

Preparing for life in Britain today: the contribution of RE Conference and AGM 2017: Programme

Keynote speakers:

Dr Joyce Miller is Associate Fellow in the Religions and Education Research Unit at the University of Warwick (WRERU). In 2007, she retired as Head of Diversity and Cohesion at Education Bradford, prior to which she was a Senior Lecturer in religious studies at the University of Wolverhampton. Joyce has taught in secondary schools in Coventry and Northumberland. She is a former Chair of the RE Council, AREIAC, Bradford SACRE and the Schools Linking Network. Joyce is one of the Commissioners recently appointed by the RE Council to review the legal, education and policy frameworks for RE.

Prof Aaqil Ahmed is the only person to have been both BBC and Channel 4 Head of Religion and Ethics. He grew up in the north of England and is a practising Muslim. He is a Professor at the School of Media and Performing Arts, University of Bolton and a Board member of various organisations including Princes Trust mentoring charity, Mosaic. Aaqil has written on the subject of religious literacy, recently delivering contributory chapters to Open Democracy's 'Rethinking the BBC' and Lapido Media's 'Religious literacy for journalists handbook'.

11:00 Arrival, registration and coffee

11:30 Welcome and introductions

11:40 Keynote address: Dr Joyce Miller:

“Where RE is today: the work of the REC Commission & considerations for SACREs”

12:10 Question time

12:45 SACRE discussions:

“How SACREs impact the quality and rigour of contemporary RE”

13:15 Lunch

14:00 Keynote address: Prof Aaqil Ahmed

“Why Religious Literacy is important for community cohesion”

14:30 Question time

14:50 Panel: Joyce Miller, Aaqil Ahmed, Charles Clarke

15:15 Coffee

15:25 Business Meeting

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the AGM held on 17 May 2016
- Chair’s report
- Secretary’s report
- Accounts and Treasurer’s report
- New Constitution
- New Executive: announcement
- Matters arising from the minutes, not previously addressed
- AOB (*please notify the secretary by midday Monday 15th May*)

16:10 Westhill Awards

16.15 Closing remarks from Chair

16:30 Close of conference