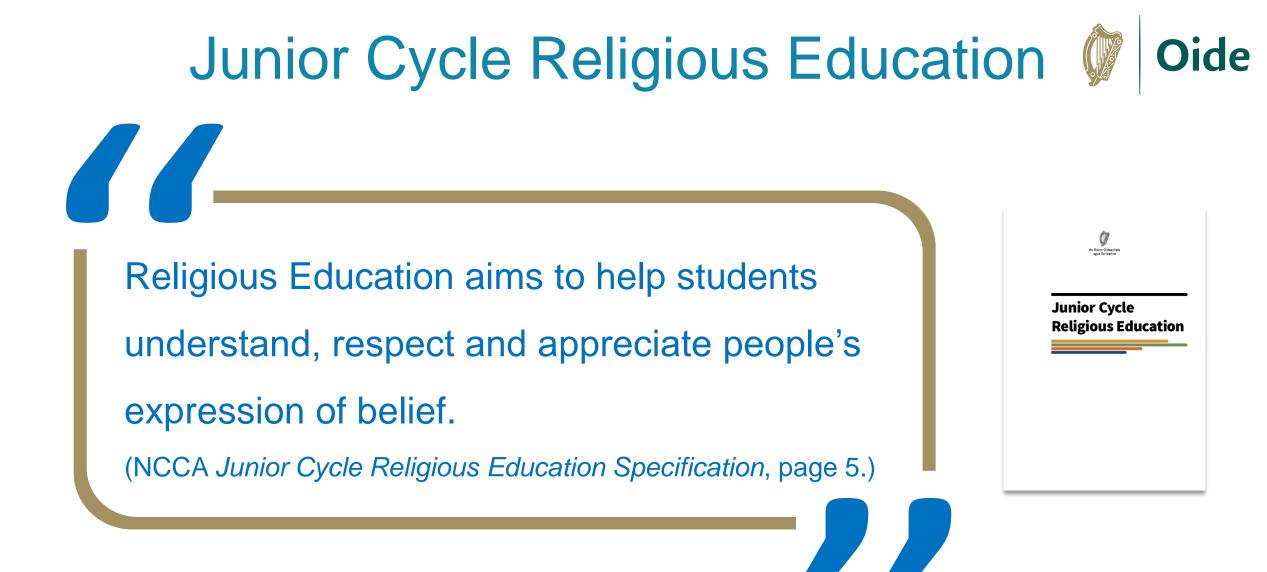
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What issues of concern do you have about the world today?

A Journey of Learning

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Teacher Voice





Narrative, Ritual and Prayer



Learning Outcomes

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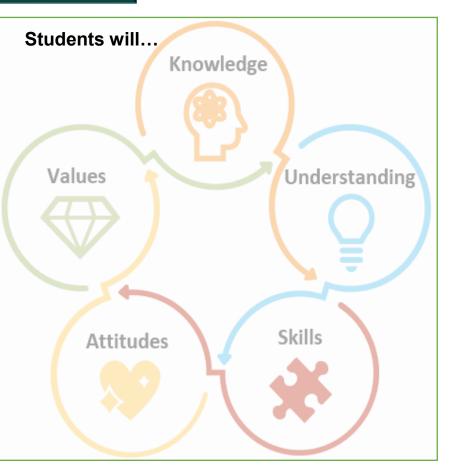
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1.12 synthesise and consider the insights gained about how people express and live out their beliefs, religious or otherwise

Key Learning



Task:

Consider the possible key learning (KUSAVs) students may develop when engaging with 2-3 of these learning outcomes included in the unit of learning, 'Narrative, Ritual and Prayer.'

Key Learning Activity





CIRCULATE around the groups

Values Values Attitudes Skills



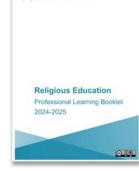
REVIEW

- the key learning other groups have identified.
- one person in each group will stay at their table and present an overview of their work to visiting groups.



