

## **Feedback from Cluster meetings and CPD training for SACRE 23/6/2009**

Primary Cluster meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009,

St Francis CE VA Primary School 4-5.30

There were 9 attendees.

- We worked in groups on the toolkit for RE from AREIAC and people made a positive start at assessing the state of RE in their schools and working towards an Action Plan for RE in their context.
- We then looked at some of the IT resources for RE that are available to enhance learning – particularly the new BBC Interactive whiteboard “Special Places” and “Celebrations” both of which were thought to be very useful – but very costly. We also looked at the RE Today resource “Say Hello To” which is for Early years and Key Stage 1

### **Secondary Cluster Meetings**

Warneford School

11<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Only the host school turned up

We had a useful chat and decided how to communicate more effectively in the future to ensure more people attend .

14<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Warneford School

There were 2 delegates present

- A discussion about the AREIAC toolkit was held and conversations were held about the difficulties of teaching RE with little support and a host of non-specialists all needing “serving” with materials, but not necessarily contributing to the life of the subject
- Materials to help create inter-faith dialogue in the classroom and meet the needs of community cohesion were shared and discussed .
- Strategies to ensure greater attendance at Secondary cluster meetings need to be considered for them to be viable in the future

### **Community Cohesion and RE CPD**

Nythe CPD centre

29<sup>th</sup> April 2009

1.00 – 4.30

Oliver Tomkins CE VA Junior School

13<sup>th</sup> May 2009

3.45 -5.30

St Francis CE VA Primary School

13<sup>th</sup> July 2009

There were 18 delegates that accessed this training. 16 Primary, 1 Secondary and 1 special School

- We discussed Community Cohesion and the place of RE
- We looked at general strategies that would help to deliver Community Cohesion and RE in KS1 ,2 and 3
- At Oliver Tomkins we focussed on the teaching of Islam in Community Cohesion – looking at core beliefs and ideas for creating depth of understanding in the classroom across the key stages and needs of learners.
- At St. Francis in July delegates have chosen to look at Christianity and Buddhism in the light of Community Cohesion