# Professional Development & Networking Webinars 2023-24

**We are arranging a series of webinars during the year. All are free for AREIAC members\*. All events are held on Zoom and a link will be sent out a few days beforehand.**

**Offers or ideas for other webinars are always welcome and this list will be revised during the year.**

Unless otherwise indicated please book by emailing *alastair@penninelearning.com or chair@areiac.org.uk*

*\*non members £15 unless otherwise indicated*

## Female Experiences of Religion

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**                    **1600-1700**

Rizwana Rehman will be discussing her research and reflecting on the learning that came out of her Leadership programme project on highlighting female experiences of religion.

There will be some discussion around how this might contribute to a decolonised curriculum, as well as how this showcases an aspect of religious worldviews that lacks exploration.

## Navigating the RE World – and open drop in session

**Thursday 26th October 2023**                    **1600-1730**

Aimed especially at those new to consultancy or more experienced colleagues who would still value a refresher on who, what and where! This will include exploring opportunities for professional development for consultants. Including contributions from representatives of other organisations. This is also the first of the proposed termly 'drop in' on-line sessions to catch up and share news.

## Collective Worship

**Monday 20th November 2023**                    **1600-1730**

The session will explore the opportunities and challenges of collective worship and look at advice and guidance available for schools. Further details to follow.

### *'Paganism'* or *'paganism'*; What's the Difference?

**Tuesday 5th December 2023                    1600-1700**

Using the 2021 Census data as a starting point, Belinda Twiggs will look at the modern pagan world and its complexities. Coming from a Worldviews approach, there will be some suggestions and discussion on making sense of 'Nature Connected Spiritualties' for inclusion in agreed syllabi, pedagogy and learning.

### Artificial Intelligence: Friend or Foe?

Monday 8th January 2024                    1600-1730

Generative AI has sprung onto the scene in the last year and is having impacts on all walks of life. This webinar will be led by Paul Hopkins and will explore some of the ways that G-AI can be used in schools as well as personally to improve efficiency as well as a general question and answer session.

### The RE Subject Report

**Date early in 2024 - to be advised**

We expect the long-anticipated subject report in RE to be published towards the end of the autumn term and will be arranging a presentation and discussion early in the new year.

### Open House Drop In

**Tuesday 6th February 2024                    1600-1730**

Termly 'open zoom' for members to call by with news, explore issues with fellow members, or hear about any latest information on RE. Hosted by AREIAC Executive member.

### RE Quality Mark

**Thursday 22nd February 2024                    1600-1700**

Reflecting on the experience of the REQM and how it can support schools and SACREs in promoting good religious education. The webinar will be led by director, Linda Rudge, and Jake Womack, whose maintained secondary school was recently awarded the gold mark.

## Handling Sensitive Issues around Religion in Schools

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024**                    **1600-1730**

The wide range of ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds of the children and young people attending schools can be a great source of strength, learning and resilience. It also requires us to be informed, sensitive and responsive to the needs and aspirations of all, maximizing opportunities and limiting the scope of banana skins. Alastair Ross, Claire Clinton and Jan McGuire explore strategies and guidance, with opportunities for sharing experience, asking questions and finding wisdom from others.

## Open House Drop In

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**                    **1600-1730**

Termly 'open zoom' for members to call by with news, explore issues with fellow members, or hear about any latest information on RE. Hosted by Justine Ball.