TIME

10 minutes



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Narrative, Ritual and Prayer



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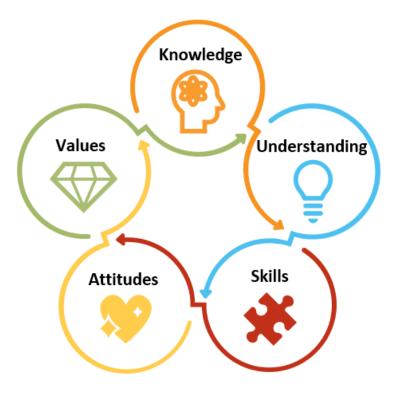
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Ongoing Assessment

Students will...

- read a piece of sacred text and identify the key message
- discuss their understanding of this message and recall any ritual they may have already encountered relating to this ritual
- examine religious rituals from a variety of faith backgrounds
- watch to a short video clip and answer questions that follow and share their answers in a group
- consider the ways in which they engage in narrative, ritual and prayer in their own lives
- reflect on the religious beliefs and values of a religious perspective and appreciate how these values are lived out in their everyday life.

Learning Experiences

Students will...

- choose a religious and/or nonreligious tradition from the Story Maps resource
- engage with an extract from the sacred text relating to an important ritual
- use Think-Pair-Share or Stop and Jot to recall prior knowledge relating to this ritual
- use enquiry-based learning to identify how the narrative and the ritual influence the lives people of faith
- explore further the role of narrative, ritual and prayer in the lives of people of faith by watching short video clips
- reflect on how beliefs and values are lived out in the lives of people belonging to different religious and non-religious communities in Ireland today.

Level 2 LP

Communication and Literacy: **1.4**, **1.6**, **1.16** Living in a community: **4.6**

Reflection

Reflect on the importance of learning about and from the different religious and non-religious traditions in Ireland today.







StoryMaps



https://tinyurl.com/4vp4vafp



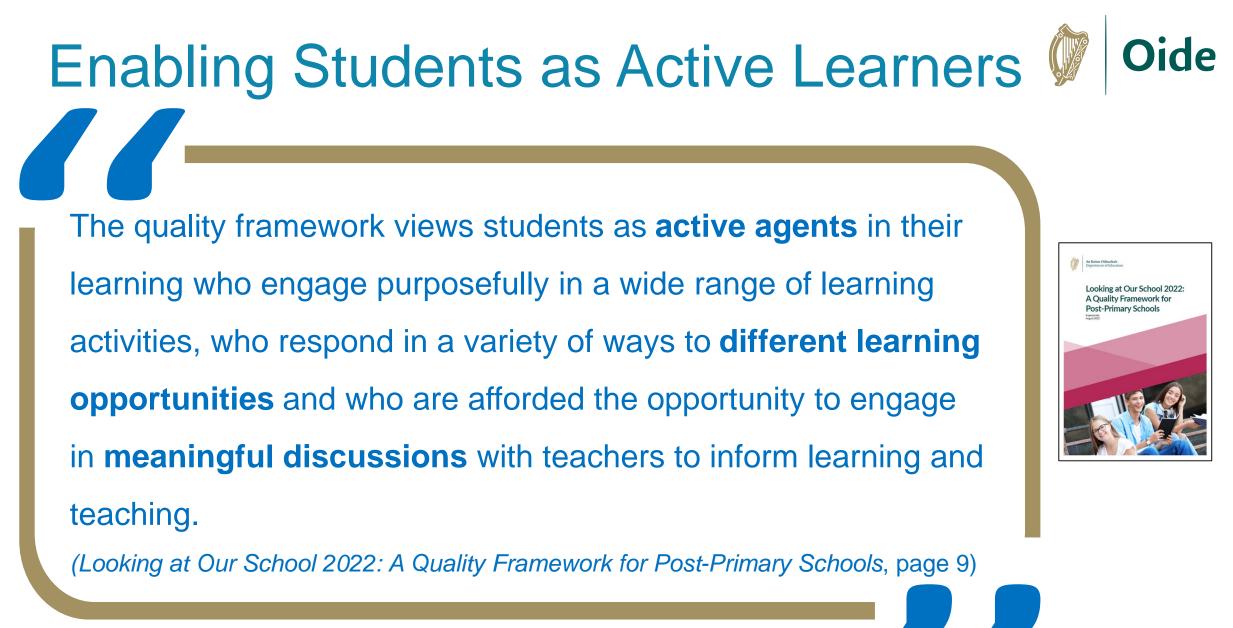
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Teacher Voice







