

EVALUATIONS

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SACRE Teachers Conference

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RE to Save the Planet



Session 1 – KEYNOTE

'RE to save the Planet' - Fiona Moss

- A good introduction to the day – really enjoyed ideas for discussion with classes and how different religions are reacting to climate change
- Relevant, interesting with lots of ideas to use in the classroom
- Engaging – made it much easier to see how RE can link into all aspects of current affairs etc
- Really interesting teaching ideas e.g. through use of art and photography to get attention of students
- Good ideas that can be adapted and used. Particularly like the use of artwork as stimulus
- Very interesting take away points for classroom practice – will be using some next week. I liked the table tapping as a way of voting
- Having an RE/ART week – will invite parents in to art gallery (WIRE AWARD!)
- Lots of great ideas and resources
- Thought provoking – lots of practical ideas. Inspired to enter spirited art competition. Really enjoyed playing the game.
- Super ideas – emotive – can take straight into the classroom
- Thank you for such an informative session. I have learnt lots of things that I will be using in my school
- Inspiring
- Great ideas and resources. Inspiring!
- Very important
- Very informative. Lots of good ideas
- Great! Very informative and interesting
- Great speaker
- Excellent! I am not a teacher yet all sessions were inspirational, insightful and gave some ideas for how to approach conversation with children
- Inspirational teaching – full of ideas
- I really found Fiona's speech inspiring and has given me food for thought
- Great connections with other areas of curriculum
- Useful tips and ideas. Liked the art ideas. Had already covered much of this with PGCE group at a Lat Blaylock session
- I liked the sacred arts competition. If in school how long do you give for it. Do you provide the paper etc.
- Different ways of introducing a theme – especially use of artwork. Thinking about how different faiths might consider/respond to climate crisis
- Excellent
- I will use the various activities that were introduced – particularly with my year 2's
- Very engaging and thought provoking. Very current to the world today
- Lots of good ideas to weave into the curriculum
- A lovely inspiring start to the Conference
- A very enjoyable talk and thought provoking
- Very appropriate topic for current concerns. Some good ideas to use e.g. the board game. Would have been helpful for handout booklet to be in same order as presentation
- Really inspiring ideas – very appropriate for a themed RE day
- Very inspiring – links to more holistic and green curriculum very timely
- Excellent

- Good introduction to the day
- Really useful, lots of resources shared which is exactly what we need
- Really helpful introduction and ideas for teaching and climate/change/justice in RE for all ages
- Very good, practical ideas. Inspiring
- Great inspirational start to the day

- A real eye opener into how religion and the teaching of RE can have an impact into the children's understanding of current issues
- Great talk! I really enjoyed this, kept my interest throughout – useful
- Really enjoyable and interesting
- Links to ideas to take back to school
- Interesting, informative – links made to different faiths/ideas
- Very important
- Really useful, lots of great ideas to take back to my school
- Very inspirational, lots of useful ideas
- Engaging and thought provoking beginning to the day
- Really enjoyed hearing about linking RE to outdoor learning
- Very informative
- Very helpful and thought provoking. Lots of ideas to use back at school
- Very engaging with helpful ideas to hook children into the idea
- Inspirational and good ideas. Good introduction
- Food for thought

Session 2 – Workshop 1 (EYFS & KS1)

'Hands on Creation' – Elinor Watt & Claire Hawkins

- Lovely hands on ideas – would be nice if the staff at Fishponds could send out a termly update of what they have done
- Informative session – different ideas for teaching creation
- I loved the 7 gift bags – one for each day of creation – God's gift to the world of Day
- Lovely resources and great ideas
- A lovely mixture of ideas that would be great to use in SEN although not as a sequence
- Lovely ideas with the 7 bags for the Creation Story. Also lots of super ideas for the AT2 type questions
- Excellent hands on and practical teaching approaches and activities I will take on and implement in my school
- The hands on lesson plans were useful, making the link between sustainability and RE clear. RE in EYFS ideas – good as I find it hard to think of ideas
- I really enjoyed this workshop. I do the creation story but I'm taking away some fab ideas to improve my practice
- Really useful to see a sequence of lessons and how it can be adapted for KS1 and EYFS
- Brilliant – have so many ideas I will be pinching and using from this workshop. Applicable to EYFS & KS1 so ideal
- Really interesting and helpful, will be introducing lots of the ideas into my RE lessons
- Good practical lessons I am able to take back to class
- Really engaging – loved the persona dolls
- Lots of great ideas to take back and loved how it showed progression from EYFS to Year 1
- Useful to see example lessons and to discuss with others further extensions of these
- Inspirational! Lots of great ideas!

