

"Learning and Teaching in Primary RME"

***Saturday November 1st 2014
Dulloch Primary School, Dunfermline
9:30 - 15:00***

Working in conjunction with Fife Council, this one day conference has been specifically designed to support the Primary practitioner. The aim of the conference is to support practitioners to deliver high quality RME in the primary sector. The day also seeks to build staff confidence by offering workshops looking at subject knowledge, pedagogy and assessment within primary RME.

The conference will hear from Education Scotland about the recent Curriculum Area Impact Review in RME, to help set the context for the day. Workshops will be delivered by practitioners and there will be the opportunity to network with other colleagues from across the country to share your ideas and to share practice.

Delegates will have the choice of attending three workshops from a choice. These will be aimed specifically addressed at supporting the delivery of high quality RME teaching in the primary sector. Whilst we can not guarantee it we will do everything to ensure you are allocated your first choices.

Delegates will also be encouraged to tweet during the conference and share what they are learning on Twitter. The official hashtag will be

#SJCRMEPrim

Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided throughout the day. Stalls will also be available from a variety of organisations during lunch to share resources and support materials.

Certificate of attendance will also be given at the end of the day for CLPL record and Professional Update purposes.

This one day event is available to all who work within the Primary sector and will cost £60 per delegate. Cheques should be sent with application and made payable to "SJCRME Conference Fund"

Programme

- 0930 – 1000 Registration
Tea and Coffee
- 1000 – 1005 Welcome
Scott Duncan (SJCRME)
- 1005 - 1040 Keynote Speech
Patricia Watson (HMI Education Scotland)
- The Curriculum Area Impact Review in RME
Where are we and What next?
- 1040 – 1050 Question and Answer Session
- 1050 – 1110 Break and Networking Session
- 1110 – 1200 Workshop Session 1
- 1200 – 1300 Workshop Session 2
- 1300 – 1345 Lunch
Stalls will be available over lunch
- 1345 – 1440 Workshop Session 3
- 1440 – 1450 Joe Walker (SEO Education Scotland)
- Assessing Progress and Achievement in RME
What resources are available to support Primary RME?
- 1450 – 1500 Plenary

Workshop Choices

(1)

“Teaching, Assessing and Recording RME. Developments in City of Edinburgh Council”
Jen Goodall (Lead Teacher Primary RME)

This workshop will look at the work developed by the City of Edinburgh Council RME Steering Group in response to Curriculum for Excellence. An opportunity to explore planning and assessment documents along with moderated pupils’ work. This workshop is facilitated by a primary school teacher working within an area of ‘positive action’ in Edinburgh.

(2)

Interfaith in the Classroom: An active approach to RME
Frances Hume (Interfaith Scotland)

The session would look at interactive activities bringing faith to life in the classroom, e.g. activities with religious objects and dress, role play, faith and food, arts and crafts, bringing along someone different faiths to talk to the pupils (we have a pool of volunteers for this), and faith dolls. We could also provide ideas for interactive sessions for teachers to deliver on the topic of ‘interfaith dialogue’, looking at active listening, do’s and don’ts of dialogue, breaking down the stereotypes of people who are different, developing greater understanding of others, increased empathy etc. There would be a demonstration of the various activities along with some hands-on experience.

(3)

Philosophy for Children
Morag and Berys Gaut (Fife Council and The University of St Andrews)

This session will look at an active approach to develop philosophical thinking in learners. Morag and Berys Gaut have been actively involved in promoting Philosophy for Children and have engaged in research looking at this area of learning and teaching. This session will explore this approach in more detail and also about how this can be used in a practical way in the primary classroom.

(4)

A Whole School approach to RME
Susan Stewart – HT Lawhead Primary School

Susan is a current HT who has undertaken a review into the schools provision of RME. This session will look at how RME has been embedded across the school within teaching and learning programmes.

(5)

Islam

A content based workshop in RME

Louise Scott – PT RME Auchmuty High School and Primary Practitioner

This session will deliver a workshop detailing the main teachings of Islam in relation to coverage of the Primary stage Es and Os. She will be accompanied by a primary practitioner who will talk about some suggested ways of engaging with the beliefs, practices and traditions of this faith.

(6)

RME in the Early Years

Julie Marshall

This session will look at one approach to delivering RME in the Early Years. Julie will talk about her own approach and suggest different ways of getting children in the early years setting to engage with the ideas and concepts within RME.

(7)

Buddhism

A content based workshop in RME

Carrie Thomson (Royal High School Edinburgh) and a Primary Practitioner

This session will deliver a workshop detailing the main teachings of Islam in relation to coverage of the Primary stage Es and Os. She will be accompanied by a primary practitioner who will talk about some suggested ways of engaging with the beliefs, practices and traditions of this faith.

(8)

Critical Skills: An approach to learning and teaching

Sarah Burton (DHT Mid Calder Primary School)

Sarah will be looking at how you can embed the Critical Skills approach into your learning and teaching. The Critical Skills Programme (CSP) is a structured method of working which actively promotes high quality outcomes through collaborative approaches to meaningful challenge-based learning activities. Sarah is an experienced practitioner who has worked in both West Lothian and Stirling Council as well as serving as Development Officer for Technologies for Education Scotland for three years.

(9)

Humanism in the Classroom

Gary McLelland (HSS)

Gary McLelland is the Education and Policy Officer with Humanist Society Scotland. Gary has a background in education and social work, working with vulnerable children and families in Glasgow, Stirling and South Lanarkshire. In this section he will give an overview of religion and belief in Scotland, a brief overview of the history of humanism and the HSS and how humanism is relevant to RME & suggested examples.

"Learning and Teaching in Primary RME"

Saturday 1st November 2014

Please return this booking form along with your Conference fee as soon as possible, to be received no later than 13 October 2014 to:

Alan K Munro
Joint Secretary, SJCRME
6 Clairmont Gardens
Glasgow G3 7LW
Tel. 0141 353 3595

Name(s)

.....

.....

Organisation

School

Address

.....

Postcode

E-mail

Telephone

Dietary requirements

Please indicate with (a) your first preference and (b) for your second preference for each of the Workshops:

Workshop No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Workshop 1									
Workshop 2									
Workshop 3									

Every effort will be made to ensure you have your first choice but this will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that delegates will not receive the Conference Papers until after the week beginning 23 October 2014.

The Conference fee is £60 per delegate. Please make cheques payable to 'SJCRME Conference Fund'.