Aspects of Formative Assessment



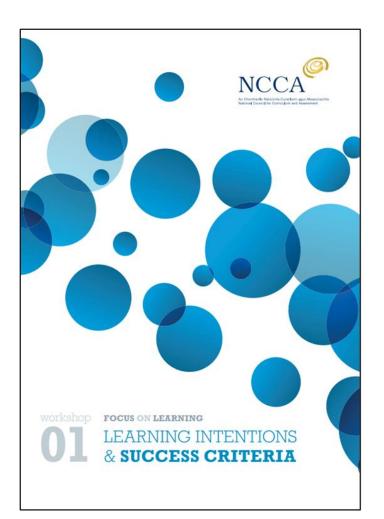
Peer Assessment and Evaluation

> Self-Assessment and Evaluation



Effective Use of Questioning and Discussion Oide

Effective Formative Feedback



Learning Intention

... a statement that describes what students should know, understand and be able to do by the end of the lesson or series of lessons. ... are linked to learning
intentions. They are developed by
the teacher and/or the student and
describe what success looks like.
They help the teacher and student
to make judgements about the
quality of student learning.

Success Criteria

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Check-in on Practice



What is working well in your use of learning intentions Is there anything you would like to and success criteria? develop in relation to your use of learning intentions and success criteria? What Even Oide and the second is working well? better if? Religious Education Professional Learning Bookle



Clear direction



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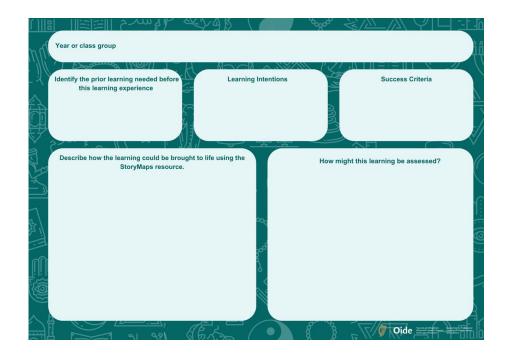
a learning experience where students are motivated and active learners engaging with the key learning from the UoL Narrative, Ritual and Prayer that you identified earlier



Carousel of the Learning

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- Take a few moments to move around the room and review the learning experiences other groups have developed.
- One person in each group will stay at their table and present an overview of their learning experience.



A Journey of Learning

Supporting interreligious learning and formative assessment: StoryMaps

Explored how StoryMaps may support this learning in our own contexts



Building a UoL: Narrative, Ritual and Prayer

Distilled key learning from LOs

Claire's context and motivation

Considered what we understand by an inclusive approach to RE Enabling students as motivated, active learners with the use of learning intentions and success criteria Reflected on how we can develop our use of LIs and SC

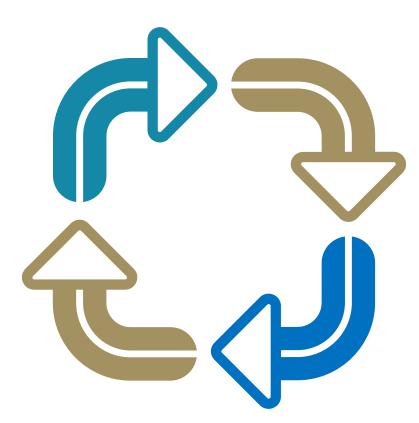
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Reflection on Session 1



How will I adopt it to my practice?

How might it work in my context?



What have I seen that may enhance my students' experience?

How does it work in this context?

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considered how exploring different beliefs and values can model a positive pluralism that nurtures positive attitudes to diversity in the RE classroom engaged with formative assessment strategies that enable students as motivated, active learners.

Learning Intentions for Session 2 🖉 Oide

To explore the connection between active learning and living our values, we will ...

engage with strategies that support research integrity and motivate students as active learners consider how active learning experiences can deepen students' understanding of what it means to be an active citizen.

