

Appendix C

Comments from pupils participating in the Swindon SACRE Face to Faith Project

Source:– interview comments and comments whilst filming

Commonweal School

I learnt about a new religion. Someone came in and talked about paganism and we learnt quite a bit about that religion.

I learnt a lot of new things about religions – a lot more in depth that I wouldn't usually know.

I felt that I was able to express my views quite a bit – everybody listened and everybody could develop the idea.

We could express our views very clearly – if that's how we felt and we all developed the ideas and moved from them to the next ones and if anything was said that some people didn't like then it didn't leave the room and arguments weren't caused because of that.

I enjoyed working with the artists quite a lot – it was something that I had personally never done before and I thought it was a good experience to do and we had a lot of fun doing it.

The film day when we did the whole day at school when were doing the filming – I really enjoyed that. We had a really good time and we all worked together really well.

The filming day was great fun and some of the group sessions at lunchtime were fun as well.

Yes, I would do it again if I had the chance to – I think it was a very good experience to do.

I think it worked really well with the discussions and the faith side of it going together with the media and it encouraged more people to want to do it.

I am proud of the film that we have made – it has got more than one person and the sound that went with it made it even better.

We decided to create a film with all these different religions expressing themselves in the way they do because in the classroom discussions we talked about stereotypes and how to perceive different people just as you walk past them and you see them and assume they are one type of person, whereas if you actually got to know them, they aren't like that and we just wanted to show people that they can be these religions but they are just the same as you – just normal people.

I think that it was a very unique experience and I think that anyone that gets the opportunity to do it should do it and I don't believe that you would get another opportunity to do the same thing outside of the school environment and it was the really in depth discussions about the stereotypes and the different religions we discussed about that we incorporated into the film.

Nova Hreod

I thought that we met people that were really friendly so we could trust them and they wouldn't like contradict our ideas so if we said something they would be like, that's fine.

Animation is actually quite a good way of putting your view across. You can almost do anything, that isn't physically possible.

I would say I would have a better understanding of different religions now.

I think we kind of learnt that all religions all have some kind of common ground that can all be linked to as one religion.

There are many similarities between certain religions and about how people can dress sometimes makes them feel different or say anything they want.

I think the best bits were when we were actually putting it all together and actually filming it and when we got to make all the models and have discussions.

Yes we would definitely do this again.

I feel proud about this because I got to do something different that I don't usually do.

Kathryn Davies, Teacher, Nova Hreod

It started out as quite a big group of students. I think in a way it actually worked better for them that there were only a few left at the end because they were able to connect a lot more with the adults involved – the adults coming in that they hadn't met before I think it was really good that they felt confident speaking to them and not feel judged or anything like that.

Kingsdown School

We realised you don't have to be religious to celebrate a religious festival.

The project made me feel more confident at home and at school.

We had a great time filming the project, but it wasn't just about the great time we had, it was about all the stuff we learnt as well.

It's the best thing I have ever done or will ever do.

I joined the group to find out what it would be like to experience what other religions are like, and to give me an insight on their Faith.

I feel a lot more comfortable in a mixed race situation. Because even if people look different or believe in different things really were all the same.

I really enjoyed wearing the Sari's It made me feel like I was part of something.

It was really fun - an experience of a lifetime.

Ridgeway School

Having a debate about a subject with the whole class is better than having a teacher use a white board.

If everyone could do this project I think it could make them a better person.

I like how we used a personal tragedy in our school to base our idea upon.

It was good we had a lot of freedom - we had a full range of what we based our project on, which made us think more.
