

Herefordshire and Worcestershire SACREs Primary RE Conference Evaluation 23 June 2014

37 delegates. 27 from Herefordshire. 30 evaluation forms received.

Thanks to Cllr Carl Attwood, Herefordshire Council, who secured Malvern St James' Girls' School (of which he is a governor) as the venue for the conference.

	excellent	good	satisfactory
Overall value of the conference	87%	13%	
<p>Further comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wonderful day. Everyone was extremely helpful and approachable. Inspiring speakers and workshops. Thank you! • Completely inspired, coming away with several ideas for a variety of religions and age groups. Made links to cross-curricular learning, which was great! • Whole day helped to re-focus the work I will be doing with my school to enhance the teaching and learning of RE and the Christian character of the school • As always a very thought-provoking and interesting day. Practical ideas which I can use in school. I would have liked to have done all 6 workshops. Lovely lunch too! • Brilliant ideas to take back to school as a teacher and co-ordinator. Nice that we were asked about curriculum review too. • Inspiring with many practical ideas As always inspirational, can't wait to try out all the ideas and suggestions; always good to be able to chat to other RE co-ordinators and compare practice • Lat Blaylock was a fantastic speaker, animated with lots of suggestions for creativity/deeper thinking in RE. I've come away with lots of ways to improve my RE (and other) lessons. • A super day which was exactly what I was looking for as an RE coordinator. Lots of ideas to rejuvenate RE • A fantastic day to share with other teachers. As always, Lat was very inspirational and I always return wanting to try things straight away • Great balance of theory and practical ideas. Also thank you for suggesting/demonstrating how initial stimulus can be developed • Great ideas from an inspirational and easy to listen to speaker • A really inspiring and thought-provoking day • I was very impressed! I have been really inspired and am walking away with lots of ideas and resources to try. 			
<p>Actions you will take to follow up from this conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop assessment in RE; run several staff meetings on developing better RE and deeper thinking • In Sept will use some of these ideas with my new class • Feed back to staff and inspire them to create better RE • Spread more creativity in RE teaching across the school; make sure children are given sufficient time to reflect on sessions; improve resources • Look at creative ways used across school, feedback to staff; highlight importance of spirituality • Lots of simple and practical ideas to try; importance of challenging children and making them <i>think</i>. • Ensure the stories I read have meaning; share ideas with others • Build in better assessment and tracking; cascade ideas to rest of staff • Feel more confident teaching RE next year • Use pictures as a starting point; focus more on the 'bigger meaning' of stories • Inset day to share all the wonderful ideas/strategies • Order some persona dolls for KS1; take a staff meeting on RE to share some of the things I have got today 			

- Look at RE planning for next year and look at activities to inspire children
- I have taken away many ideas to incorporate into my classroom practice
- Share resources/ideas with colleagues. Build into curriculum review.
- A much more creative approach in the classroom. Give children the time and space to explore religion no matter their own beliefs. Try to relate religion to their own lives to engage them

Suggestions/requests for future support:

- Thematic planning approach; organising themes/learning across the school; resources to support
- At least termly meetings of RE co-ordinators to share good practice
- List of places to visit. Contacts to come to school for workshops.
- More of these conferences!
- Longer course e.g. over 2 days to extend links between different religions and age appropriate activities