

NSS to hold training day on Exploring Secularism education project

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Exploring Secularism – the National Secular Society project which provides free educational resources for secondary school students and teachers – has announced its first training day.

[Exploring Secularism for Educators](#) will provide continuing professional development (CPD) to RE teachers and subject leaders, and other educators with an interest in secularism, belief and society.

The free event, on Saturday 9 May 2020 at [Conway Hall](#) in central London, will feature a series of presentations and workshops covering:

- What educators need to know about secularism
- The relevance of *Exploring Secularism* to the curriculum
- Using *Exploring Secularism* resources
- Who's using *Exploring Secularism* and how they can help.

The programme for the day will be finalised based on registration to best tailor it to the educators attending.

Alastair Lichten, the project coordinator for *Exploring Secularism*, said: "We believe this will be a uniquely valuable CPD opportunity teachers don't want to miss. The Commission on Religious Education has recognised secularism as a key concept in the study of religion and worldviews. But dedicated education resources on secularism are extremely sparse.

"Those who attend this event should gain the confidence to make use of our resources as well as draw in examples from other sources and current affairs, to improve students' understanding of and engagement with debates over belief and society.

"*Exploring Secularism* provides teachers with the material they need to ask these questions in an informed way. It is not a manifesto of answers. It encourages students to explore a range of answers and come to some of their own."

Attendees must book in advance. The event is scheduled to last from 11:00am to 3:00pm. An agenda will be published in due course.

[More information](#) is available on the *Exploring Secularism* website.

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