

Religion, worldviews, ways of knowing: moving forward in RE

Date: Thursday 23rd June 2022

Venue: Puckrup Hall Hotel, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EL

Online via Zoom, if needed (surely not!)

9.00am-3.30pm Registration from 8.45am

This will be a practical conference to explore a mix of practical strategies and classroom resources. There is a focus on current issues in RE – from the worldviews to ‘ways of knowing’. Our popular ‘TeachMeet’ slot gives you the chance to share great classroom ideas that work.

9.00 Introduction and welcome

To include an update on Gloucestershire SACRE’s plans for revising the Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus.

9.15-10.30 Religion and worldviews: a new approach in RE? Stephen Pett

A practical exploration of what a “religion and worldviews” approach looks like in the classroom. Drawing on research and current national projects, this session will look at some of the benefits as well as the challenges. How can we use this kind of approach to deepen pupils’ knowledge and understanding? Practical examples from at least three worldviews.

Break

11.00-12.30 Approaches to Sikh worldviews: history, spirituality, ethics and community Lat Blaylock

This session will provide seven learning ideas for 11-16s from Sikh tradition and community that explode some stereotypes and intend to open young people’s minds, using a variety of RE learning methods.

Lunch

1.15-2.30 Ways of knowing: multidisciplinary approaches Stephen Pett

Ofsted is talking about substantive’ knowledge and ‘disciplinary’ knowledge. What do they look like in RE? This session will look at how we can enable students to apply different methods to examine and evaluate the content of RE. For example:

- How can we use different methods to study religion?
- What connections can anthropology make with the personal worldviews of pupils? Astrology, amulets and restless spirits.
- Digging into data on prayer: what can surveys tell us about religious and non-religious worldviews?

Short break

2.45-3.15 TeachMeet

Five-minute slots to share practical and relevant ideas for your classroom. Sign up to offer an idea that works!

3.15-3.30 Evaluations and syllabus consultation

In the light of the topics explored during the day, this is an opportunity to comment on the ideas for the new Gloucestershire agreed syllabus. Herefordshire and Worcestershire syllabus is very similar to the Gloucestershire syllabus – so while the changes in Glos won’t directly affect the other counties yet, they may in the future!

You will receive an electronic copy of all resources used on the day to take away, with additional material available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources from RE Today Services will be available to purchase or order on the day at discounted prices.

Fee: £95 per delegate; £150 for two delegates from the same school.

Booking details attached. Please email to mark@retoday.org.uk or post to
RE Today Services, 5/6 Imperial Court, 12 Sovereign Road, Birmingham, B30 3FH

Why should I attend this conference?

- An opportunity to meet colleagues and share ideas
- Receive a rich variety of resources for classroom use
- Receive up-to-date, creative and inspiring training on things that matter in RE

But don't just take our word for it!

90% of 2021 online attendees rated the day as excellent!

- Although very different - zoom! - still a fantastic day. As always I feel refreshed and positive about the future of RE. The ideas and topics were excellent and I will definitely be using many of the activities.
- I was surprised how close it came to the joy of attending a face to face conference. Lots of fantastic and inspiring ideas. Thank you both.
- As always, fantastic resources, ideas and new perspectives to explore. This conference reinvigorates me and at the end of this year, that has been especially needed! I particularly enjoyed the Anti-racist RS session. Thanks to all involved, brilliant.
- Interesting range of topics, very well hosted.
- Good useful and practical resources.
- Wonderful day- great resources and really user friendly ideas. Marvellous.
- Even though I've seen Lat's picturing Islam before at strictly in London, seeing it with fresh ideas and eyes (plus new content) was great.
- Love the approach where schools buy the day and can all get involved!
- Very well run, professional, friendly and incredibly useful. I will be using so much from this day as inspiration!
- I can actually use all the ideas and resources in the classroom!
- I really enjoyed the Anti-Racism session and will be implementing a lot I have learnt from today into my Programmes of Study.
- Even though we couldn't meet in person, it was still so lovely to catch up with everyone again.
- Great resources and ideas - many of these I plan to use in my own teaching. Thank you.
- Inspiring- it made me re think my plans and critically examine my thinking on Islam

100% of 2019 attendees rated the day excellent!

- Excellent resources – informative and practical
- As always, excellent value for money and relevant materials with easily implemented ideas
- Always good to get together with like-minded people – new ideas every year.
- Always good to meet up again, like a huge TeachMeet. Will use Islam resources to centre Y7 learning to be mosque focused.
- I absolutely love coming to these conferences and look forward to it each year. Stephen is so inspiring and always go back to my school with fresh and exciting ideas. Everybody should come to this!
- An excellent first experience. I enjoyed the diverse input.
- All very good, as per usual. Good length and variety of sessions linked clearly to research, resources, strategies and practice.
- Very practical ideas and accompanying resources. Very user-friendly.
- Great practical resources to use in the classroom. Very informative – clear structures and important information.
- This was my first RE Today conference and it was incredibly useful! I really enjoyed meeting new people and the quality of the content was amazing!
- Great resources and classroom techniques. GCSE support is always needed.
- This was a superb course. Angela and Stephen were so knowledgeable and great presenters. I've learnt so much! Thank you, this was a great event!
- Excellent selection of topics and concepts. Lots of great practical ideas to use.
- An excellent day to network and reflect on my own practice. Lots of practical ideas to revamp our curriculum and enhance learning in a deeper and more meaningful way.

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