Action Verb: Research



Research: ...find suitable information, sort, record, analyse and draw conclusions. (NCCA Junior Cycle Religious Education Specification, page 22.)

ELEMENTS JUNIOR CYCLE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

Enquiry

Exploration

EXPRESSING BELIEFS

- 1.1 present the key religious beliefs of the five major world religions found in Ireland today
- 1.2 investigate two communities of faith that have a significant presence in their locality/region (the communities of faith chosen must be associated with two of the five major world religions studied in the specification)
- 1.3 engage with members of a faith community associated with one of the five major world religions studied in the specification and show an appreciation of how the religious beliefs of the community influence the day-to-day life of its members
- 1.4 investigate how Christianity has contributed to Irish culture and heritage

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- explore the presence of religious themes in contemporary culture through an examination of art, music, literature or film
- 1.6 examine and appreciate how people give expression to religious belief in religious rituals, in formal places of worship and other sacred spaces
- 1.7 discuss the significance of non-religious rituals/celebrations for people's lives
- **1.8** describe the role of prayer in the lives of people of faith
- 1.9 explain what was involved in the development of a particular sacred text within a major world religion and consider its continued significance for the lives of believers
- 1.10 discuss the importance of dialogue and interaction between major world religions and within major world religions in promoting peace and reconciliation in the world today.
- 1.11 research religious or other organisations, working at a national or international level to promote justice, peace and reconciliation and consider how their work is an expression of their founding vision
- 1.12 synthesise and consider the insights gained about how people express and live out their beliefs, religious or otherwise

EXPLORING QUESTIONS

- research artistic, architectural or archaeological evidence that shows ways in which people have searched for meaning and purpose in life
- 2.2 consider responses from one major world religion and from a non-religious world-view to some big questions about the meaning of life, such as, why are we here? How should we live? What happens when we die?
- 2.3 explore how different narratives/stories, religious and non-religious, express an understanding of creation/the natural world, and consider their meaning and relevance for today
- 2.4 research and present the understanding of the Divine found in two major world religions drawing upon their origins in sacred texts and/or other sources of authority
- 2.5 create a biography of a founder or early followers of a major world religion, using religious and historical sources of information
- 2.6 construct a timeline of one major world religion, making reference to key people, times of expansion and times of challenge
- 2.7 explore how the religious teachings of a major world religion address an issue of concern for the world today
- 2.8 present stories of individuals or of groups in the history of two major world religions that have had a positive impact on the lives of people because of their commitment to living out their beliefs
- 2.9 describe how the faith of a believer can change at different stages in life
- 2.10 synthesise and consider the insights gained about how people with different religious beliefs and other interpretations of life respond to questions of meaning, purpose and relationships

Reflection and action



LIVING OUR VALUES

- 3.1 examine different sources of values and ways in which the values of a person relate to their everyday life choices, their relationships, and their responsibilities to others
- 3.2 reflect upon and discuss what it means to be moral, why people living in society need to be moral and what are the influences on and sources of authority for a person's moral decision-making
- 3.3 examine a moral code in two of the five major world religions and discuss how each code could influence moral decision-making for believers
- 3.4 investigate what living a morally good life means with reference to two major world religions and compare with a non-religious world view
- 3.5 examine how a moral decision-making process can help a person decide what is right and wrong in an everyday life situation
- 3.6 debate a moral issue that arises in their lives and consider what influences two different viewpoints on the issue
- 3.7 research the understanding of compassion, justice, peace and reconciliation found in two major world religions and ways in which these understandings can be seen in action
- **3.8** explain how an understanding of care for the earth found in a major world religion promotes the wellbeing of all people and the planet and discuss its relevance for today
- **3.9** synthesise and consider the insights gained about the norms, values and principles that inform decision-making and actions in the lives of people

Research in the RE classroom



Discussion:

What are some of the opportunities and challenges you have encountered when engaging with research in the RE classroom?

Challenges?

Opportunities?

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Care for the Earth

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Care for the Earth

Learning Outcomes

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Key Learning

Students will...

