The Place for Humanism and Non-Religious Perspectives in Religious Education

British Humanist Association Teachers' Conference 2014

Wednesday, 16 July, 2014
Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL

Programme

10:00 Registration, tea and coffee
10:20 Welcome address
10:40 Key Note: An introduction to Humanism, Dr Stephen Law
11:10 Why the politics of RE matters to students and teachers
Dr Mark Chater
Mark's session will explore how the current legal settlement for RE has an impact on the way pupils and teachers experience it in classrooms. He will argue for radical reform of the law on RE.
11:50 Morning break (20 mins)
12:10 The place for Humanism in RE, Maxine Beech
13:00 Lunch (not supplied)
13:45 Carousel round-table sessions:

a. Developing resources for schools
Maxine Beech, Teacher, Bishop Heber High School
b. Any question answered
Isabel Russo, Head of Ceremonies, British Humanist Association
c. Working with humanist volunteers
Dermot Bolton, humanist SACRE representative and school volunteer
d. SMSC for non-religious pupils
Sara Passmore, Head of Education, British Humanist Association
e. Teaching controversial issues
Karl Sweeney, Local Authority Adviser, Citizenship and PSHE, Plymouth
f. Dialogue and including non-religious perspectives
Siobhán Anderson and Saara Quested, 3FF
g. Planning for Humanism
Nora Leonard, Local Authority Advisor, Ealing SACRE

15:15 Reporting back from round table sessions
15:45 Closing reflections
16:00 Depart

Humanism for Schools offers easy to use toolkits for teachers to explain the background to Humanism and its core values; humanist perspectives on a range of issues and topics; guidance for teachers, schools and SACREs on including Humanism in the classroom; and support for teachers through our school volunteers.

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