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Religious Education in Catholic Schools

Conference schedule

Day 1: Friday 9th

9:30 – 9:55 Registration and coffee

9.55 Introduction to the conference: **Dr Anthony Towey & Dr Sean Whittle**

10:00 10.45 Keynote 1: Professor James Conroy

RE and the choices and challenge of Professionalism

10.45- 11:10 Q & A chaired by Dr Ann Casson

11:10 – 11:30 Tea / Coffee Break

11:30-12:05 Parallel Papers: Session 1

Choice of talks/papers: including : Dr Niall Coll, Dr Paddy Walsh

At least one paper will be addressing 'assessment issues in RS GCSE'

12:05 – 1:00 *Choice of workshops:*

Workshop 1: RE in Catholic primary schools

Workshop 2: GCSE RS (Judaism) Shelley Victor

Workshop 3: GCSE RS (Catholic Paper) Andy Lewis

Workshop 4: Developments in Core RE/General RE: Amanda Crowley and Trisha Hedley

Workshop 5: What is religious literacy all about? Professor James Conroy

Workshop 6: Assessment issues in RS GCSE

1:00 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 Plenary session: **The RE Commission: Feedback from the CES**

(Chair: Dr Anthony Towey) (Paul Barber and Philip Robinson)

2:20 – 2:50 Dr Anthony Towey: Round Table discussion time with RE commissioners

2:50 – 3:05 Tea and cake

3:05 - 3:40 Parallel Papers Session 2

Choice of talks/papers: including : Professor McKinney, Dr Ann Casson and Dr Sean Whittle

At least one paper will be addressing 'assessment issues in RS GCSE'

3:45 Plenary debate: **RE and Catechesis:**

(Chair: Dr Ann Casson) (Dr Leonardo Franchi and Dr Sean Whittle)

4:30 **Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education [ATCRE]** (Mathew Dell) with drinks reception

Conference schedule

Day 2: Saturday 10th March

9:30 – 9:50 Registration and coffee

9.50 Welcome: Dr Michael Kirwan SJ, Director of *HIRS*

9:55 Introduction to the conference: Dr Anthony Towey & Dr Sean Whittle

10:00 10.45 Keynote 2: Professor Stephen McKinney **RE in Catholic schools**

10.45- 11:10 Q & A chaired Professor James Conroy

11:10 – 11:30 Tea and coffee

11:30 Parallel Papers: Session 3

Choice of talks/papers: including : Dr Fiona Dineen and Dr Leonardo Franchi

At least one paper will be addressing ‘assessment issues in RS GCSE’

12:00 – 12:45 Plenary debate: KS4/5 REFORM: What do you think of it so far? Reportage from the field on Research and Resourcing:
(Chair: Dr Ann Casson) (Dr Peter McGrail and Dr Anthony Towey)

12:45 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:15 **Consultation on revising the Curriculum Directory**: Philip Robinson and Paul Barber
To include discussion groups: reviewing the RE Curriculum Directory.

2:15 – 3:00 *Choice of workshops:*

Workshop 1: How much curriculum time does RE *really* need? (Dr Sean Whittle)

Workshop 2: ITT for RE teachers (Lesley Prior – Roehampton University)

Workshop 3: Assessment issues in RE in Catholic schools (Dr Ann Casson)

Workshop 4: Primary RE (Dr Leonardo Franchi)

Workshop 5: RE and Catechesis: what is the relationship?

3:00-3:15 Tea and Cake

3:15-4:00 Discussion Panel: **Key debates in RE in Catholic schools**
(Professor James Conroy, Dr Ann Casson, Professor Stephen McKinney, Dr Anthony Towey, and Dr Sean Whittle)

4:00 **Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education** [ATCRE] (Mathew Dell) with drinks reception

4:30 Conclusion to the conference

Conference organisers: Dr Sean Whittle and Dr Anthony Towey



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