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- know the teachings of different religious and non-religious world view's regarding care for the earth
- understand the impact of these teachings on followers' values and actions towards care for the earth
- evaluate the relevance of these teachings to contemporary environmental issues
- develop an awareness and appreciation of the common values and attitudes that inform religious and non-religious responses to caring for the Earth
- engage with local, national or international religious organisations who contribute to ongoing efforts to promote environmental responsibility.

Ongoing Assessment

Students will...

- answer Enquiry, Exploration and Reflection & Action questions following research on one world view's teaching on the care for the earth
- share their learning with their peers
- craft questions to ask their peers about other world views' response to caring for the earth
- create a poster to share their learning with the other groups.

Learning Experiences

Students will...

- engage with the research question 'What do different religious and non-religious world views teach about caring for the earth?'
- participate in a co-operative learning strategy 'Jigsaw' to support their research
- create a poster and demonstrating their learning
- share their learning with their peers during a World View Café activity
- reflect on their learning using a 4F's reflection template.

Level 2 LP

Communication and Literacy: 1.2, 1.15, 1.17 Living in a Community: 4.6.

Reflection

Students will tie their learning together using the following reflection. I think it's important people with different religious and non-religious world views care for the Earth because...





Jigsaw Strategy





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Research in Action using JIGSAW

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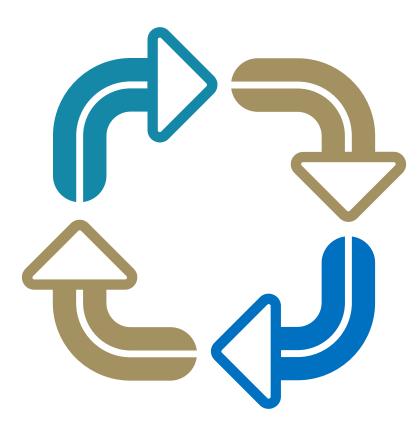
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Reflection on Jigsaw



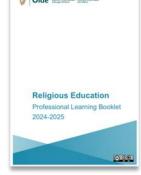
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The Challenge of Research

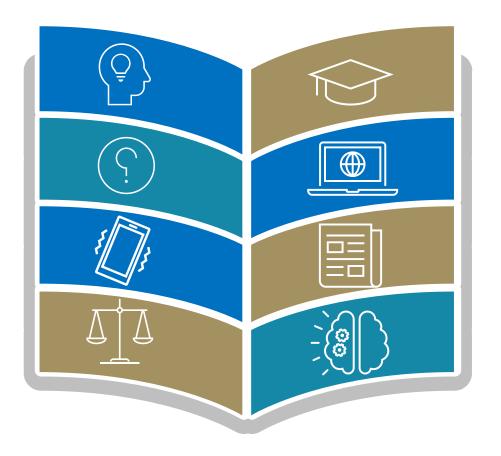


Maintaining Focus

Bias & Misinformation

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Ethical Considerations



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Exploring Challenges of Research Ø Oide



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Challenges of Student Research in the RE Classroom



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JOIN your talk partner



SHARE

- a challenge from the list for which you have a solution or some background knowledge or experience
- a second challenge with which you would like some help with



TIME

10 minutes

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Developing a Research-Rich Classroom () Oide

