

# National Centre of Religious Education for Wales

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# Context

- The Centre was relaunched in August 2023 at the Llŷn ac Eifionydd National Eisteddfod.
- Speakers included: Modlen Lynch, Kristoffer Hughes and Hanan Issa.
- The objective of the National Centre of Religious Education for Wales (NCREW) is to promote study, knowledge and awareness of the variety of religious traditions, values and philosophical traditions that exist in Wales and the wider world.



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# Work over the past year

- **A-level Study Sessions:** An internal A-level study session was organised for Anglesey and Gwynedd students, and sessions for Carmarthenshire students at Coleg Sir Gâr.
- **On-line Study Sessions:** Two weeks of A-level study sessions were held on-line, encompassing 24 sessions on Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism.



# Work over the past year

- **CPD Training:** CPD training was provided for teachers on the teaching of Buddhism and Hinduism.
- **On-line Sessions:** On-line sessions were held from October to January for GCSE and A-level students and teachers, exploring the relevance of Philosophy, Ethics and Religion in modern society.
- **Summer School:** An on-line summer school was held in July with 15 lectures to introduce students to university-level topics in philosophy, ethics, and religion.



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# Work over the past year

- **Holocaust Pedagogy:** Held a panel on Holocaust pedagogy and organised an on-line talk by a Holocaust survivor for secondary schools.
- **Special conversations:** Nerys Siddall (Mary Jones) and Hanan Issa (National Poet Laureate).



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# Work over the past year

- **Educational Resources:** Peace in our Education.
- **Artefact Boxes:** Created 10 religion-specific artefacts boxes for teaching the world's major religions, available on loan to schools.



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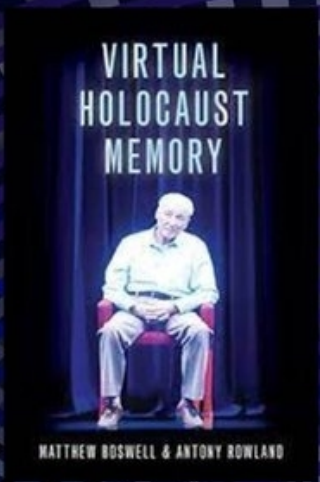
# COFFÁU'R HOLOCOST MEWN OES DDIGIDOL

Ddydd Iau 25 Ionawr 2024 am 12:00  
drwy gyfrwng Zoom

Ymunwch â'r panel trafod yma a  
drefnwyd gan Ganolfan Addysg  
Grefyddol Cymru wrth iddynt  
sgwrsio am y posibiladau a'r  
heriau y mae technoleg yn eu  
cynnig wrth goffáu'r Holocaust ac  
addysgu cenedlaethau newydd.

Siaradwyr:

Dr Matthew Boswell, Dr Joshua  
Andrews, Ms Rachel Hall, Ms Esther  
Evans, a Dr Gareth Evans-Jones.



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# MARY JONES

1 Mawrth 2024  
am 11:00  
dros Zoom

I ddathlu Dydd Gŵyl Ddewi  
ac i nodi dechrau Mis Hanes  
Merched, bydd  
**Nerys Siddall**, Rheolwraig  
Canolfan Byd Mary Jones, yn  
rhoi sgwrs am fywyd a  
phwysigrwydd Mary Jones  
i'n hanes a'n cymdeithas.



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Yn 1800, a  
hithau'n 15 oed,  
cerddodd  
Mary Jones 26 milltir  
i'r Bala i brynu copi o'r  
Beibl. Cafodd y daith  
honno ddylanwad  
pellgyrhaeddol hyd  
heddiw!



Digwyddiad am ddim ond bydd  
angen cofrestru  
Cynhelir drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg



# NOSON YNG NGHWMNI HANAN ISSA

Nos Fawrth 12fed o  
Fawrth 2024

7pm dros Zoom



#WHM24  
Mis Hanes Merched

Ymunwch â ni wrth inni  
fwynhau noson o drafod  
gyda Bardd Cenedlaethol  
Cymru a Chymrawd  
Anrhydeddus cyfredol  
Canolfan Genedlaethol  
Addysg Grefyddol Cymru,  
Hanan Issa, wrth iddi  
drafod ei gwaith, ei  
hysbrydoliaeth, a'i  
dylanwadau amrywiol; a  
bydd Hanan yn darllen  
rhai o'i gweithiau.

*Cofrestrwch isod neu drwy sganio'r  
cod QR*



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**Sesiynau adolygu Addysg  
Grefyddol am ddim**

**Free A-Level Religious  
Studies revision sessions**

**2-4 Ebrill / April  
8-11 Ebrill / April**



**English-medium via Zoom**

**Cofrestrwch am ddim drwy ddilyn y  
ddolen sydd gyda'r post hwn.**

**Register for free via the link provided  
with this post.**









# “Ydym ni’n byw mewn cymdeithas oddefgar?”



Bydd **Dr Gareth Evans-Jones**  
(un o gyfarwyddwyr Canolfan  
Genedlaethol Addysg Grefyddol  
Cymru) yn holi **Siân Melangell  
Dafydd, Malachy Owain Edwards a  
Kayley Roberts** i ba raddau mae ein  
cymdeithas yn derbyn amrywiaeth  
grefyddol, diwylliannol a rhyweddol.

