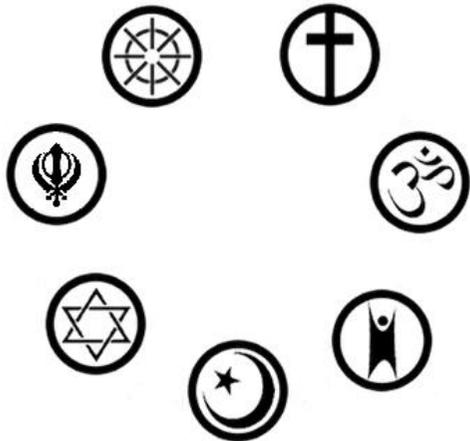


RAG

Religious Archives Group



*Working to promote and support
the UK's religious archival
heritage*

Who we are

The Religious Archives Group (RAG) was founded in 1989 as a network for all those interested in the collection, preservation and use of religious archives and personal papers of religious figures in the UK. We work across faiths and denominations to support the archives of all faith communities and organizations as well as those of secularist organizations created in response to religious belief.

The group advances education, research, scholarship and stewardship by working to promote awareness of religious archives and to improve levels of access and collection care.

RAG is overseen by a committee of elected trustees. Any member of RAG may stand for election to the committee at the AGM.

What we do

- We maintain the RAG website at <http://religiousarchivesgroup.org.uk>

This contains much to assist the owner, manager, curator or user of religious archives, including a suite of practical training and advisory material, available on the Guidance page. We also maintain a list of external links.

If you are looking for a specific archive, or the archives of a particular faith, then take a look at our Directory of major UK religious archives. There is also a database of results from a 2014 survey, 'Mapping Religion-Related Audio-Visual Archives in the UK'.

- The RAG email list offers a forum for information, advice and

discussion on any matters relating to religious archives.

- RAG organizes a yearly conference on a theme relevant to religious archives. We discuss common issues of concern, become acquainted with best practices and new technologies and increase our awareness of the documentary heritage. The conference is held in a different location every year and speakers include archivists, librarians, academics, users of archives and representatives of faith organizations.

Proceedings of previous years' conferences are available on the RAG website.

- In addition to its role in facilitating networking and providing information, RAG acts as a national forum for issues relating to religious archives. It monitors and publicizes threats to particular collections, and

intervenes where appropriate. RAG is affiliated to the Section for Specialist Repositories of the Archives and Records Association.

How to join

Becoming a member of RAG is simple and free. Benefits of membership include:

- A forum for those working with religious archives to meet, discuss, and seek advice via the RAG list.
- Access to conferences, training and other events run by RAG.
- An opportunity to have a say about how the charity is run, by standing for membership of the RAG committee and voting at the AGM.

To join RAG, just sign up to our JISCMail discussion list by following this link:

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=RELIGIOUS-ARCHIVES-GROUP>

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