

Do you want access to FREE resources?

If you are not already a follower of our twitter page @DerbyOpenCentre, or like us on our Facebook page 'The Open Centre' then you might be missing out on a wealth of FREE resources!!!



Many visitors that work with the Open Centre always leave us wanting to know more and as a result, we have now begun to do the hard work for you. We research the latest news articles on all the hot topics, posting links to FREE resources and highlighting key information that can be used back in the classroom. This is something we do on a weekly basis, sometimes even daily, depending on what we find!!!



So all you need to do is to *follow us* on twitter or *like* our Facebook page (or do both) to get access to all this fantastic FREE information.



We also run half termly competitions, giving away hundreds of pounds worth of free products/services to our lucky followers and friends. So keep an eye out for a chance to win!

Partnership Progress

As the Open Centre is a registered charity, part of the work we do is to explore new opportunities to support and collaborate with other local groups and charities to further benefit the community of Derby and beyond.

Below is just a short list of the different organisations we have been talking to recently. Due to many of the groups being self funded, we will often consider the current grants on offer and discuss ways in which we can develop projects together to benefit those most in need.

If you have any ideas for a project that might benefit your school/organisation, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on either 01332 360737 or at manageropencentre@gmail.com to discuss things further. Keep a look out on our website and social media pages for an update on our local project work so far. www.derbyopencentre.org



We can teach teachers!

With recent changes to the curriculum, the promotion of **British Values** and all the 'hot topics' in the media surrounding **faith, religion and identity**, we have been approached by many educational organisations to provide some additional CPD (continuing professional development). This can range from **INSET day training, faith trails or tailored workshops** based on specific subjects.

We currently work as part of the **DTSA** to provide **training** for R.E teachers in Derby and Derbyshire. However we can provide **specialist training** to all organisations. So if you feel that you or your staff would benefit from some additional 'hands on' training please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01332 360737.



All Things New...

As the Open Centre is a non-profit organisation, any profits we do make go back into the service/activities we provide. We are currently investing money in additional resources for all our workshops; from small things, like new cutlery for our food workshops to shiny new banners to accompany the information we provide during sessions—helping to transform any setting! This is something we will be continuing to fund until the Summer term.

So why not try one of our updated workshops today and see for yourselves?



Visit Update

Another busy term in Autumn 2016, with **3183 visitors** to the Open Centre that is over **1000 more** than the same time in 2015!!! We have also worked with **95** different schools from across the county which is an **increase of 35** more schools than last year. Finally we have also facilitated 72 workshops during the term compared to 55 the previous year.

We are so pleased to see such an **increase in numbers**, as it shows schools, organisations and educators are prepared to **challenge stereotypes** portrayed by the media to help them **learn from/about** different *cultures and religions* in our local area.



If you would like to take part in this personal experience—don't hesitate to get in touch with us on **01332 360737**.

Dates for your Diary

Here are a few **upcoming** Religious Events, Festivals and Awareness days this term you might be interested in:

January

- 7th - Orthodox Christmas (Christianity)
- 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day (Judaism)
- 28th - Chinese New Year
- 28th - 4th February - National Storytelling week

February

- 24th - Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)

March

- 1st - Ash Wednesday/Start of Lent (Christianity)
- 12th - Holi (Hinduism)
- 12th - Purim (Judaism)

April

- 9th - Palm Sunday and Start of Holy Week (Christianity)
- 11th - Pesach - Passover (Judaism)
- 16th - Easter (Christianity)
- 24th - Isra and Mi'raj (Islam)



April

Autism Awareness
Month