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Session ‘Education about Religions and Beliefs Clearinghouse’, 27 May 2010, 16.30 – 18.00

Partner organization
ERB members

Background

Launched in April 2009, the Education about Religions and Beliefs clearinghouse (ERB) (http://aocerb.org) is an online learning community. It provides resources to learn about diverse religions and beliefs as also ethics, tolerance, and civic education. The clearinghouse site went “live” in June 2009, with its first presentation being made at the Commonwealth Education Ministers’ Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

The contents of the clearinghouse include guidelines, learning and teaching materials, links to relevant organizations, a journal, related events, an online forum, and relevant news. The ERB clearinghouse focuses currently on education at the primary and secondary level. The clearinghouse operates with the help of 17 partners from around the world. Partners commit to updating the site for a month at a time.

This session will gather ERB partners to train them on contributing to the ERB clearinghouse; gather their feedback on the best ways to make it the leading online community for education about religions and beliefs, civic education, tolerance education, and citizenship education; and discuss the next steps (both in process and substance) for the clearinghouse.