**Lle?**

Stondin Prifysgol Bangor  
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Rhondda  
Cynon Taf

**Pryd?**

Dydd Mawrth 6 Awst: 14:00-14:45





## Canolfan Genedlaethol Addysg Grefyddol Cymru yn penodi ei Llysgennad Myfyrwyr cyntaf!

**NCREW appoints its first Student  
Ambassador!**

**Callum Morrissey**

(Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan)



Canolfan Genedlaethol Addysg Grefyddol Cymru  
ac Athroniaeth, Moeseg a Chrefydd, Prifysgol Bangor

The National Centre of Religious Education for Wales  
and Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Bangor University



“Heddwch yn ein Haddysg”  
ar Ddiwrnod Rhyngwladol Heddwch

“Teaching Peace”  
on International Peace Day



**21.09.24**





## MIS HANES POBL DDU BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Athronwyr a meddylwyr  
crefyddol du o bwys.

Significant black  
philosophers and  
religious thinkers.



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## DELORES S. WILLIAMS (1937-2022)



- Diwinydd arloesol sy'n adnabyddus am ddatblygu diwinyddiaeth fenywaidd, gan ganolbwyntio ar brofiadau menywod Du yn y meddwl Cristnogol.
- Yn ei llyfr, *Sisters in the Wilderness*, mae hi'n ailddehongli naratifau beiblaidd trwy lens fenywaidd.
- Mae Williams yn beirniadu diwinyddiaeth draddodiadol, gan eiriol dros ryddhad a moeseg goroesi fel rhan ganolog o frwydrau ysbrydol a chymdeithasol menywod Du.



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# WYTHNOS RYNGFFYDD INTERFAITH WEEK



Beth ydyw a pham  
bod angen wythnos  
o'r fath?

**What is it and why  
do we need such a  
week?**

**Inter Faith  
Week**



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# TEBYGRWYDD

- Cysyniadau allweddol a geir mewn llawer o safbwyntiau crefyddol ac anghrefyddol y byd:
  - Rheol Aur: Mae llawer o grefyddau yn dysgu fersiwn o'r Rheol Aur, neu'r egwyddor o drin eraill fel yr hoffai rhywun gael eu trin; e.e., Cristnogaeth ("Gwnewch i eraill fel yr hoffech i eraill ei wneud ichi"), Islam ("Carwch yr hyn yn eich brawd rydych yn ei garu ynoch chi'ch hun"), a Chonffiwsiaeth ("Peidiwch â gwneud i eraill yr hyn nad ydych chi am i eraill ei wneud ichi").
  - Gofalu am y tlodion a'r diamddiffyn: Pwyslais ar elusen, tosturi, a chefnogi'r rhai llai ffodus trwy arferion fel elusen rhodd, tzedakah, zakat, a seva.
  - Straeon maddeuant a straeon ynghylch natur a'r amgylchedd.
  - Gweddi a Myfyrdod.
  - Symbolau goleuni a gobaith: Mae golau yn symbol a rennir mewn amryw systemau ffydd, sy'n cynrychioli gobaith, daioni, neu bresenoldeb dwyfol. Mae Diwali mewn Hindŵaeth, Hanukkah mewn Iddewiaeth, y Nadolig mewn Cristnogaeth, a Vesak mewn Bwdhaeth i gyd yn dathlu gyda symbolaeth golau.



# Research Project

- **Research Project:** Undertook a nine-month research project on RVE teaching provision across Wales.
- Important points and some concerning aspects were found.



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# Research Project

- Systematic Challenges in RVE: Uncertainty regarding 'mandatory'.
- Lack of Legal Compliance?
- Resource Constraints: There is one official RVE textbook – in English, with no Welsh-medium equivalent. However, it has not received the seal of approval from the WJEC or the Welsh Government.
- Difference in Time Allocation.
- 65% of schools taught RVE as part of the mixed Humanities curriculum, often with unequal time and attention compared to subjects such as History and Geography.
- Teacher Confidence and Training: A lack of training and professional development opportunities impedes teachers' confidence and competence in delivering effective RVE lessons.



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# Research Project

- **Assessment Challenges:** Ambiguity about RVE progression and assessment methods has left educators searching for clearer guidelines and cross-curricular strategies.
- **Positive Effects of RVE:** Despite challenges, some schools report that transitioning from RE to RVE has improved student culture and teaching environments.
- **Staffing Matters:** Many schools do not have RVE specialists, and teachers are often required to teach multiple subjects, affecting the consistency and quality of RVE delivery.



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# Current Projects and Opportunities

- Working with Conwy and Swansea SACRE to deliver evening sessions on various aspects of RVE.
- Responding to requests from the RVE advisers / teachers.



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# Current Projects and Opportunities

- Teacher Mentorship: In February 2025, we will launch a free mentoring programme for teachers who will have to teach Religious Studies at GCSE level but are not trained in RS/RE/RVE.
- A 15-month plan of support, specialist and supportive sessions.
- Application deadline: April 2025.
- Start of the plan: September 2025.



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# Current Projects and Opportunities

- A-level and AS Level Study Sessions during Easter.
- Fields: Buddhism, Philosophy, Ethics and Christianity.



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# RVE Research

- Continue with the research that started in 2023 and was published as a report in April 2024.
- Second phase: interviews with completely anonymous teachers.
- Feedback to the Government.



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# Do get in touch

- To visit schools / provide study / training sessions.
- Share resources.
- Refer to relevant organisations / places.



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**Thank  
you for  
listening!**

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