

Careers in Religious Education

Where can RE take you? Anywhere!

Studying Religious Education (RE) helps children understand different beliefs, cultures and ways of life. It encourages respect, curiosity and critical thinking about big questions such as *Why are we here?*, *What is right and wrong?* and *How should we treat others?*

RE is not just about religion. It helps children develop skills that are useful in many careers. These include communication, empathy, reasoning, debate and understanding different viewpoints.

People who study RE may go on to work in a wide range of jobs where understanding people, beliefs and values is important.

Teacher (Education)

RE teachers help children learn about different religions, beliefs and worldviews. They encourage discussion, respect and curiosity, helping pupils to understand others and think deeply about important life questions.

Teachers need to be good communicators, patient listeners and passionate about helping young people learn and grow.

Charity Worker (Community & Support)

Charity workers often support people in need, both locally and around the world. Many charities are inspired by religious values such as kindness, justice and compassion.

They might organise fundraising events, deliver aid, or work directly with communities to improve lives.

Journalist (Media & Communication)

Journalists report on news stories from around the world. Understanding religion and culture is very important when reporting on global events.

They write articles, conduct interviews and explain complex issues clearly so others can understand them.

Social Worker (Helping Others)

Social workers support individuals and families who may be struggling. They help keep people safe and improve their wellbeing.

RE helps develop empathy and understanding, which are essential for working with people from different backgrounds and beliefs.

Police Officer (Law & Society)

Police officers help keep communities safe and uphold the law. They work with people from all backgrounds and need to understand different cultures and beliefs.

Respect, fairness and strong moral judgement—skills developed through RE—are very important in this role.

Counsellor (Mental Health & Wellbeing)

Counsellors help people talk through their feelings and challenges. They listen carefully and support others in finding ways to cope.

RE helps build empathy, respect and an understanding of different perspectives, which are key skills in this career.

International Aid Worker (Global Impact)

Aid workers travel or work with organisations to support people affected by poverty, conflict or natural disasters.

They must understand cultural and religious differences to work respectfully and effectively with communities around the world.

Lawyer (Justice & Ethics)

Lawyers help people understand and follow the law. They may work on cases involving human rights, discrimination or freedom of belief.

RE supports the development of debating skills, reasoning and an understanding of fairness and justice.

Religious Leader (Faith & Community)

Religious leaders, such as priests, imams or rabbis, guide and support their communities. They lead worship, offer advice and help people during important life events.

They play an important role in bringing people together and promoting values such as kindness and respect.

Author or Speaker (Communication & Ideas)

Some people use their understanding of religion, philosophy and ethics to write books, give talks or create content that explores big ideas.

They help others think about important questions and share different perspectives about the world.

RE helps build skills for life

Even if children do not choose a career directly linked to religion, RE gives them important life skills, including:

- Understanding and respecting others
- Thinking critically and asking questions
- Communicating ideas clearly
- Making thoughtful and ethical decisions

These skills are valuable in any career path.