

**Understanding Religious Lives Through Story:  
A CPD Event for School teachers**  
New Resources for teaching Christianity and Hinduism

Tuesday November 5, 9.00am-4.30pm  
University of Manchester

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Join us at this free event if you are looking for teaching resources that offer sensitive and nuanced perspectives on how individuals have responded to these World Religions. We will introduce newly studied and translated narratives of religious lives, including conversion and autobiographical narratives that tell remarkable stories of faith experiences in colonial-era India. The sessions will explore how religious experiences are often shaped by social and cultural pressures of gender, social status and family but also impact wider society in important ways.

We will invite discussion about further ways to integrate these stories from the two traditions with key GCSE and A Level topics such as mission and evangelism, free will and moral responsibility, religious experience and places of worship, placing these in the context of issues such as caste and the social tensions developing around conversion and freedom of expression.

After lunch, we invite you to participate in a drama workshop to explore creative ways of using these materials in the classroom to explore faith, relationships and conflict. The drama workshop will be run by Gavin Crichton, *Active Inquiry*, Edinburgh.

Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided, as will a pack of resources for you to take away and use in your own teaching practice.

**The event is free, but please register for the event at the following link:** <http://man.ac.uk/Daxn4m>

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