

# Junior Cycle Religious Education Newsletter - October 2021



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Dear RE Colleagues,

Welcome to the October edition of the Junior Cycle RE newsletter. Over the coming months we will explore the 8 principles of Junior Cycle and how they emerge in the RE classroom. In this month's edition we highlight some important dates for your diary including some JCT online training events. We consider technology in the classroom and offer various articles with a focus on RE and the Arts.

## Upcoming October events and celebrations from the interfaith calendar

4th	Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi - (Christian)
17th	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
7-15th	Navaratri - (Hinduism)
18-19th	Prophet Muhammad's Birthday

## RE Online Learning Event



**When: Monday 18th October 5pm – 6pm**

The JCT Autumn Online Learning Event returns this month. As part of the schedule, the RE team will host a webinar 'The Human Search for Meaning- Preparing for CBA2'

**Register here to join us: [https://jct-ie.zoom.us/join/registerWN\\_sUImQ42NS\\_iQK2gNjXHDKA](https://jct-ie.zoom.us/join/registerWN_sUImQ42NS_iQK2gNjXHDKA)**

## SLAR Meeting CPD

Following on from the SLAR facilitator CPD, please find details of the SLAR participant CPD which is open to all teachers. Registration is via your local education centre website. **Please click on the image below for further details:**

Autumn 2021  
**JCT Online Training For SLAR Participants**  
Subject Learning and Assessment Review Effective Participation in the SLAR Process CPD for SLAR Participants  
To register for participation: visit the website of one of the Education Centres listed below.  
JCT in collaboration with ESCL is facilitating an online workshop for all teachers on the dates shown below. Workshops take place between 16:30 and 18:00

Mon 11th Oct	Tues 12th Oct	Wed 13th Oct	Thurs 14th Oct
Kilkeny Education Centre	Laois Education Centre	Blackrock Education Centre	Clare Education Centre
Wexford Education Centre	Dublin West Education Centre	Galway Education Centre	Cork Education Support Centre
West Cork Education Centre	Mayo Education Centre	Limerick Education Centre	Drumcondra Education Centre
	Waterford Teachers' Centre		Sligo Education Centre

Coordinators as Gaeilge  
Céadain 13ú Deireadh Fómhair - Ionad Oideachais Mhúineacháin

## Junior Cycle Principles: Wellbeing

Last year we focused on the Key Skills in Junior Cycle and how they are incorporated in Religious Education. This year we will focus on the 8 Principles of Junior Cycle, starting this month with Wellbeing.

Regarding Wellbeing the *Framework for Junior Cycle* (2015), page 11, notes:

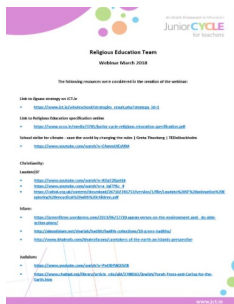
*The student experience contributes directly to their physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing and resilience. Learning takes place in a climate focused on collective wellbeing of school, community and society.*

While RE is a subject, as opposed to a wellbeing short course, the principle of Wellbeing applies to the whole curriculum, including RE.



### Wellbeing in RE

In the RE Specification learning outcome 3.8 refers to the wellbeing of all people and that of the planet. The following JCT RE resource compiled for our 2019 webinar contains relevant web links to support engagement with this outcome: [https://jct.ie/perch/resources/religiousedu/evreli\\_giouseducationwebinar2019resourcehandout-1.pdf](https://jct.ie/perch/resources/religiousedu/evreli_giouseducationwebinar2019resourcehandout-1.pdf)



### Technology in the Classroom

Flipgrid is a website and app that allows teachers to facilitate video discussions. Students are organized into groups and then given access to discussion topics.



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At its most basic, Flipgrid is a video tool that allows teachers to post "Topics" that are essentially videos with some accompanying text. This is then shared with students, who can be prompted to respond. Flipgrid is free to use and can be accessed using a Microsoft or Google account.

Flipgrid allows teachers to post a question to students on how they accomplished a particular task. This is important because it shows the students' process and also gives them an opportunity to teach others. Flipgrid allows teachers to make a "mixed tape" of student responses and use it for assessment.

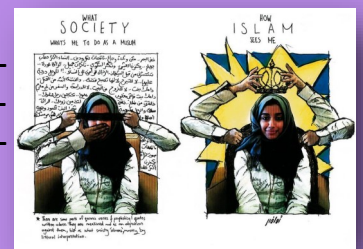
### RE and the Arts

**Muslim Artist Tackles Islamophobia Through Art**  
Azzah Sultan (20), a native Malaysian, who moved to the US in 2013 has witnessed her fair share of Islamophobia, and has taken up the challenge of tackling the issue through art.



<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1060868/muslim-artist-tackles-islamophobia-through-art>

**Muslima: Muslim Women's Art And Voices Featured at IMOW Exhibition**



<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/muslima-muslim-womens-art-and-voices-featured-at-imow-exhibition-photos n 2836518>

### Quote of the Month

*"Happiness and freedom begin with a clear understanding of one principle. Some things are within your control and some things are not".*

- Epictetus

### Mailing List

If you know of any colleagues who have not received this newsletter, please encourage them to join our mailing list [here](#):

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