



AnglicaansOnderwijsinBelgië

Anglican Religious Education¹

“Official recognition”

2012-2013



The Flemish Government has now granted official recognition to **Anglican Religious Education (ARE)** in the Flanders region and Brussels since the beginning of this academic year. This comes after years of preparation and many years without proper structures in place. A supervising committee for Anglican Religious Education (*Comité Anglicaans Godsdiensonderwijs – AGOC*) is now in place (*Official Journal publication 14 February 2012*). Its official seat is at the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (*Council decision 3 October 2011*). It is with great pleasure that we see the fruit of our patience, perseverance and preparation rewarded. One initiative that draws directly from the new responsibilities for ARE is training for teachers in the form of the Anglicanism Course open to all and on offer at HTB. Negotiations with KU Leuven have started with a view to offering full ARE teacher training from the next academic year onwards leading to university accreditation. The Holy Trinity Brussels Anglican Church website features some information on ARE www.holytrinity.be/content/education. Inspection for Anglican Religious Education classes taught in schools all over Flanders and Brussels is another important aspect that assures the quality of our classes and brings us to the same level as other religious denominations recognized in the Flemish school system. The contact person for ARE is also the newly appointed Inspector-advisor from the Flemish Ministry for Education and Training.

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¹ This is a summary of the activities of Anglican Religious Education in Belgium during the school year 2013-2014. Anglicanism is recognized since the beginning of the Belgian state in 1831 but for historical reasons ARE exists in the Flemish speaking part of Belgium and not in schools in the French and German speaking part of the country.