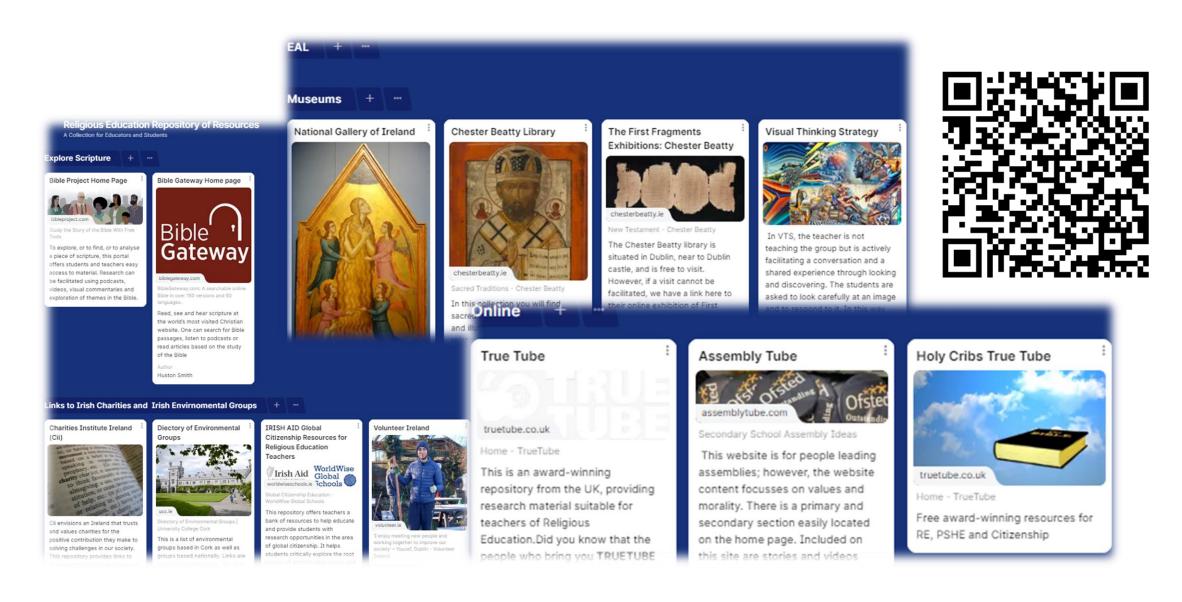


Group Discussion

 How can we develop a research rich environment within our own classrooms?



Repositories to Support Research 🖉 Oide



Independent Research Projects





JOIN your assigned group



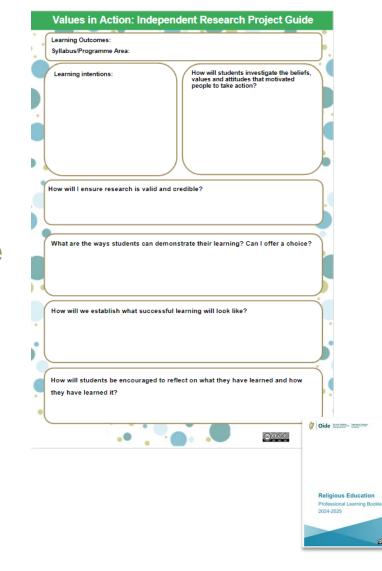
CONSIDER

the prompts on the Values in Action: Independent Research Project Guide template



TIME

15 minutes



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engaged with strategies that support research integrity and motivate students as active learners considered how active learning experiences can deepen students' understanding of what it means to be an active citizen.

Learning Intentions for Session 3 () Oide

To explore the connection between active learning and living our values, we will ...

examine the role formative feedback has in enabling students to be motivated, active learners identify strategies that support the giving and receiving of effective formative feedback reflect on and apply our learning to furnish feedback on samples of student work.

Aspects of Formative Assessment 🦉 Oide

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria ? 0

Effective Use of Questioning and Discussion

Effective Formative Feedback

Peer Assessment and Evaluation

> Self-Assessment and Evaluation

Evidence of Learning



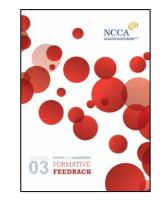
Assessment is formative when either formal or informal procedures are used to gather evidence of learning during the learning process and used to **adapt teaching** to meet student needs. The process permits teachers and students to collect information about **student progress**, and to suggest adjustments to the teacher's approach to instruction and the student's approach to learning.

(NCCA Focus on Learning: Formative Feedback, Workshop 03, page 29.)



Supportive and Constructive Feedback 🖉 Oide

Providing supportive and constructive feedback to students conveys to students that the teacher cares about their learning and believes they can improve. (NCCA Focus on Learning: Formative Feedback, Workshop 03, page 29.)





How do you prefer to get feedback?





How do you provide feedback to your students?

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Effective Feedback Strategy



What is the most effective feedback strategy you currently use in your

RE classroom? Why?



