



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
June 2016**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
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*Implementing the 2015  
agreed syllabus with a  
balance of practical  
ideas and inspiration*

*Thoughtful,  
knowledgeable RE  
Using texts and stories  
Create, talk, sing!  
Speakers' Corner*

## **Primary RE Conference**

*Inspiring RE: creative,  
thoughtful, rigorous*



### **Venues:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
Worcester

*This conference will be repeated on*  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
Hereford

**Fee**  
**£100**

Or £175 for two teachers  
from the same school

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Worcester

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**9.30am-3.30pm** (Registration and refreshments from 8.45am)

**This one-day conference will build on the launch last year of the 2015 Worcestershire and Herefordshire Agreed Syllabuses. It will focus on practical classroom ideas and strategies, exploring ways of making the most of the new syllabus and see how it is being applied in schools.**

### **8.45 Registration and refreshments**

#### **9.30-10.45 Thoughtful, knowledgeable RE: strategies to get pupils thinking and learning**

In this session we will try out a range of strategies for getting pupils to think hard and learn lots. Engaging ideas and resources will be explored to open up some of the key questions and enable pupils to achieve the syllabus outcomes.

### **Break - refreshments**

#### **11.15-12.30 Excellent teaching and learning**

Choose one workshop from the following:

##### **A. Teaching Christianity, Islam and Judaism with 4-7s**

Open up three religions with active learning: high quality teaching and learning ideas, based on the syllabus, to promote children's understanding, skills and spiritual development.

##### **B. Teaching religions through texts and stories (7-11s)**

Creative ideas for opening up key sacred texts and stories, unlocking their meanings and mysteries, and reflecting on their impact. Simple strategies for helping pupils to develop skills of interpretation and reflection, using texts in Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

### **Lunch**

#### **1.30-2.10 Speakers' corner**

In this session, delegates will share ideas, practice, lessons learned in implementing the syllabus; other delegates will visit their corner to listen to/engage with their mini-talks.

#### **2.15-3.15 Create, talk sing! Getting creative for inspiring RE**

This session will look at ways of using the performing and visual arts to promote excellent RE and support pupils in deepening their understanding of religions and beliefs

Copies of all resources used on the day will be available to take away, and electronic copies available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources will be available to purchase or order on the day.

### **Who is it for?**

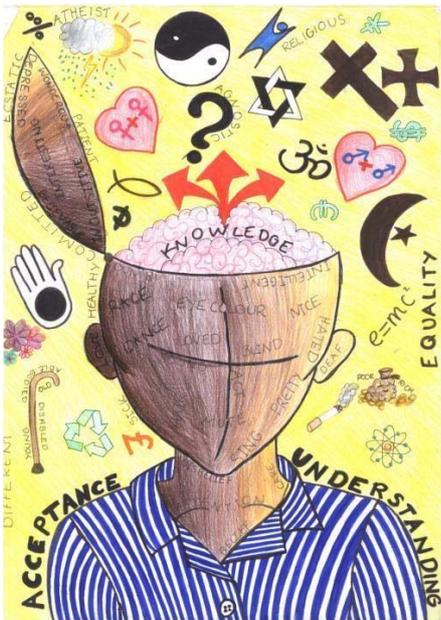
The conference is aimed at teachers of RE from primary schools, including subject leaders, TAs and head teachers. It will also be valuable for governors to find out about how the new syllabus is being implemented, as well as to explore best practice in RE. **Middle school teachers can attend the primary conference or the secondary conference on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

### **Aims**

- To support schools in implementing the new Worcestershire and Herefordshire Agreed Syllabuses for RE, with its increased flexibility and extra support for planning RE
- To provide practical strategies, guidance and resources for teachers and subject leaders in planning creative, thoughtful, rigorous RE to promote the personal development of pupils
- To model examples of thoughtful RE, challenging all pupils and promoting deeper thinking

### **Fee:**

**£100 or £175 for two teachers from the same school, including refreshments, lunch and resources**  
Booking form attached.

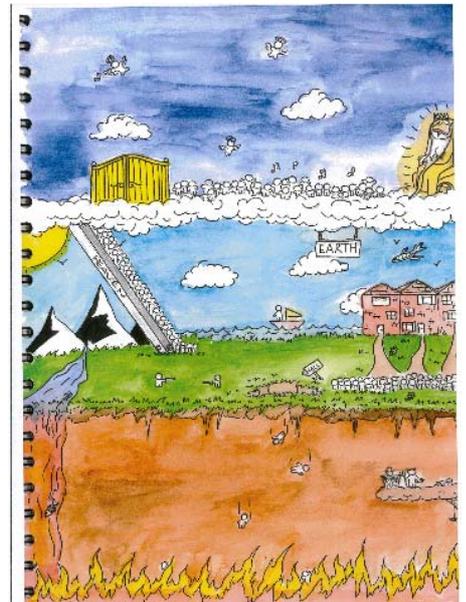


Thursday  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June  
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**Secondary RE  
Conference**  
also for Middle and  
Upper schools

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This session will use some of the recent findings of neuroscience and psychology to consider ways to make pupils' learning more effective. Building on the key questions approach in the agreed syllabus, and reflecting the additional demands of two religions at GCSE, we will explore ideas for helping pupils to deepen their understanding in RE.

#### **Break - refreshments**

#### **11.15-12.30 SOLO taxonomy: helping pupils make excellent progress**

This session will look at a clear, practical way of structuring learning to enable pupils to make progress. Joanne Harris, experienced HoD and member of NATRE Executive, will give detailed examples and evidence of pupil progress from her own school, from Y7 to GCSE.

#### **Lunch**

#### **1.30-2.15 TeachMeet – speakers' corner!**

An opportunity to hear how some teachers have been putting the new syllabus into practice. Brief input – maximum number of inspiring ideas!

#### **2.20-3.30 Teaching Christianity: some new ideas**

A theological approach to teaching Christianity, preparing the groundwork for excellent understanding for GCSE and A-level. Ideas, resources, activities, using text, art, music, video.

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**Speakers:** Stephen Pett (Lat Blaylock/Kate Christopher) Joanne Harris

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Booking form attached. Please send to [mark@retoday.org.uk](mailto:mark@retoday.org.uk) or post to

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