

St Giles' Centre Blog Newsletter

Supporting teaching and learning in Wrexham



Dear Colleagues,

We made it! This has been another long and challenging term, but Christmas is finally here, and we would like to thank you all for your tremendous hard work over the past three months; for your creativity, innovation and dedication, and for continuing to provide meaningful RE to our learners in Wrexham.

Here at the St Giles' Centre, we have been busy working nationally on a variety of projects, including (with Welsh Government colleagues) the Statutory Guidance for Religion, Values and Ethics. This guidance will be published shortly, and as soon as it is, we'll let you know – so watch this space!

The St Giles' Centre is hosting an online foundational professional learning session for practitioners in Wrexham on RVE in the Curriculum for Wales, on 12th January. We hope that many of you will be there, and we look forward to supporting you in a variety of ways during 2022 with your journey to the roll out.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and well-deserved break. Merry Christmas!

Libby and Tania

ST GILES' CENTRE OFFERS WREXHAM SCHOOLS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SESSION ON RVE IN THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES

The St Giles' Centre is offering schools in Wrexham a foundational professional learning session on Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) in the Curriculum for Wales. The session is free and will take place on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, 12 January 2022 at 4pm. ...** (*Blog: 8 December 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/12/08/st-giles-centre-offers-wrexham-schools-professional-learning-session-on-rve-in-the-curriculum-for-wales/>



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EUROPE?

Thank you to all of you who shared with us views about the draft Curriculum for Wales Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) Guidance Consultation. (*Blog: 8 December 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/12/08/whats-happening-in-europe/>

THE PARENTAL RIGHT TO REQUEST WITHDRAWAL FROM RVE IN THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES: NEWS UPDATE FROM WALES ASSOCIATION OF SACRES

Important information relating to “The parental right to request withdrawal from RVE in the Curriculum for Wales” has been published this week ... (*Blog: 24 November 2021*)

Read more ...

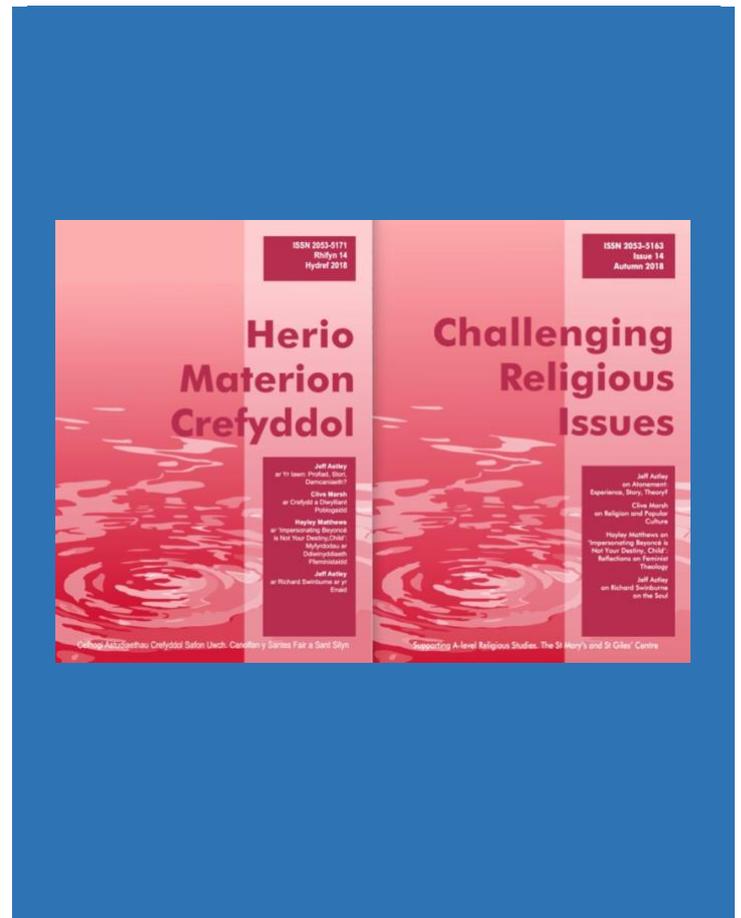
<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/11/24/the-parental-right-to-request-withdrawal-from-rve-in-the-curriculum-for-wales-news-update-from-wales-association-of-sacres/>

RELIGION AND POPULAR CULTURE, GENDER, AND FEMINIST THEOLOGY IN CHALLENGING RELIGIOUS ISSUES

Religion and popular culture, gender, and feminist theology are some of the topics discussed in the journal *Challenging Religious Issues* (Issue 14). The St Giles' Centre has recently translated and published the Welsh version of this issue (the English version was published in Autumn 2018). (*Blog: 24 November 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/11/24/religion-and-popular-culture-gender-and-feminist-theology-in-challenging-religious-issues/>