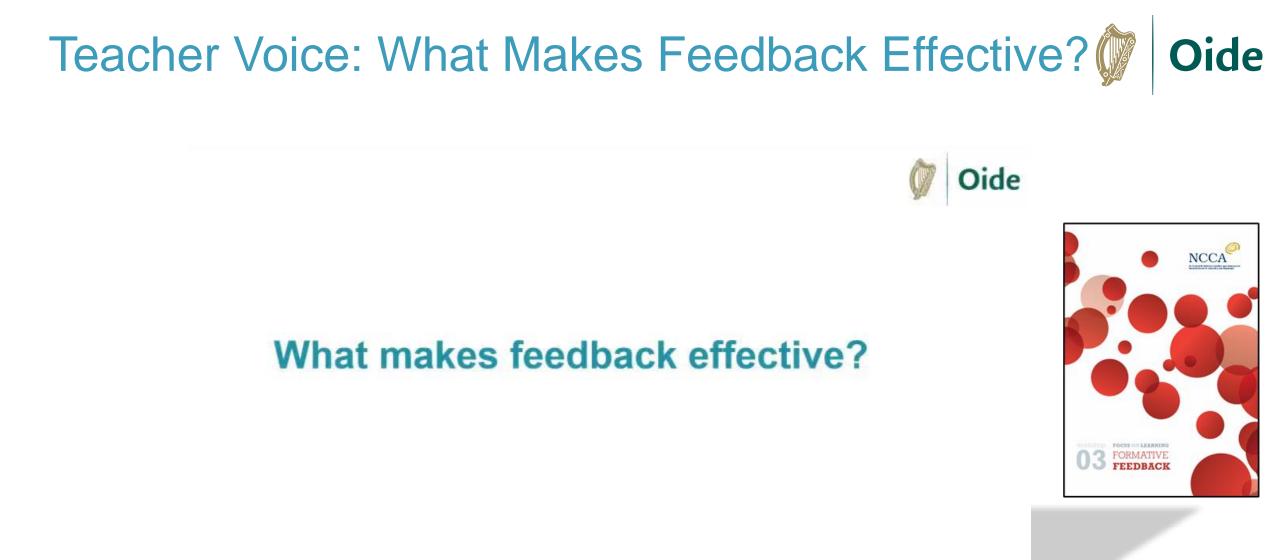
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What are the benefits of having students engage with the feedback provided?



Student Engagement with Feedback 🖉 Oide









Reminder Prompts

Scaffold Prompts

Simple reminders of what they need to add or do to improve their work

A clear prompt for students who may need more instruction

Example Prompts

Examples that are easy to follow and understand

Supporting Formative Feedback

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How do you tailor feedback to support the

learning needs of all your students?

Teacher Voice: Adapting Teaching in Light of Feedback





Are there times when you had to adapt your teaching in light of the feedback you are providing to students?



Supporting Formative Feedback

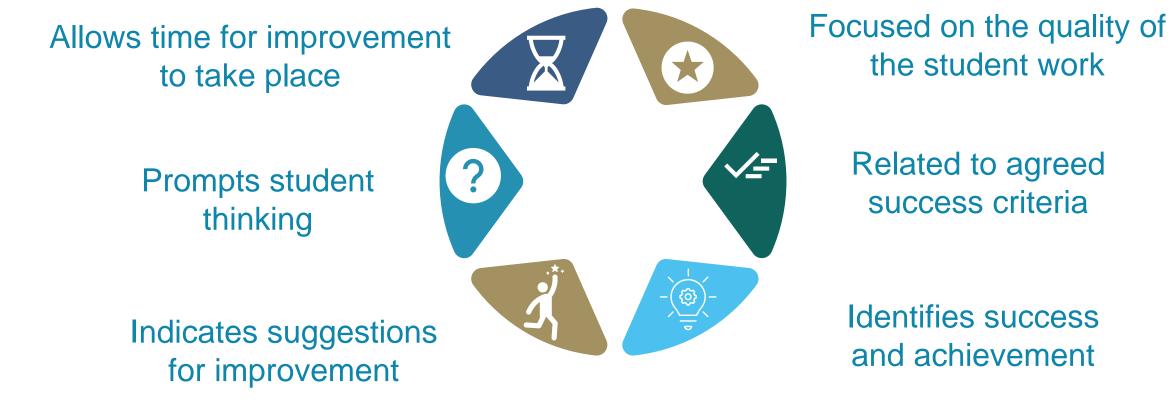
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Consider a time you recently made adjustments to your teaching in light of the feedback you were providing

