



Celebrating RE 2011
NASACRE Conference
FREE

WHOSE RE IS IT ANYWAY?

Carrs Lane Church Centre, Birmingham B4 7SX

Thurs 31st March 2011: 10am-3.45pm

This will be a vital exploration of the creative tensions that exist within and between the different interest groups/stakeholders in their views of and reasons for RE in schools: what RE is all about, why we should be bothered about it and what pupils should get out of it. These tensions affect us all, but especially those who serve on agreed syllabus conferences (ASCs).

The purpose of the day is to engage people in these issues, to enable us all to listen and respond to different perspectives and to work out what is best for children and young people in schools and ultimately for the development of society.

The conference will provide both stimulus and engagement. There will be four quick ten-minute 'talking-heads' reflections on the whys and wherefores of good RE in our schools followed by workshops where some of these can be more deeply explored.

Speakers include: Graham Langtree, RE Adviser Devon; Barbara Wintersgill, former HMI; Sandra Teacher, Board of Deputies' Education Officer; Andrew Wright, Professor of Religious and Theological Education, King's College London, Bill Moore, Chair; Bruce Gill; Denise Chaplin; Jo Fageant and Sharon Artley, NASACRE.

The conference will:

- explore the tensions and controversies within and between RE stakeholders with a particular focus on quality RE for pupils in schools;
- provide stimuli to thinking and discussions amongst RE stakeholders about why we should be bothered about it and what pupils should get out of it;
- provide an opportunity for stakeholders to voice, and share their different perspectives and listen to the different interests within the RE community.

Outcomes:

- a NASACRE steer on how SACREs and ASCs are central to quality RE because they pull together the local and national, the faith communities and educational principles in their locally agreed syllabuses;
- a NASACRE positional statement on shared responsibility for quality RE;
- clearer understanding for SACREs and other partners on how SACREs can improve RE locally and nationally;
- a report on the conference.

To register, contact:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 10am: Coffee & registration;
10.25am: Welcome & Introductions:
Setting the scene and contextualising the day: Bill Moore;
- 10.40am: Talking Heads 1:
Local or National?
Where is RE's Best Future?
Speakers: Graham Langtree and Barbara Wintersgill
- Talking Heads 2:
Faith Community or Education Community?
Who owns RE?
Speakers: Sandra Teacher and Andrew Wright
Chaired by Bruce Gill
- 11.25am: Workshops 1
- 12.20pm: Lunch
- 1.20pm: Workshops 2
- 2.15pm: Questions Board?
Feedback / panel chaired by Bruce Gill;
- 3pm: Celebration award giving: Sharon Artley;
- 3.15pm: **RE ANYway? Why quality RE is worth struggling for and what needs to be done.:** Graham Langtree;
- 3.30pm: Vote of thanks: Bill Moore;
- 3.45pm: Finish

WORKSHOPS:

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| Learners' RE? What do we want pupils and schools to get from RE? | Bill Moore |
| Partners' RE? The route to agreement – working in partnership in a cost-cutting climate | Denise Chaplin |
| Teachers' RE? Truth and controversy in the RE classroom | Andy Wright |
| Local RE? Local ownership of a national framework | Graham Langtree |
| Communities' RE? From A to B: how do faith groups work together? | Jo Fageant |