

***Making and assessing progress in RE:
creative teaching and effective assessment
19 June 2014***

Following successful conferences in Gloucestershire, 2014 sees the first Three Counties secondary RE conference. Balancing **inspiration and practicality**, the conference offers a chance to **think through current issues** in RE, try out a host of **ready-to-use classroom resources**, meet other RE teachers and share ideas.

Programme:

9.15 Assessment, progress and achievement without levels *Lat Blaylock*

In the light of recent Department for Education announcements removing the use of levels, leaving it up to schools to devise their own ways of assessing progress, this keynote session will explore the issues and offer some practical and workable solutions.

10.15 Growing your assessment *Julie Haigh*

RE teachers at Stroud High School have been spending this year developing and trialling their own assessment procedures, to tighten up on pupils' understanding and development of skills. In this session we will hear how it works in practice.

10.45 Break

11.15 Opening up art and texts: deepening understanding *Stephen Pett*

A practical workshop giving you at least five strategies for engaging students with art and texts in RE, in order to deepen their understanding of core concepts and develop their RE skills.

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Promoting deeper thinking in RE *Lat Blaylock*

Pupils value RE because it helps them express ideas clearly, argue forcefully and engage creatively with big questions. This workshop will provide ready-to-use examples of how RE can best do this.

2.30 Developing enquiry in the classroom *Stephen Pett*

Knowledge is key, according to the DfE; enquiry is the thing, according to Ofsted. Can we do enquiry *and* develop students' knowledge? This session catches up with some theory and looks at classroom applications.

3.30 Evaluations and end of conference.

You will receive copies of materials used during the day, including access to downloadable copies after the event. Further resources on sale.

Venue: Puckrup Hall Hotel, GL20 6EL - easily accessible off the M5 and M50

Fee: £100, including refreshments and lunch.

Booking details attached. Please send to courses@retoday.org.uk or post to RE Today Services, 1020 Bristol Road, Birmingham, B29 6LB

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We are delighted to have **Lat Blaylock** to lead the morning sessions. Editor of REtoday magazine, Lat is an inspirational trainer of thousands of RE teachers each year, and member of the REC Review Expert Panel and development writing group.

Julie Haigh is head of RE at Stroud High School, and author of two volumes in the new OUP *Living Faiths Series: Living Faiths: Christianity* and *Living Faiths: Sikhism*.

Stephen Pett, writer and editor of RE Today's series of secondary resources, a former Head of RE and AST, is currently adviser to the Three Counties SACREs.

Some feedback from the 2012 conference:

- Practical ideas, clearly presented; plenty of time for networking.
- Excellent speakers, fantastic resources, really interesting topics
- Excellent resources and ideas for lessons, also great to reflect on RE's strengths and opportunities to improve.
- From a non-specialist perspective this was a real eye-opener. I have lots to consider.
- Lat – loads of good ideas as ever. Love the pie! SACRE reps – fast and furious. Stephen – high speed brilliant; humorous, but really vital and very interesting. Lots to do.
- A challenging and uplifting day
- Very informative, enjoyed the session
- Fantastic experience for a PGCE student, lots of resources and networking opportunities.

Feedback from 2013 conference:

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