Special RE with purpose: clarity, creativity and confidence

A day for special schools in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, supporting teachers to meet the needs of their pupils and promote their personal development.

Tuesday 29th April 2014

8.30am	Arrivals, registration, tea & coffee
9.00	Session 1: RE with purpose: responding to Ofsted One of the lessons for Special schools is the importance of being very clear about our aims and content and what RE means for our pupils. This session will explore how we can confidently place our pupils at the centre of what we are teaching.
10.30	Break
11.00	Session 2: Expressing concepts creatively Getting children and young people to grasp the core concepts of religion is central to good RE. This session will explore how to help pupils do this through creating symbolic dances, movements and experiences. Examples will include Remembrance Day and the Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur.
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Session 3: Wave meditation and prayer flags in Buddhism Ani-la Choesang, the Tibetan Buddhist representative on SACRE, will introduce a session on movement in meditation – for those pupils who cannot sit still; and demonstrate ways of creating Buddhist prayer flags.
2.15	Session 4: Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development across the special school Advice, tips and practical examples: how to ensure that SMSC development and spirituality permeates the curriculum and the school ethos.
3.30	Evaluations

The course is at **Puckrup Hall, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EL**. We are delighted to have **Anne Krisman** to lead the day. Anne is subject leader of RE at Little Heath School, Romford, Essex, an experienced teacher in a variety of special schools, writer on RE and special needs, and winner of the 2011 Hockerill/National Association of Teachers of RE <u>Award for Innovation in RE</u>. Her school has been included as a <u>case study</u> on the Ofsted good practice website, and was included as an example of excellent RE in the latest <u>Ofsted RE report</u>.

All the materials devised for the course will be available to your school, and a report will be published in REtoday magazine (http://www.retoday.org.uk/retoday-magazine)

Anne asks that all participants should bring along an item to share as part of session 1: 'What things move us?'

Please bring along something that moves you. It might be something a pupil has done or said, or something in your life that has struck you as being very moving.
e.g. a story; a picture; an object; a letter; an account of an event.

Booking form: Three Counties Special RE day Tuesday 29th April 2014

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