



RESOURCE LAUNCH



DIOCESE OF COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
**CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEWS
& ADVOCACY PROJECT**

Introduction

We are delighted to announce the launch of the outputs from our Christian Worldviews and Advocacy Project. As a Diocesan Board very much influenced by the reconciliation message of Coventry Cathedral, we have carried this important concept into this project. The famous Reconciliation statue in Coventry Cathedral's ruins depicts two people, each different, each bringing their own story, finding the skills and the strength to reach out and support one another through understanding of the other. Inspired by this depiction, we have created these resources by leaning in to the idea of a diversity of Christian worldviews. These resources encourage us to understand the theological ideas and biblical interpretations that sit behind a spectrum of Christian positions and actions. Christian individuals, communities and groups engage in advocacy and activism around significant issues in society, and can often be found on a continuum of positions with regards to most controversial topics.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we have created teaching and learning resources we hope will support teachers in bringing these issues appropriately, thoughtfully and critically into the RE classroom at KS2 and KS3. We hope these will help students to better understand why different Christians do, say and think what they do, as well as facilitating reflection and consideration of positionality as the students themselves consider their own worldview and pulls towards advocacy.

These Resources include:

- An introduction for teachers
- Booklets for KS2 and KS3 on nine key topics containing an overview and teaching and learning suggestions based on our nine topics:
 - Climate Change
 - Politics
 - Race
 - Golden Rule Christians
 - The Body: Abortion ('The Human Body' at KS2)
 - The Body: LGBTQ+
 - African Christianity, Sexuality and Human Rights
 - Digital Religion
 - Motherhood and Family
- A resource booklet with resource sheets for use by students across the topics in each key stage
- 'Mood Boards'; PowerPoint presentations for each topic containing what we hope are useful images and text for each topic (access to these is restricted and a password is shared within the introduction booklet)
- Access to the videos and presentations of the academic researchers (sociologists or religion and theologians from a range of universities nation-wide) for teacher subject knowledge prior to teaching
- Additional resources for use with pupils, such as pupil voice activities, a pupil worldview journal and disciplinary checklists

Access all the resources here:

<https://coventrydbe.org/resources/>

We would love to hear your feedback on how you are using these resources and the impact they have on you as teachers and your students. Please email jennifer.jenkins@coventrydbe.org