Session 2 – Workshop 1 (KS2)

'Poetry, Text and Debate' - Fiona Moss

- Fab ideas! Really good ideas for activities. Particularly like the journey sticks ideas, talking tubs and inspirational people unit. Would make a great whole school RE day
- Again lots of good ideas, prompts to use in the class
- Full of cross curricular ideas to use
- Loved the frame for poetry and how this could also be used for other subjects
- Again, great resources to use at school
- The important thing – structure for poetry writing is really helpful. I am excited to try it out with my KS2 RE classes. Could be used as an assessment tool
- Great links with English. Great for assessment and misconceptions
- Excellent – Good poetry structures. Links to NATRE website
- Too short a session
- Use of poetry structure
- Great ideas for how to use poetry – loved the poetry frames/scaffolds
- Super, practical ideas
- Liked the poetry ideas
- Useful models for poetry writing that can be used for assessment. I like the idea of using it for pupil voice
- Loved the poetry frame ideas. Very keen now to have a go at spirited poetry
- Lots of great ideas to use in school that can be linked to all areas of RE curriculum
- Loved the poetry ideas!
- Loads of ideas
- Excellent!
- Practical ideas
- As a small school with mixed age group classes could see these activities working well
- Impressed with standard of examples of work by children, inspired to have a go at school
- Good ideas to use – resources helpful and informative
- Great to see how cross curriculum links can be made to push learning further. Really useful
- Lots of very practical ideas to use
- Great ideas with strong literacy link

Session 2 – Workshop 1 (KS3+4)

Teaching Buddhism and the Environment - Emma Woodshaw and Advayamati

- Loads of teaching ideas taken and super helpful with subject knowledge. Great Q and A session with Advayamati
- I ran the session with Advayamati and enjoyed the opportunity to work with him. Thank you for the time given to plan
- Interesting to hear from a Buddhist speaker. Would have enjoyed more focus on classroom technique, how to get the Buddhism information across to students
- Practical ideas for start tasks. Advayamati was an engaging speaker
- Very helpful. Useful to have an expert. Good tips and ideas. Very interesting
- Very helpful. Good cross units made with Christianity. Good Q and A – this was helpful and thought provoking. Very useful for KS4/5
- Really interesting and enjoyed having someone from the Buddhist Centre
- Informative. Great knowledge of Buddhism shared between both and again lots of ideas and resources
- Great introduction/focus on nature and earth in Buddhism – particularly insightful for KS4/5
- Great starter ideas for the interest of my pupils

Session 3 – Workshop 2 (KS1)

'It's a Wonderful World' - Fiona Moss

- Information booklet is great – would be great to have more to support subject knowledge for all staff
- A fantastic workshop – full of ideas to take back and implement in my school – thank you
- Great resources to use in school
- Fiona had a way of making this workshop accessible and enjoyable. The booklet was full of really helpful teaching ideas
- Again, great practical and useable ideas
- Talking tubs, story investigating ideas for retelling stories. I will definitely be using stories for sequencing
- Fantastic and clear approach to teach beliefs and ways of living – very age appropriate too.
- Liked having an idea for each religion
- Really helpful practical ideas in the booklets to take back to my school as a subject leader
- Another great session. Some great ideas to make it more interesting
- Loved the practical interpretation that was mixed with outdoor/forest skill learning
- Great ideas for teaching different celebrations and how we can use the outdoors more
- Great – some ideas I will be able to use in Year 1 and EYFS
- Great ideas and suggestions of things to make lessons more interesting
- Good practical lessons I am able to take back to class
- Lots of lovely ideas for EYFS-YR2. Good to see how things can be adapted
- Use of outside, songs, things to adapt for whole school. Throughout the day Fiona provided very useable ideas
- Talking tubs
- Lots of new things to try back at school – useful to see how things we already teach to relate back to RE
- Great practical ideas for EYFS and KS1
- Good practical ideas to use in EYFS and KS1
- FAB! Lots of great ideas that can be used across phases
- More practical ideas to use in school

