



Keeping faith in Schools: Getting the balance right

Wednesday 29 September 2010, King James Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh

AGENDA

09:00-09:45 Registration

09:45-10:00 Welcome Address

Councillor Ewan Aitken, City of Edinburgh Council

Morning Session: Understanding policy

10:00-10:25 Keynote Address

Mike Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government

10:25-10:45 Question and Answer Session

10:45-11:00 Morning refreshments

11:00-11:20 Topic: RME and Religious Observance in Scottish Schools – where are we now?

Scott Duncan, Development Officer for RME, Learning and Teaching Scotland

11:20-11:40 RME within Curriculum for Excellence: the contribution of RME to personal development and faith

Patricia Watson, HMIE National Specialist for Religious and Moral Education

11:40-12:00 Topic: Local Authority guidelines for religious observance and RME in schools: a case study

Councillor Peter MacKenzie, Convener, Committee for Education, East Lothian Council

12:00-12:30 Panel and audience discussion

12.30-13.25 Lunch (opportunity for networking, prayer and reflection)

Afternoon Session: Informing Practice

13:25-13:30 Afternoon Welcome Back

13:30-13:50 Faith and values at the heart of a school

Michael McGrath, Director of the Scottish Catholic Education Service

13:50-14:10 Developing a greater understanding of Islam within Scotland's schools

Representative from the Scottish Islamic Foundation (invited)

14:10-14:20 Joint Question and Answer session

14:20-14:40 The challenges of respecting faith in Secondary schools.

Ken Cunningham CBE, General Secretary, School Leaders' Scotland

14:40-15:00 Keeping faith in schools

Dr Alastair Noble, Educational Consultant for CARE in Scotland

15:00-15:30 Panel and audience discussion

15:30 Chair's Closing Remarks