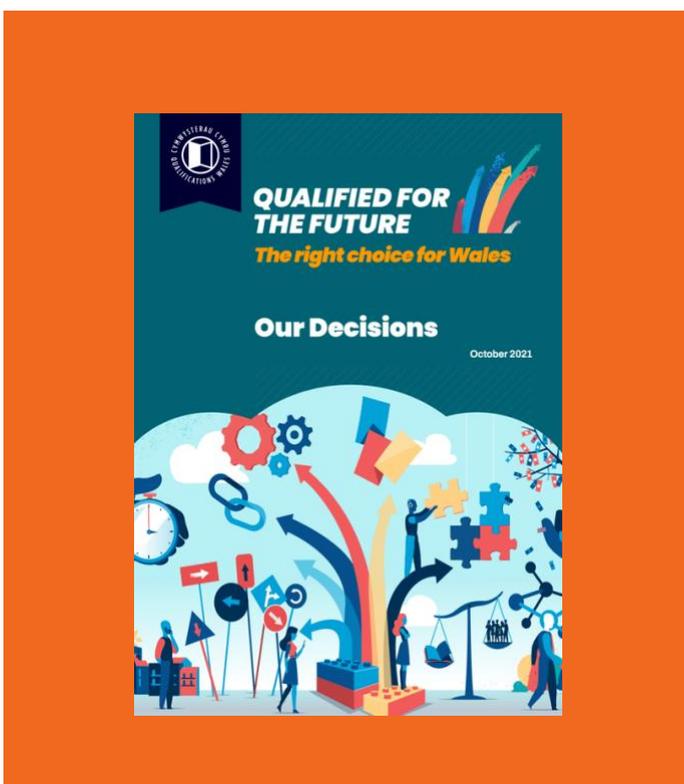


QUALIFIED FOR THE FUTURE: REPORTS PUBLISHED ON THE 'NEW GENERATION' OF GCSES FOR WALES

Today, four major reports have been published by Qualifications Wales. These form an important part of the on-going process of reviewing and reforming GCSEs in Wales in light of the new Curriculum for Wales. (*Blog: 24 October 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/10/14/qualified-for-the-future-reports-published-on-the-new-generation-of-gcses-for-wales/>



LET'S TELL OUR STORIES – THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF RELIGION IN EDUCATION (KLINGENTHAL 2021)



St Giles' Centre staff are looking forward to participating in a special Europe-wide, online interactive event on **21 October 2021** (1-5pm BST). The Intereuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS) and the Coordinating Group for Religion in Education in Europe (CoGREE) have created an exciting programme on the theme: 'Let's tell our stories – the positive impact of religion in education'. (*Blog: 29 September 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/09/29/lets-tell-our-stories-the-positive-impact-of-religion-in-education-klingenthal-2021/>

AGORED CYMRU LEVEL 2 AWARD IN EXPLORING WORLDVIEWS

Agored Cymru has a new Level 2 award, which focuses on exploring religious and non-religious worldviews. (The Level 1 award will be available shortly.) This new suite of qualifications entitled *Exploring Worldviews* has been designed for 14- to 16-year-old learners, and aims to help develop skills, knowledge and experiences important for young people to live and work successfully in a diverse and rapidly changing society. (*Blog: 17 September 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/09/17/agored-cymru-level-2-award-in-exploring-worldviews/>

Qualification	Code
Agored Cymru Level 1 Award in Exploring Worldviews	C00/4479/7
Agored Cymru Level 1 Extended Award in Exploring Worldviews	C00/4479/8
Agored Cymru Level 2 Award in Exploring Worldviews	C00/4448/0
Agored Cymru Level 2 Extended Award in Exploring Worldviews	C00/4448/1

ALIENS, CHRISTIAN ART, THE SOUL, AND IMPLICIT RELIGION IN CHALLENGING RELIGIOUS ISSUES

Aliens, Christian art, the soul, and implicit religion are just some of the topics discussed in the journal *Challenging Religious Issues* (Issue 16). The St Giles' Centre has recently translated and published the Welsh version of this issue (the English version was published in Spring 2020). (*Blog: 28 September 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/09/28/aliens-christian-art-the-soul-and-implicit-religion-in-challenging-religious-issues/>

EUROPEAN NEWS FOR CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Those working in the field of Church and School may be interested to read the July 2021 newsletter from the Intereuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS) and the International Association for Christian Education (IV). (*Blog: 3 August 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/08/03/european-news-for-church-and-school/>