Session 3 – Workshop 2 – KS2

'Stewards or Vandals' – Adam Robertson, Callum Humphries & Laura Harris

- Some interesting teaching ideas – great to hear about work happening in primary schools
- Christian resources lovely and teaching ideas to question Climate justice
- Provided lots of ideas and places to find resources. Loved the ideas for Hinduism (Christian Aid)
- Lots of practical ideas and resources
- Thought provoking, going beyond the developing world idea
- Lots of great resources to go away and research and use
- Good presenters – good ideas although not so easily used in KS3 SEN. Would be incredibly useful for mainstreams
- Christian Aid resources/use of questions. Stimulating discussion and taught through different media
- Useful links to different religions and pointing towards a range of resources we wouldn't otherwise know
- Harder to link ideas to schemes of work – makes it difficult especially as time is so limited
- Lots of very inspiring and practical ideas. I liked the multi-faith/denomination focus
- Great ideas and resources, looking forward to trying them!
- Thought provoking and practical
- Excellent!
- Inspiring, great resource ideas
- As always, lots of good, practical ideas and resources to use in school
- Informative – interesting made you think about things in a different way. Links to great resources

Session 3 – Workshop 2 – (KS3 + 4)

'Christianity, Climate Change and Poverty' – Jill Dickinson

- Great teaching ideas. Great reference to further materials to support learning
- Great – loads of good ideas for lessons. Will definitely use the 'silent conversation' idea. Great suggestions for Christianity resources.
- Lots of great tips to take back to the classroom! Lesson resources were brilliant and great teaching on key concepts
- Good resources. Videos suitable for multiple key stages. Pointed in direction of further resources
- Again, very informative and interesting
- Really helpful ideas for resources, great activity and tips. Loved the video and quotes exercise – will definitely use!
- Introduced to some very useful resources that could benefit many different exam specs
- Helpful to be given resources. Very good activity ideas
- Lots of resources to take to the classroom. Great workshop
- Great suggested resources for teaching about climate and Christianity. Great tools and ideas suggested
- Good group task to engage and provide higher level thinking

General Organisation of the Day

- Lovely venue and easy to get to. Thank you !
- Great – very easy. Thanks!
- Excellent
- Great, brill food, parking a bit of an issue if coming from a distance
- Great venue – easy to access and fab refreshments. Well organised
- Good location and venue. Great times (9-3). Prior information given was really useful e.g. how to get to venue. Really well organised
- All great. Venue is very good, although parking is problematic
- Refreshments ☺ Venue ☺
- Second time to come and loved it again!
- Some great ideas to use and share
- The day was very well organised – clear programme of the day, delicious refreshments and fabulous venue. Thank you! Loved the Pen Portraits too!
- Wonderful venue, food and environment makes you feel valued and appreciated as an RE Teacher
- Excellent
- Amazing well organised – programme was just what I wanted. Venue and refreshments excellent! Thank you – a FAB day!
- Very good
- Very well organised. Delicious food!
- Well organised – good venue – great food – well communicated
- Excellent food. Slightly hard to see the boards
- Great refreshments and hospitality. Thank you !
- Gorgeous food, great organisation
- Super venue and refreshments. Notification and organisation excellent
- Food was good, vegetarian option was pretty good. Could do with some vegan friendly cakes/biscuits
- Everything was amazing including meeting like minded people in other schools and sharing activities and ideas. Welcoming venue, lovely lunch, a great programme and informative
- Great. Very well organised and resourced
- Great!
- Nothing but praise! Always a highlight of my year. Thank you.
- Excellent facilities, communication and refreshments. Could not have asked for better
- Very good – lots of good opportunities to talk to other practitioners
- Organisation was good and food choice was impressive
- Excellent. Great facilities and lovely food
- Absolutely brilliant. Food and service amazing as usual
- Excellent – thank you
- Fab!
- Fantastic as usual
- Very good, especially access to venue and parking. Good lunch
- Refreshments and venue – both impressive. Thank you! Pre-conference notification was great and useful, eg directions and parking. Programme – great, well organised
- Great venue. Very well informed and organised. Great programme and handouts
- Good refreshments. Parking an issue

- A wonderful day as always. Lots of great ideas plus fantastic well-being and networking
- A very well thought out day which was planned well and useful workshops
- Super organised and well run course. I'll be using Fischy Music!
- Brilliant day, I've got lots of great ideas to take back to school
- Great food, great venue, pleased to be able to park on site this year.
- A great venue. Food delicious!
- Smooth running and good lunch! Useful handouts
- Lovely venue and great job sticking to timings
- Very organised, lovely refreshments. Very enjoyable day
- Nice venue, great food, smooth organisation
- Excellent
- Very good, plenty of refreshments, great choice of foods
- Lovely course – lots of breaks, refreshments etc Good handouts
- Great refreshments
- Enjoyable, well run conference. Thank you
- Really well organised and well run Conference – thank you