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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Children and young people (aged 5-18) in the United Kingdom have spoken up about the importance of an education in religion and worldviews through blog competitions run by Culham St Gabriel's Trust.



Prevention

Young people say... an education in religion and worldviews enables us to understand diversity in our world.

Young people spoke of everyone having different worldviews and the importance of appreciating this. Many felt that the subject brought a genuine, real and authentic understanding of the lived experience of being a religious or non-religious believer. They thought that knowledge acquisition led to respect and to challenging some of the media stereotypes of some worldviews.

Protection

Young people say... an education in religion and worldviews supports development of positive values.

Young people talked about the many values they felt an education in Religion and Worldviews promoted. These included peace, respect and empathy. A number talked about the way in which this was modelled in their schools by safe spaces being created to talk about controversial issues.

Promotion

Young people say... an education in religion and worldviews helps you with your future career.

From the youngest to the oldest, young people highlighted the value of Religion and Worldviews in terms of future career paths; professions highlighted included law, international development work, counselling, mental health services, diplomatic roles and journalism. Many more spoke about the importance of the subject for simple daily interactions with people they meet.

Education is key for prevention, protection, and promotion.

Young people say... an education in religion and worldviews empowers and opens doors of communication; gives them confidence to talk about religious and non-religious worldviews in the public sphere; and prepares them for the real, complex society in which we all live. They want to have knowledge, understanding and skills, but also values and attitudes which will enable them to be confident, free-thinking participants in this ever-changing global landscape.



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Prevention

Culham St Gabriel's Trust and its partners work in this area includes:

- Research which supports an education in religion and worldviews
- Providing accurate, high-quality, and well-informed resources
- Developing media relations
- Professional development and curriculum support for teachers and other professionals.

Protection

Culham St Gabriel's Trust and its partners work in this area includes:

- Advocating for religion and belief as a protected characteristic in law, including with businesses and multi-national organisations
- Listening to and engaging with multiple stakeholders from religious and non-religious community groups
- Supporting pedagogical approaches in the classroom which allow for generous hospitality and acknowledgement that 'nobody stands nowhere'.

Promotion

Culham St Gabriel's Trust and its partners work in this area includes:

- Conducting surveys about public opinion and devising campaigns to promote freedom of religion or belief
- Creation of resources, including films, to promote an education in religion and worldviews
- Advocacy with educationalists and policy makers about the importance of an education in religion and worldviews.