



## **27 The Shap Awards 1998-2014 – Criteria and Choice**

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Every year Shap presents an Award to someone, or some organisation, that has made an outstanding contribution to RE. The person or persons concerned are invited to one of our meetings to receive the award, and in return offer a presentation or seminar to discuss the work on which their Award was based. Further, in those now unfortunately too regular years in which one of Shap's founding members, or stalwarts of yesteryear, has died, the award is presented in his or her name, and someone who knew that Member well is invited to speak about him or her.

The choice of who receives each award was usually made at an AGM on the recommendation of a team of three Shap members (Wendy Dossett, Peggy Morgan and Lesley Prior), who received suggestions and proposals in advance from any other members who wished to offer them. Members of the Working Party were not normally eligible for consideration themselves. The Awards had a substantial financial element. The criteria for such choice were flexible. In the initial three years creative labours in individual religious traditions were the pattern. Thereafter cross-cultural traditions and wider issues prevailed. Education and dialogue in many forms were selected as the focus, and dynamic impact in relevant areas such as The Open University, Resource, RE and RS Broadcasting and a range of school enrichment themes followed. It is a rich pattern and the team took great pains to consider diligently the calibre of those selected. Sadly no awards have been made for the last four years although attention is currently being given to the possibility of continuing the tradition along the lines of a Shap Calendar/Festivals Award once the Calendar Group settles into its new role after the Jubilee.



## The Award Winners

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Year	Dedication	Award Winner
2014	Presented in memory of <b>Owen Cole</b>	The <b>Three Faith Forum</b>
2013		<b>Dr Denise Cush</b> and <b>Dr Catherine Robinson</b> for the Living Religions Project
2012	Presented in memory of <b>Cherry Gould</b>	<b>Dr Bill Gent</b> for his work in editing the <i>RESource</i> magazine
2011		<b>Faith Initiative Interfaith Magazine</b> for its contribution to interfaith understanding
2010	Presented in memory of <b>Herbert Schultze</b>	<b>Geoffrey-Marshall Taylor</b> for services to religious education broadcasting
2009		<b>Articles of Faith</b> for its contribution to the use of artefacts in the teaching of RE
2008		<b>St Mungo Museum</b> for its contribution to education about religion and spirituality at all levels
2007	Presented in memory of <b>John Finel</b>	<b>Linda Mort</b> and <b>Katy Jones</b> ; DVD sets ' <i>A Child's Eye View of Festivals</i> '
2005	Presented in memory of <b>Geoffrey Parrinder</b>	<b>Geoff Teece</b> : <i>Religious Education: A pocket guide to the primary curriculum</i>
2004		<b>Sue Phillips</b> : Innovative approach to Teaching and Learning using the theatre of learning approach
2003		<b>Shirley Firth</b> for her work in bereavement across the religions and cultures
2002		<b>Gwilym Beckerledge</b> on behalf of the OU publications that have supported RS over many years
2001	Presented in memory of <b>Ninian Smart</b>	<b>Paul Weller</b> : Multi-Faith centre at the Uni. of Derby for the Religions in the UK directory 2001-3
2000		<b>Eleanor Nesbitt</b> and Gopinder Kaur: <i>Indic Values Series 2: Guru Nanak</i> (RMEP, 1999)
1999		<b>Susan Stronge</b> (ed): <i>The Arts of the Sikh Kingdoms</i> (V&A, 1999)
1998	Presented in memory of <b>Rabbi Hugo Gryn</b>	<b>Kim Knott</b> : <i>A Very Short Introduction to Hinduism</i> (Oxford, 1997)