

## **Report on South Central 'Hub' Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

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Due to various unforeseen circumstances the group was smaller than expected; nine met to continue the work started by the previous Hub meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The day was focused on making progress in key areas identified by the last meeting.

### **1. Research/Reading group with possible Masters Accreditation.**

The Reading and Research Group will enable RE teachers to increase their awareness and confidence with pedagogy within RE. Teachers/ those interested will be able to attend the sessions held at Winchester University. The dates for the first two meetings have been established as 10 May and 8 July. Each meeting will be held at The University of Winchester from 16.30 -18.30. There will also be the opportunity to use sessions for Masters Credits through the University. As part of the advertising plan, various Facebook pages/groups will be created. For more information please email [patricia.hannam@hants.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.hannam@hants.gov.uk) or [rhiannon.love@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:rhiannon.love@winchester.ac.uk).

### **2. Using existing RE networks.**

Develop existing RE networks and develop new networks of teachers across the hub area. This is to cascade new ideas and consolidate and share good practices. Portsmouth secondary teachers are attending the East Hampshire/ Winchester Network. It is hoped to rekindle Southampton network meetings and to link with the Dorset Hub. We think the Facebook page and group will be a way to facilitate this.

### **3. Subject booster opportunities**

In Hampshire we have specialist and non-specialist RE teachers. Four different types of support were identified.

- A basic knowledge course to support those who are non-specialists and or/ would like to get the basics right. 'Getting to grips with Buddhism' or 'Getting to Grips with Islam' are examples of courses from last year. The aim is to continue these course for primary and secondary teachers.
- A more advanced subject booster session for specialists dealing with controversial areas.
- A conversion course for secondary teachers wishing to focus on RE. This would be ran in conjunction with Winchester University. Possibility needs to be investigated.
- 'Conversations with Religion'. Some informal meetings with people of faith; a chance to ask questions often asked in the classroom. These would be free sessions held at the RE centre in Winchester.

The next meet is due to be held in Winchester on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015. 10:00-15:00. Patricia Hannam ([patricia.hannam@hants.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.hannam@hants.gov.uk)) can be contacted with any questions.