

**Herefordshire SACRE RE Conference 2013: Making progress in RE
EVALUATION (44 evaluation forms/ 51 delegates)**

	excellent	good	satisfactory	poor
A moment in the Tranquillity Zone (42 responses) Midge Ault	38%	50%	12%	
Keynote 1 Making good progress in RE (44) Stephen Pett	70%	30%		
Workshop A Planning and integrating assessment in the primary school Lat Blaylock (36 responses)	100%			
Workshop B Teaching Islam (8 responses) Stephen Pett	88%	12%		
Workshop C Understanding Buddhism (2) Venerable Tsultrim Tenzin Choesang		100%		
Workshop D Deeper Thinking in RE (35) Stephen Pett	69%	31%		
Workshop E Grill a SACRE rep! (5 responses) Cllr Liz Chave; Cherry Wolfe; Ani-la Choesang		60%	20%	20%
Workshop F Raising achievement at KS3 (4) Lat Blaylock	75%	25%		
Keynote 2 Progress for pupils, progress for teachers Lat Blaylock (34 responses)	91%	9%		
Venue: Whitecross Academy (44 responses)	84%	14%	2%	
Overall value of the conference (42 responses)	88%	12%		

Further comments (representative selection of comments)

- An excellent day filled with inspiration and practical ideas. Very refreshing.
- Very informative manageable ideas to use in the classroom. Practical and immediate ideas provided. Well-organised and good choice of workshops.
- Very well organised conference thank you. Useful to have time to focus on RE and gather lots of ideas.
- Thanks for the hints, helps and reassurance.
- Always fantastic to have lots of practical ideas, but more examples from faiths other than Christianity would support what tends to be weaker areas of subject knowledge. Such an enjoyable day – fantastic quality from all, thank you.
- Invaluable, esp with regards to clarifying how to learn from as well as about religion.
- Lat was excellent – inspiring. Great examples of children's work which transcends year groups and key stages. Thank you.
- I found the day very accessible and realistic about what can happen in the classroom. Inspirational speakers and fab resources.
- Excellent day. Lots of great ideas – so nice to have practical ideas we can actually use rather than theory.
- Very inspirational as always – so many super resources. Can't wait to use them and inspire others back in school with ideas.
- Some really useful resources and ideas for lessons that have challenged and made me re-think all my planning for next year.
- Think the grilling needed a bit more focus on how lessons could be enhanced.
- Workshop E lacked focus and offered little that was relevant to the classroom.
- Good to consider agnostic/atheist ideas head on.
- Fantastic ideas, amazingly presented. Thank you!

Actions you will take to follow up from this conference

- Using ideas for 'learning from' in workshops A and D; use of level ladder in books from workshop A; use of EYFS Smartboard resources from workshop D.
- Hopefully encourage staff to think about Big RE – we did single days last year. Would like to suggest a week this year. Also use levels from Lat's workshop – really useful.
- Look at and improve the assessment we use at school. Deepen the thinking of children in lessons.
- Feed back in staff meeting to share the creative ideas and assessment ladder.
- Put in place focused assessment tasks for better assessment.
- Be more creative in my lessons and focus on 'learn from'.
- Use lots of practical ideas. Share resources with others. Take more risks.
- I will definitely be trying out many of the ideas.
- Review the broad impact of RE at my school and consider the confidence of my RE teachers.

Suggestions/requests for future support

- More of the same. More resources for KS1? Help to deliver Herefordshire key questions, perhaps.
- More time for secondary resources.
- Opportunities for representatives of different religions to come in to school for a 'grill the expert' session for children and/or teachers.
- Secondary conference
- Teaching/planning for mixed age groups (I'm teaching Yrs R, 1 & 2)
- Repeat of special schools conference. Arrange network meeting
- How to be a good RE co-ordinator