

Three Counties Secondary RE Conference

Tuesday 25 June 2024

Puckrup Hall Hotel, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EL

This will be a practical conference to explore theory and practice, from enriching provision at KS3 to enhance GCSE results, through to research on worldviews and being non-religious.

8.30	Registration and refreshments
9.00-10.00	Explaining atheism: getting to grips with non-religion <i>Stephen Pett, RE Today</i> Research scientists are examining 29 possible causes of atheism – you'll be amazed at no. 7..! Using the latest, cutting-edge research to explore non-religion at KS3
10.15-11.15	Rich study of Islam at KS3 for exam excellence at GCSE and beyond... <i>Ian Nicholson, RE Today</i> Loosening the straitjacket of the GCSE specs on your KS3! Lay the foundation for exam success by planning wide-ranging encounters with Muslims and Islam, including developing sophisticated interpretive skills, at KS3.
11.30-12.30	Worldviews: current research, excellent practice <i>Chris Hancock, Wycliff School</i> Drawing on his PhD research, Chris will set out the current picture of worldviews research and offer practical ideas for handling them in the classroom, particularly looking at students' personal worldviews.
	Lunch
1.15-2.15	Beyond the spec: developing a coherent GCSE curriculum <i>Ian Nicholson</i> Instead of using the specification as a curriculum – walking through each module and unit a line at a time – take an overview and find engaging ways for students to understand the field of study <i>and</i> be able to write great exam answers.
2.20-3.20	Encountering Jews, Hindus, Christians and Sikhs at KS3: real lives, real living <i>Stephen Pett</i> Getting beyond the text book, hear from a wide range of adherents to enrich your students' encounters, appreciating and appraising a range of voices from within religious communities.
3.20-3.30	Evaluations

You will receive an electronic copy of all resources used on the day to take away, with additional material available to download afterwards. A wide range of resources from RE Today Services will be available to purchase or order on the day at discounted prices.

Fee: £110 per delegate; £175 for two delegates from the same school.

Booking details attached. Please email to mark@retoday.org.uk or post to **RE Today Services, 5/6 Imperial Court, 12 Sovereign Road, Birmingham, B30 3FH**

Why should I attend this conference?

- An opportunity to meet colleagues and share ideas
- Receive a rich variety of resources for classroom use
- Receive up-to-date, creative and inspiring training on things that matter in RE

But don't just take our word for it!

100% of attendees in 2023 rated the conference excellent!

- An excellent opportunity to consider and develop practice as usual!!
- Great ideas, great refresher, great to network just great! Thank you so much
- The variety of discussion and practical advice was stimulating and thought provoking. It has provided me with much to take back to both department and school. 'Letters and papers from prison' (Bonhoeffer) - the reason I have done this job for nearly 30 years!!
- Excellent resource ideas - great presenters - all very engaging and enthusiastic
- As always a great conference, jam packed with ideas and practical strategies for the classroom.
- Just excellent, so many points made throughout that I hadn't thought of before.
- As always, a great day! I always learn so much at the conference and this year is no different. Especially the practical help with lesson ideas.
- Excellent, really thought provoking, lots of practical ideas, takeaways.
- Some really interesting and practical ideas on how to bring diversity and world views into the classroom! Already planning mentally how I am going to add the resources used into our curriculum!

100% of attendees in 2022 rated the conference excellent!

- Thank you so much for giving up your time. Really enjoy/interested in research behind worldviews and how to explore worldviews. Practical examples modelled by Lat - thank you! Loved how we explored ideas and turned methods upside down.
- This is my annual 'plugin'! I love meeting other RE teachers and gaining such amazing knowledge and understanding.
- Excellent day with amazing resource is that can be adapted and taken into the classroom. Great to see some different approaches to how to deliver resources to students.
- Superb as usual. Inspirational and directly relevant to RE now. Lovely update on current dialogue and looking ahead.
- Excellent day full of useful ideas and links to learning. Good to be able to plan in some more up to date ideas. Good to share with others, making links.
- Fantastic day to really 'hone in' on key skills. Great content on both pedagogy and faith / worldview. World views was great to get to grips with. I liked the practical suggestions for use in the classroom.
- So good to be able to work collectively and in the real world again. I met some stimulating and supportive colleagues which is vital.
- Really enjoyed the segment on world views and excited to see how this develops. The venue was excellent! Really enjoyed the depth of the content on Sikhi.

90% of 2021 online attendees rated the day as excellent!

- Although very different - zoom! - still a fantastic day. As always I feel refreshed and positive about the future of RE. The ideas and topics were excellent and I will definitely be using many of the activities.
- I was surprised how close it came to the joy of attending a face to face conference. Lots of fantastic and inspiring ideas. Thank you both.
- As always, fantastic resources, ideas and new perspectives to explore. This conference reinvigorates me and at the end of this year, that has been especially needed! I particularly enjoyed the Anti-racist RS session. Thanks to all involved, brilliant.
- I can actually use all the ideas and resources in the classroom!
- Inspiring- it made me rethink my plans and critically examine my thinking on Islam