

Sheffield SACRE

Collective Worship Guidelines 2015: “Be Still and Share with Open Hearts” - A Broader Perspective for School Assemblies

Appendix 2: Websites for Collective Worship

The following websites provide suggestions for schools to build into their Collective Worship programmes. Sheffield SACRE is not responsible for the reliability of these links or for the content of these sites.

<http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/> The National Society's Worship Workshop website. Intended for C of E schools but others may find useful material here for Collective Worship that is 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'.

<http://cowo.culham.ac.uk/> Culham Institute in association with The National Society (of the Church of England) weekly Collective Worship and assembly resource.

<http://cowo.culham.ac.uk/links/index.php> Links to even more Collective Worship websites

<http://www.hibbert-assembly.org.uk/> Sensitively constructed assemblies from the Hibbert Trust, including advice to those leading assemblies by the Reverend John Harley.

<http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/> Teaching resource from Christian Aid, with 'Assemblies of the Month' for primary and secondary.

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110218194057/http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/assemblies/> Teachernet resources are now held on the national archives database. This is a bank of over 100 resources written by teachers for teachers. The search engine no longer works but you can access the examples via 'Assemblies A – Z'.

<http://public.merlin.swgfl.org.uk/establishments/803/QandS/REandSACRE/Alldocuments/CollectiveWorshipCompFeb08.pdf> Direct link to download South Gloucestershire SACRE's excellent Collective Worship pack. Contains Collective Worship themes, sample assemblies and policy. Note: you may need to copy this link into your browser if the direct link fails.

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk> Primary and secondary school assemblies with a broadly Christian perspective 'for every season' from SPCK. Contains a section on assemblies to celebrate festivals of a good range of religions and a 'rapid response' feature to help schools address big issues in the news.

<http://www.staplefordresources.co.uk/assemblies/assembling-citizens> Secondary school assemblies for active citizenship and personal development from The Stapleford Centre, a Christian education organisation. Some free samples but requiring subscription for full access.

<http://wncre.bangor.ac.uk/spck/index.php.en> Welsh National Centre for RE: includes link to Welsh language version of the *assemblies.org* SPCK website.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/> CBeebies stories for primary school age children that could be used in assemblies – includes ‘Seasonal’ stories reflecting religious festivals and ‘World Stories’ reflecting different cultures.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/> Audio programmes from BBC learning for the 5-7 and 7- 11 age ranges. Listen again within 7 days of broadcast or order the CD. Sets of notes for teachers also available for free download.

<http://www.bdeducation.org.uk/collectiveworship.html> Collective Worship ideas and advice from the Diocese of Blackburn – ‘putting the Wow! Into worship’.

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/resources/worship> Reflections on social justice and poverty for worship activities from the Catholic charity CAFOD. Prayers, liturgies and reflections across Church seasons and a wide range of themes.

<http://www.creativeproverbs.com/> Franklin C. Baer’s ‘Quotations for creative thinking’ searchable website.

<http://www.fischy.com/> Music for emotional, social and spiritual health and wellbeing from Fischy Music.

<http://www.hmd.org.uk/> National website for ideas on remembering the Holocaust.

<http://www.humanismforschools.org.uk/> Assembly ideas and humanist perspectives from the British Humanist Association.

<http://www.ibiblio.org/zen/> Zen Buddhist site with ‘Koan of the Day.’

<http://www.inspirationalarchive.com/inspirationalstoriesblog/> Archive of mostly Christian inspirational stories – a mixture of material, not all suitable for school assemblies.

<http://www.irinnews.org/> Humanitarian news and analysis service of the UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/> Oxfam’s downloadable resources for primary and secondary assemblies featuring issues of social justice. PowerPoint presentations, ideas for workshops, assembly scripts etc.

<http://www.prayingeachday.org/reflect.html> De La Salle Brothers (‘Christian Education in a Christian Community’) collection of reflections and prayers for every day of the year. Click on a date for stories, questions and prayers for reflection.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/assembly/assembly.htm> Scripts for primary school assemblies, contributed by teachers.

<http://reep.org/cw/index.php> Ideas for assemblies in primary schools from the Religious Education and Environment Programme, contributed by experienced advisers and teachers. Searchable by key stage or a small range of themes. Click on the Resources tab for further ideas.

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/> Religious education website with search engine to find materials for use in assemblies.

<http://www.request.org.uk/> Resources for most of the Christian denominations – not specifically for Collective Worship but can be adapted.

<http://www.retoday.org.uk/> Downloadable resources associated with RE Today publications (*password required – available free to RE Today subscribers*).

<http://www.sikhnet.com> Downloadable films and stories from the Sikh tradition

<http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/> Staffordshire Learning Net's searchable database of stories from different religious traditions.

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/more/assemblies/contents.htm> Mark Warner's Teaching Ideas site contains a range of interesting downloads for assemblies for primary schools.

<http://www.tere.org/index.php?id=59> Catholic Teachers Enterprise for Religious Education assembly ideas for primary schools.

<http://www.tere.org/index.php?id=266> Catholic Teachers Enterprise for Religious Education assembly ideas for secondary schools.

<http://www.theotherpages.org/> Quotations, poems and images for personal and non-commercial use.