

Call for permission to add your name to the expert database of the fledgling Religion Media Centre.

The Religion Media Centre aims to be a practical, media savvy organisation to promote accurate and knowledgeable reporting and commentary on all matters related to religion in national, specialist and social media. It will act as an advisory service to journalists and others to help them to understand news stories related to religion without prejudice or agenda. It will also help them to identify and speak with qualified experts on religious matters, and promote informed and intelligent commentary and debate.

The Religion Media Centre is modeled on the Science Media Centre set up in 2002 to improve reporting of scientific matters. The SMC is widely regarded as having made a huge impact (for more information see <http://www.sciencemediacentre.org>).

We are expecting to launch the RMC later this year and in preparation we are now putting together a database of experts to whom we might refer journalists.

Due to data protection law we need your explicit permission to include your information on the database. If you would be happy for us to do this please reply to this email including the following:

Your name:

Your title:

Your university, your department or centre:

Any subjects on which feel particularly qualified to comment in just a couple of words:

Any other organisation you might be associated with:

Whether you would be able to speak on behalf of this organisation, in a personal capacity, or either, dependent on the story:

Your email, land and mobile number, and twitter handle:

A brief bio (maximum 50 words):

Any time you would not wish to be contacted (e.g. over particularly holidays and / or religious festivals):

If interested, please contact Michael Wakelin, Chair of the Trustees of the new national Religion Media Centre at michael@michaelwakelin.co.uk