to your students

Effective Formative Feedback





Narrative, Ritual and Prayer



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Level 2 LP

Reflection

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Ongoing Assessment

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- reflect on the religious beliefs and values of a religious perspective and appreciate how these values are lived out in their everyday life

Learning Experiences

Students will...

- choose a religious and/ or nonreligious tradition from the Story Maps
- engage with an extract from the sacred text relating to an important ritual
- use Think-Pair-Share or Stop and Jot to recall prior knowledge relating to this ritual
- use enquiry-based learning to identify how the narrative and the ritual influence the lives people of faith
- explore further the role of narrative, ritual and prayer in the lives of people of faith by watching short video clips
- reflect on how beliefs and values are lived out in the lives of people belonging to different religious and non-religious communities in Ireland today.

Reflect on the importance of learning about and from the different religious and non-religious traditions in Ireland today.

Student Assessment



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Learning Intentions



Learning Intentions

Today we are learning about the importance of Diwali for many followers of the Hindu faith

We will ...

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- recall what we already know about Hinduism
 - engage with a sacred narrative from the Hindu tradition to find what it teaches about darkness and light

 discover how followers of the Hindu faith, living in Ireland, celebrate Diwali through ritual and prayer

• reflect on how the rituals during Diwali are an expression of Hindu faith.

Success Criteria



- explain what a sacred Hindu narrative teaches about darkness and light
 - describe important rituals that many followers of the Hindu faith perform during Diwali
 - show an understanding of the role of prayer during Diwali
- reflect on the significance of Diwali for people of Hindu faith.



Feedback on Student Work





JOIN

your assigned group and using the learning intentions and success criteria



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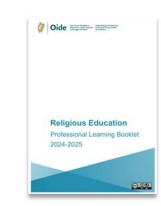
the sample of student work and provide feedback using *What worked well? Even better if...*

What Worked Well?
Even Better If



TIME

10 minutes



Gallery Walk



Take a few moments to move around the room and review the formative feedback given by other groups



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You are a journalist for a local paper and Diwali has been celebrated in your community. Write an account of the rituals and celebrations of the festival.

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Teaching Adaptation: Feedback Response 💓 Oide

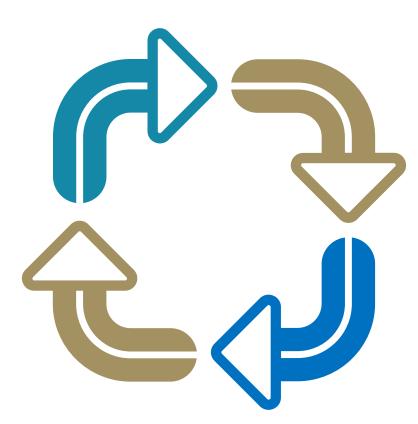
Reflecting on the feedback provided today, what might be the next steps in learning for this class?

Session 3 Reflection



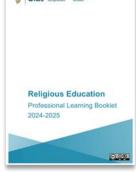
How will I adopt it to my practice?

How might it work in my context?



What have I seen that may enhance my students' experience?

How does it work in this context?



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To explore the connection between active learning and living our values, we have...

examined the role formative feedback has in enabling students to be motivated, active learners

identified strategies that support the giving and receiving of effective formative feedback reflected on and apply our learning to furnish feedback on samples of student work.

Department Reflection



3 ways we...

could adapt our use of Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and Formative Feedback to support learning in the RE classroom

2 ways we...

could connect to school or community-based projects and initiatives to develop skills of active citizenship

1 decision we...

will take as a department to safeguard the use of research in the RE classroom

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