

**Herefordshire SACRE RE Conference 2012: Making a difference through RE**  
**EVALUATION**  
**47 delegates, plus 5 SACRE members plus 4 speakers**

	excellent	good	satisfactory	poor
<b>Workshop A Questions, questions</b> Stephen Pett 22 evaluations	<b>82%</b>	<b>18%</b>		
<b>Workshop B Handling controversial issues</b> Fiona Moss 11 evaluations	<b>82%</b>	<b>18%</b>		
<b>Workshop C Opportunities for spiritual development in exam RS.</b> Lat Blaylock 7 evaluations	<b>78%</b>	<b>22%</b>		
<b>Spiritual Meditation</b> Ven Tsultrim Tenzin Choesang 26 evaluations	<b>27%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>23%</b>	
<b>Keynote 1 What takes RE from good to outstanding?</b> Alan Brine 33 evaluations	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>10%</b>	
<b>Workshop D Discovering, exploring, imagining</b> Fiona Moss 12 evaluations	<b>58%</b>	<b>42%</b>		
<b>Workshop E Food for the Spirit</b> Lat Blaylock 13 evaluations	<b>54%</b>	<b>46%</b>		
<b>Workshop F Happiness, well-being, RE and spiritual development</b> Stephen Pett 10 evaluations	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>		
<b>Keynote 2: Spirited RE</b> Lat Blaylock 20 evaluations	<b>55%</b>	<b>45%</b>		
<b>Venue: Hereford Academy</b> 29 evaluations	<b>28%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Overall value of the conference</b> 31 evaluations	<b>68%</b>	<b>32%</b>		

**Further comments**

- Lots of excellent teaching ideas.
- V worthwhile – CPD in RE – first time in my 13 year teaching career!! Thank you. I hope I can attend next year.
- This is my favourite day out of school of the year! I always look forward to it and get enthused as a result!
- As usual, an amazing course full of resources and easily adapted ideas.
- Security at the venue stopped the conference feeling as relaxed as maybe. Great practical ideas from both workshops but links to spirituality good too.
- Loved the Ofsted view – plenty to reflect on
- “Questions, questions” useful across curriculum
- Enjoyable day. Lots to think about. Useful to see some resources.
- All content excellent
- Really enjoyed – lots of great ideas.
- Makes you feel full of enthusiasm and want to get back into school and try ideas out.
- Very interesting, lots of ideas to share with the staff, lots of enthusiasm and passion from the speakers – very contagious!
- It is the first time I have attended the SACRE conference and would really recommend it to my fellow Head teachers in Shropshire.
- Inspirational ideas/activities as always.
- Really valued the workshop Questions, Questions.
- Great ideas to take back to inspire RE lessons in KS1
- Excellent – all ideas will be in schemes of work next week!
- Alan Brine so easy to listen to and really made sense. I love the importance of reflection and enquiry. What an absolutely super day – thank you for all your hard work.
- More time for spiritual meditation, uses of... Good ideas and resources. Fiona Moss was very inspiring and gave

great experience and examples to learn from.

- Excellent ideas from Lat Blaylock. A very good day!
- “Questions, Questions” – very inspiring and many useful resources/strategies provided. More time needed for meditation to be valuable. Good resources provided with the course.
- Excellent workshops – lots of great ideas. More on meditation please!
- Pity that the meditation couldn’t be developed
- Loved the school dinners! Meditation was a moment of peace and stillness in the busy lives we lead. Keynote 1 – importance of consistency and continuity across every lesson. Workshops – informative, useful practical ideas for use in classrooms
- Fantastic keynote speakers, as ever – unfortunately so difficult to concentrate due to the seating.
- The raked seating is by far the most uncomfortable I have ever sat on.
- Needed easier access to comfort areas!

### **Actions you will take to follow up from this conference**

- SMSC, Ofsted and how RE fits in. V useful, and will help reinforce importance to staff
- Update action plan. Plan staff meeting for autumn term
- SMSC across all subject. Audit.
- Try out some of the activities. Audit of RE and SMSC – action plan
- Introduce questioning into my planning
- Think about RE in the light of the new Ofsted framework; audit; monitoring; CPD opportunities?
- Improve RE across curriculum – spiritual development. Share with staff
- Audit RE curriculum. Feed back to staff – focus on SMSC development and provision in school. How can we improve?
- Introducing enquiry and identity poetry
- Add more SMSC / use resources given in lessons, eg responsibility pie.
- Review some aspects of existing presentation given to children
- Share with the rest of staff. Create action plan
- Reflect on the way RE is shared across the school. Ensure there is continuity and consistency in the teaching. Share great ideas and info about SMSC.
- Liaise with newly appointed RE teacher, school and foundation governors.
- Share with other staff; review RE curriculum
- Share today with colleagues and subject co-ordinator. Look at provision for RE across the school
- Focus on existing schemes of work – improve questioning – make RE go deeper
- Use SMSC lever to discuss RE as priority in school. Questions – place in planning
- Reflect on how it fits into SDP for next three years. Role of SLT and RE co-ordinator discussion.
- Meet with primary special schools to explore provision and schemes of work etc for SEN. Incorporate questions more in my lessons and explore current story provision; freshen up teaching ideas /approaches in school
- Meet with other RE coordinators reference adopting planning for special schools.
- Impressing upon colleagues the importance and weight that RE/SMSC has upon the whole curriculum
- Further reading. Adding new ideas to planning
- Leading RE from now on in my school!
- I will use many of the ideas in my teaching, not just in RE
- RE will be a focus for SDP 2012-13 and now feel more informed, inspired and motivated to address this in a positive way. Thank you
- Look at RE in the SIP. Make sure staff are fully aware that SMSC is not just through RE lessons!
- Use of 4 Cs in whole school development planning. Re-look at RE curriculum. Purchase RE Today photo-resources and cards
- Much thought will take place to improve SMSC, thank you. Deffo use activities and evaluate my practice in my role as RE co-ordinator.

### **Suggestions/requests for future support**

- Help with effective assessment and with focused monitoring
- Support with implementing the new agreed syllabus in (new co-ordinator) school. *More* ideas for developing children’s spirituality.
- Network meetings are very helpful, please continue!
- Guidance on assessing work

- Links with local people who could support schools in RE.
- Ideas to adapt the syllabus for special needs children.
- Assessment strategies. Teaching range of religions.
- More ideas to help ensure secondary RE is outstanding; some “how to manage RE in Secondary settings” – assess progress etc.
- How to be a good RE co-ordinator in the primary school
- Suggestions for using meditation in school with Ani-la Choesang. Would love to try it but not enough knowledge.
- Keep the conference with the high quality of speakers. Thank you!
- Assessment strategies for effective assessment in RE. What do the levels look like? Connecting AT1 and AT2 more effectively.
- More support for non-specialists