

date: **Fri 24th Nov 2017**
10.00 am - 3.45 pm

venue: **Ibis Hotel** (New Street),
Arcadian Centre
21 Ladywell Walk,
Birmingham B5 4ST
(five minute walk from New Street Station)

“The Commission on RE: The Interim Report”



What issues does the Interim Report raise? Opportunity, threat, a middle way? What might it mean for pupils, teachers, advisers & SACREs?

The Commission on Religious Education: The Interim Report

What are the key issues the Interim Report identifies? What does the Report say about the evidence that has been presented so far? Does the Report comment on the nature or quality of the evidence that the Commission has received? Is the Commission still looking for additional evidence? In the light of the Interim Report what questions would you wish to put to the Commission?



What has the Commission on RE been asked to consider?

Should there be a common entitlement in RE?

If so what should that entitlement be?

Should there be a change in the legal arrangements for RE?

Should RE be locally or centrally controlled, or something else?

Should parents still have the right to withdraw their child?

Should teachers keep the right to withdraw from teaching RE if they wish?

What is the nature, purpose and scope of RE?

What changes are needed to ensure high quality RE?

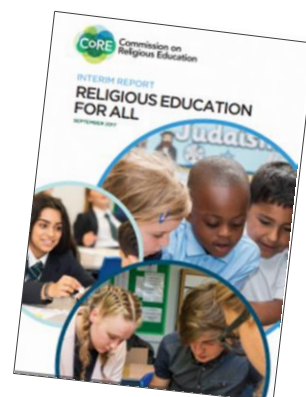
**Cost: for AREIAC & for NASACRE members £75
non-Members £90**

Refreshments and lunch provided

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Programme

- 10.00 am – 10.50 am** **Registration** tea and coffee on arrival
- 10.50 am – 11.00 am** **Welcome** Paul Smalley and Jane Brooke
- 11.00 am – 12.00 noon** **The Commission on RE – The Interim Report “Religious Education for All”, observations and perspectives**
What does the Interim Report say? What issues does the Report raise?
Presenters: Prof Denise Cush and Dr Anthony Towey
- 12.00 noon – 12.30 pm** Group discussion, thoughts on the interim report.
Q&A session with the morning’s presenter
- 12.30 pm – 1.15 pm** **Lunch**
- 1.15 – 1.45 pm** **In Groups discuss suitable questions** for the Question Time Panel, submit questions for Question Time Panel
- 1.45 – 3.00 pm** **Question Time Panel**
Panel members:
Rt Hon. Charles Clarke SofS 2002-2004
Denise Cush CoRE Commissioner
Dr Anthony Towey CoRE Commissioner
Lat Blaylock Editor of REToday mag.
- (tea & coffee will be available at the end of this session)
- 3.00 – 3.40 pm** **Open Discussion**, remaining issues, outstanding questions, thoughts, hopes or concerns
- 3.40 – 3.45 pm** Evaluation
- 3.45 pm** **Finish**



Rt Hon. Charles Clarke



Prof Denise Cush



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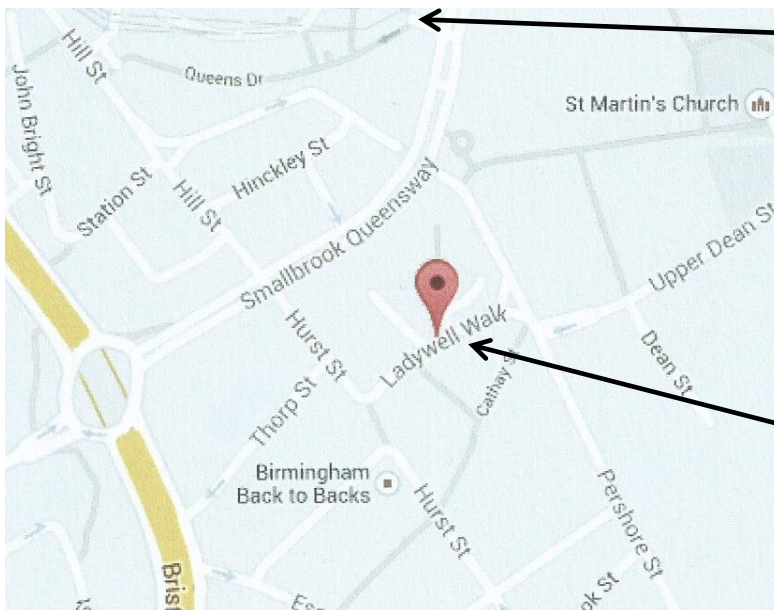
Booking Form: “The Commission on RE: The Interim Report”

To reserve a place for the Conference on Friday 24th Nov 2017 please use the online form <http://tinyurl.com/CoREInterim>

If you wish to attend this important and highly relevant conference please click on the link above. This will take you to a simple form. You will be asked to submit your email address, name, postal address and phone number. You will also be asked to tick a box to indicate whether you are a member of AREIAC or NASACRE, or if you are not a member of any of these organisations. Also, you will be asked if you have any dietary requirements.

There is also a ‘reCAPTCHA’ task which you must not ignore. It is a simple task. You will be asked to click a couple of boxes in which you can see an image. Apparently the task is designed to put robots off applying to attend the conference.

You will receive confirmation of your booking form and an invoice will be emailed to you. You should also receive an email confirming your application within 60 mins of submitting your application. If not check your responses and try again. If again your application is not confirmed by email within 60 mins please contact the Chair of NASACRE Paul Smalley. Paul can be contacted on: chair@nasacre.org.uk



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Conference presenters and “Question Time” Panel Members

Professor Denise Cush

Professor Denise Cush was Head of Study of Religions at Bath Spa University. She specialises in Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and alternative spiritualities, as well as religious education. She has also taught Religious Studies in a sixth form college, and has trained both primary and secondary teachers of religious education. She is deputy editor of the British Journal of Religious Education and she is one of the commissioners on the CoRE.



Dr Anthony Towey

Dr Anthony Towey is Director of the Aquinas Centre for Theological Literacy at St Mary’s University, Twickenham. He lectured in Rome, Durham and Birmingham before leading the RE department at Loreto College, Moss Side. He is an Ofqual subject specialist and has assisted in the shaping of the Religious Education Reforms at A-Level and in particular by developing new specifications and resources at GCSE with AQA and Eduqas. He is also one of the commissioners on the CoRE .



Rt Hon. Charles Clarke

The Rt Hon. Charles Clarke served as Secretary of State for Education from 2002 to 2004 and from 2004 to 2006 he was the Home Secretary. As SofS he took a keen interest in RE and was instrumental in the publication of the 2004 non-statutory national framework for religious education in England. Since Nov 2010, he has been Visiting Professor of Politics and Faith at Lancaster University. He and Linda Woodhead authored “*A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools*” which was published in 2015.



Lat Blaylock

Lat Blaylock from 1994 to 2004 was the Executive Officer for the Professional Council for Religious Education (PCfRE). In the Autumn of 2004 he became Editor of the widely read magazine RE Today a role which he still holds today. As part of RE Today Services he works both nationally and internationally to support religious education in schools. He has numerous publications to his credit, has worked on at least seven series of RE programmes with the BBC and he played an important role in drafting the 2013 religious education: a national curriculum framework (NCFRE).

