

**Herefordshire Annual SACRE Conference 2009**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
Hedley Lodge Conference Centre, Belmont Abbey, Herefordshire

## **What makes for good RE?**

**A Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) day conference for teachers, heads, governors and SACRE members.**

### **What is it about?**

**This conference is an important CPD opportunity for teachers, heads and governors to reflect on the important place and contribution of Religious Education in a changing curriculum. The day will be filled with inspiring and practical suggestions and activities to share.**

The conference will be led by Jane Brooke previously a Principal Adviser with Cheshire LA, now an independent national RE adviser working with the National Society and Chester Diocese, RE Today sub-editor and practicing School Improvement Partner; by Stephen Pett RE adviser with RE Today, by Shahne Vickery Primary schools adviser with Gloucester Diocese and by Sara Catlow-Hawkins, Head, Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School..

### **Aims:**

- to support teachers in the delivery of quality RE and the improvement of pupil achievement;
- to support the continued implementation and impact of the 2006 Herefordshire Agreed Syllabus
- to bring together all those with an interest in developing RE in Herefordshire for discussion and the sharing of ideas.

### **Programme**

**8.45 Arrivals, registration, coffee**

**9.15 Welcome** Cllr John Stone Chair of SACRE  
Joyce Mackley RE consultant to SACRE

**9.30 Key note address: Jane Brooke** (former Principal Adviser with Cheshire LA, now an independent national RE adviser working with the National Society and Chester Diocese, RE Today sub-editor and practicing School Improvement Partner)

***'That was the best RE lesson I've ever taught' 'I feel like resigning after that RE lesson'.  
The best and the worst in RE: What makes an outstanding RE lesson? How do you know?  
The address will explore the ingredients for quality RE in the classroom.  
Please bring one example of an outstanding lesson you have taught or observed.***

**10.30-10.55 Break**

**11.00-12.30 Workshops\*** (see over)

**12.30-1.30 Lunch / resource exhibition**

**1.30-3.0 Workshops\*** (see over)

**3.00 Tea and return to main conference room**

**3.10-3.30 Celebrating RE in Herefordshire** - a chance to view the NATRE DVDs filmed in Herefordshire schools

**3.30-3.45 Reflections on the day**  
Parting comments from Chair of SACRE, Bridget Knight, conference delegates.

There will be a display of resources

Workshop choices

Please indicate with a tick ✓ your choice of workshop for the morning AND afternoon sessions

Please indicate ✓ in box below

	Title of workshop and outline details	Workshop leader + brief details	Workshop Morning Choice
	<b>Morning workshops</b>		
1	<b>Philosophy for children and RE</b>	<b>Jane Brooke</b> RE Adviser Chester Diocese, National Society.	
2	<b>Persona Dolls and RE</b> This practical workshop will explore the value and use of persona dolls for great RE, drawing on the guidance Shahne has written linking directly to the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus's for RE in Reception/KS1.	<b>Shahne Vickery</b> Primary Diocesan Adviser Gloucester Diocese	
3	<b>Using your brain in RE: stimulating better learning</b> Applying some recent findings of neuroscience to planning classroom tasks and activities. Exploring the process of adaptive decision making and applying it to the upper primary and secondary classrooms.	<b>Stephen Pett</b> RE Adviser RE Today Stephen has until 2008 was AST for RE in Gloucestershire and chair of SACRE	
4	<b>The place and value of RE in the changing curriculum context</b> Sara will facilitate discussion and the sharing of best practice (This workshop will be offered if there is sufficient demand )	<b>Sara Catlow-Hawkins</b> Head Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School	
	<b>Afternoon workshops</b>		<b>Workshop afternoon Choice</b>
5	<b>Using art to teach RE.</b> This practical workshop will explore a variety of ways of using art in RE. Please bring any examples of your own good practice with you	<b>Jane Brooke</b> RE Adviser Chester Diocese, National Society.	
6	<b>RE in a church school</b> This workshop will focus on developing activities around exploring Christian Festivals or Eucharist (from reception to Yr 6) Shahne will draw on the guidance for Church schools she has produced and published.	<b>Shahne Vickery</b> Primary Diocesan Adviser Gloucester Diocese	
7	<b>Around the World in 40 Faiths</b> Practical ways of using a new online resource to enrich pupils' understanding of and encounter with religious diversity. Stephen has acted as RE consultant to the BBC on this project.	<b>Stephen Pett</b> RE Adviser RE Today Stephen has until 2008 was AST for RE in Gloucestershire and chair of SACRE	