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[This isn't the time to end the right to withdraw from RE in Wales](#)

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The Welsh government is considering removing the parental right to withdraw from religious education. Alastair Lichten argues that despite potential benefits, reforms don't go far enough to justify ending this longstanding right. [Read More »](#)

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[New guidance on the right to withdraw from RE in Wales – response](#)

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[The row over right of withdrawal highlights the need to reform RE](#)

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Teachers from the ATL union have voted to demand a clampdown on parents selectively withdrawing their children from RE. But Stephen Evans says the right to withdraw should only be scrapped once the subject is reformed.

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[Big ideas for religious education?](#)

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The latest report into the problems with religious education reiterates the need to start with a fundamental examination of the subject's purpose. But, Alastair Lichten wonders, do the proposals

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[Who controls religious education?](#)

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[Never mind joining SACREs, we should be abolishing them](#)

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A parent's legal challenge to the exclusion of a humanist representative from the local body responsible for overseeing religious education highlights the need for urgent reform of this contested area of the curriculum, argues Keith Sharpe.

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[Why we need a 21st century RE for all](#)

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[What do pupils need to know about religion?](#)

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Religious education reform: mistakes of the past must be avoided

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Despite many RE teachers doing their best under difficult circumstances, a growing consensus now recognises that religious education in schools needs a rethink. Alastair Lichten looks at the latest report calling for reform.

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Let Ofsted inspect religious education in faith schools

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Religious education should receive the same scrutiny as any other area of the curriculum – and be inspected by Ofsted, argues Stephen Evans.

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Let's stop confusing education with religious inculcation

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The blurring of the distinction between education and religious inculcation in British schools is preventing young people from receiving good quality objective education about religion and belief, argues Stephen Evans.

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Government's GCSE subject content review is another missed opportunity

Posted: Tue, 23 Dec 2014 by [Stephen Evans](#)

The Government's proposal to reform the religious studies GCSE subject content falls far short of what's really needed, argues Stephen Evans.

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[A contested subject: religious education and faith schools](#)

Posted: Tue, 23 Sep 2014 by [Alastair Lichten](#)

Reports of a Cabinet row over plans to require faith schools to teach more than one religion at GCSE level show that even baby steps towards greater objectivity in religious education will face fierce opposition, argues Alastair Lichten.

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[The RE Report – A missed opportunity](#)

Posted: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 by Keith Porteous Wood?

The RE Council's report has been well received. However, with the decline in church attendance and increasing evangelism in schools, Keith Porteous Wood argues vital opportunities to reform RE have been missed.

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[How do we keep religious education out of the hands of the evangelists?](#)

Posted: Mon, 22 Jul 2013 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

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[Education for Choice launch report into abortion education in UK schools](#)

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The Churches love to tell us how "popular" religious studies are in schools. Keith Porteous Wood suspects the popularity may have more to do with the course being ridiculously easy, rather than any desire for a deeper understanding of religion.

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