

Conference & AGM programme
Authority in RE
Monday 24 May 2021
09:45-16:00

Virtually on Zoom

09:15 Arrival, registration: SACRE members and guests catch up in breakout rooms

09:45 Chair's welcome and introduction

09:55 Keynote Address 1

Denise Cush 'Sources of Authority in Religions/worldviews and Religious Education'

Denise Cush (MA Oxford, MA Lancaster, PhD Warwick, Honorary Doctorate Uppsala) is Emeritus Professor of Religion and Education at Bath Spa University. The first female Professor of RE in the UK in 2003, she was a member of the Commission on Religious Education 2016-18, and Deputy Editor of the British Journal of Religious Education from 2011-2018. She taught Study of Religions and RE at school and university levels and also trained teachers of RE, both primary and secondary. Her interests include Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and alternative spiritualities such as Paganism, as well as RE. Recently she has been involved with the REC's project on Worldviews, and is currently working with Barbara Wintersgill's Big Ideas project. Publications include Buddhism, a still much-used textbook for A level (1994), the Routledge Encyclopaedia of Hinduism (2008), Celebrating Planet Earth, a Pagan/Christian Conversation (Moon 2015), the subject knowledge sections on Buddhist and Hindu worldviews for REonline (2020) and many others.

10:20 Table discussions in breakout rooms with 8-10 people

10:40 Break

10:50 Introduce nominees for Executive

11:00 Break (SACRE representatives vote for elections in private Chat)

11:15 Workshop 1 Choice

12:05 Westhill Awards Winners announcement

12:10 LUNCH

12:45 Delegates return

12:55 Keynote Address 2:

HMI Richard Kueh – RE and the Quality of Education in the Education Inspection Framework

In this keynote, Dr Richard Kueh outlines the quality of education within the 2019 Education Inspection Framework. He will explore the idea of curriculum as ‘narrative over time’ and the different sorts of authorities that leaders and teachers draw upon when they construct their RE curriculum. Richard will also discuss Ofsted’s conception of curriculum impact – that pupils know more and remember more – and how that can be thought of in subject-specific terms.

Richard is Ofsted’s subject lead for religious education. He is a qualified teacher and holds Masters degrees in Theology and Religious Studies, a Doctorate in Philosophy and a PGCE. Before joining Ofsted, he taught in maintained schools, independent schools and universities. He has senior experience as director of a regional school improvement partnership, director of teacher training and development for a multi-academy trust, Deputy Headteacher of a Secondary school and Associate Headteacher of a Primary school. Richard’s areas of expertise include curriculum, assessment, teacher development, inclusion and Initial Teacher Education.

13:20 Table discussions in different breakout rooms with 8-10 people

13:40 Break

13:50 Workshop 2 Choice

14:40 Break

14:50 Question Time Panel: Paul Smalley, Lesley Prior, Dr Kathryn Wright, Prof Bob Bowie, Dr Richard Kueh, Prof Trevor Cooling

15:20 Business Meeting

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the EGM Nov 2020, AGM May 2019
- Chair’s report
- Secretary’s report
- Accounts and Treasurer’s report
- New Executive announcement
- Matters arising from the Minutes but not previously addressed
- AOB (notified by midday Friday 21 May)

15:50 Chair’s Closing remarks

Conclude by 16:00