Education about Religions and Beliefs and Ethics in the Primary Curriculum

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What is ERB and Ethics?

ERB helps children to know about and to understand the cultural heritage of some of the major forms of religion, belief traditions and worldviews in today’s society.

The teaching of ethics includes the formation in and the promotion of a personal commitment to the dignity and freedom of all human beings.
Why is this curriculum being developed?

No State provision

An important aspect of a child’s experience

Diversity in schools

Supporting inclusive schools
What have we done so far?

Overview of Patron’s programmes

NFER - International Audit

Encountering Children in ERB and Ethics

Proposals for a curriculum in Education about Religions and Beliefs (ERB) and Ethics
What are we consulting on?

- Rationale, vision and aims
- Features of curriculum
- Where does it all fit?
  What about time?

**Education about RELIGIONS & BELIEFS & ETHICS**

Welcome to our consultation. We are developing part of the Primary Curriculum. We are looking at Religions, Beliefs and Ethics in the primary classroom and we would like to hear your views.

Why is a curriculum in Education about Religions and Beliefs and Ethics being developed?

An important part of your child’s education involves learning about the lives, values and traditions of friends, classrooms and members of the wider community. Much of this learning already takes place in our classrooms.

However, in this consultation we wish to ensure that children are exposed to the good practices that already take place in schools and are given the opportunity to understand and take part in their own identity and belonging.

To contribute to the consultation, submit a questionnaire at www.ncca.ie/consultation/arb

Alternatively you can attend one of our consultation events which will be publicised on our website.
Time allocation:

- Outcome based
- Weekly/monthly/termly/annually?
- Advice to be made in 2016
Where will ERB and Ethics fit?

Guidelines for schools: ERB and Ethics

ERB and Ethics

ncca.ie/primary
www.ncca.ie/consultation/erbe

Consultation Paper
Education about Religions and Beliefs (ERB) and Ethics in the Primary School: Consultation Paper.
Please read this paper before completing the questionnaire.

Questionnaires
Please select the questionnaire that applies to your situation:
- Parent/Guardian
- Teacher/Third Level Educator
- General Public/Other

Review and Research
Check out a selection of background material on ERB and Ethics.

Information for Parents/Guardians
Download the Information for Parents leaflet.

Teachers' Booklet
Download the Consultation Information Booklet for Teachers.