

Dear Students who attended the Portsmouth SACRE RE Enrichment Conference

I thought you might like to know that your Evaluations were worth completing – if the event runs next year, I will use them, as I did for this year! There were overwhelmingly positive comments about workshop leaders, how much knowledge you had gained & how useful & interesting it was to hear from real people, including some faiths or philosophies you had not met before.

A flavour of your answers:

In what ways did today enrich RE for you?

Opened my eyes to another view.

We could ask whatever questions we wanted rather than being worried.

It was very interesting & it was really good being able to talk to people from the different religions.

Better understanding of knowledge of different religions and the people we met were really informative and useful and made the day enjoyable.

☺ A lot of people said they had fun! ☺

What can we improve next year?

Nothing

All was amazing

More activities

More workshops*

Great day and I would love to see more

Perhaps a longer Q&A debate at the end

More variety of religions e.g. Hindu & Buddhist**

** More workshops were planned originally, but I had to cut down when some schools had to pull out at the last minute – there were 80 of you – there should have been 160!*

***Some Buddhists had expressed a strong interest but unfortunately could not make it.*

Would you recommend this event to students from your school?

YES 64 / NO 2 / DEPENDS 5 (2 mentioned getting Moses!)

Many workshop leaders were complimentary about the event and about you!

- Students were more than prepared to challenge any religious narrowness of view. ...students...were intelligent, insightful & in a few cases very articulate. It was very refreshing.
- Lovely to chat & be able to dispel myths, with younger people.
- Always a pleasant experience to be able to discuss our faith and organization with students & answer questions of theirs.
- I was not expecting that the students would have so much interest regarding religious beliefs
- My participation on the day was a great opportunity that I will never forget

Thank you for your helpful comments. I am contacting workshop leaders summarising your views & your feedback on their workshops. I will also report to Portsmouth SACRE and our funders this year – NASACRE and the Westhill Trust. Your comments may be used in bids for future funding. If you have more views about the Enrichment Day, please ask your teacher to pass them on to me.

Lots of you said 'thank you'.....I would like to thank *you* for your participation, interest & enthusiasm!

Best Wishes and Good Luck with your future studies

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