



**The Association for the Teaching of Religious
Education in Scotland**

**ATRES Annual Conference
8th - 9th May 2010**

Active RME



February 2010

Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed your information pack for this year's annual ATRES Conference, to be held on 8th - 9th May 2010 in Scottish Churches House in Dunblane.

This is an exciting but demanding time to be involved in Scottish Education and we believe that we have arranged a CPD opportunity fitted to the needs of teachers of RME striving for excellence in the context of implementing CfE.

The title of this year's conference is 'Active RME' and the focus is on putting theory into practice. We have a number of sessions led by practitioners as well as presentations by Patricia Watson, HMle Specialist for RME and by Scott Duncan, LTS Development Officer for RME.

The conference runs over a weekend, which allows time for delegates to meet and to share experiences with colleagues from all over the country. It also provides the added advantage for schools of incurring no cover costs. We have held our prices steady since 2008 and are offering a limited number of subsidised student places – see the booking form.

Some additional points of information:

- Some rooms in Scottish Churches House are twin rooms; if you have someone you wish to share with please state this on your form.
- Dress for dinner on Saturday is smart-casual.
- Directions to Scottish Churches House and further information about the venue can be found at www.scottishchurcheshouse.org
- For those travelling long distances, the option of staying at Scottish Churches House on the Friday night is available; see the booking form.

The ATRES team has been working hard over the past few months redeveloping the Association's website. The new website contains a members' area where members can share resources and a forum for discussion. The website will receive its official launch at the conference this year.

Yours faithfully,

Hilary Scott-Heaney

ATRES Chair

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Programme



SATURDAY

9.00 – 9.45	Registration and coffee
9.45 – 10.00	Welcome
10.00 – 11.00	Keynote: Dr Jim Conroy , Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Glasgow <i>Does RE work?</i>
11.00 – 11.20	Break
11.20 – 11.40	Website Launch
11.40 – 12.40	Patricia Watson , HMle National Specialist for Religious and Moral Education <i>Using self-evaluation to make my RME more active</i>
12.45 – 1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 2.30	Isabel Gilchrist , Teacher of RME at Stonelaw High School <i>Active Citizenship Through RME</i>
2.35 – 3.05	Practitioner Workshops: choice of attending Alistair Goold , Teacher of RME at Dumbarton Academy <i>Cross-curricular Citizenship Project</i> or Guinni Baker & Hilary Scott-Heaney , Teachers of RME, Cleveden Secondary <i>CfE: S1 Pilot Programme in RME</i>
3.10 – 4.10	Leon Robinson , Programme Leader, MA Religious and Philosophical Education, University of Glasgow <i>Creativity in RME</i>
4.20 – 5.00	ATRES AGM
5.00 – 6.00	Free Time
6.00 – 6.30	Pre-dinner drinks
6.30	Dinner, followed by after dinner speaker, the Very Rev. Dr James A. Simpson Quiz

SUNDAY

9.00 – 9.45	Breakfast
9.45 – 9.50	Arrangements for Sunday
9.50 – 11.10	Scott Duncan , LTS Development Officer for RME <i>RME: Moving forward with the Es and Os</i>
11.10 – 11.30	Break
11.40 – 12.40	Bryce Hartshorn , Senior Lecturer in Education (RME) & Programme Leader for PGDE (Primary), University of the West of Scotland <i>Building Bridges to World Religions</i>
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00	Graham Nixon , Lecturer RME/RMPS, School of Education, University of Aberdeen <i>RME and Philosophy</i>
3.00	Depart

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Meet our speakers for 2010



Jim Conroy

Professor Conroy currently holds the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Glasgow. He has previously held the posts of Head of Graduate School and Head of Department of Religious Education at the University and has taught in Higher Education, Schools and Adult Education.

He has served on the boards of a number of national and international education and academic bodies including, Catholic Education Commission, Association of Moral Education, Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, and Scottish Qualifications Authority, (RMPS Panel) of which he was Convener. He has also served on the Board and various Committees of the General Teaching Council for Scotland including Professional Standards, and Learning and Teaching Scotland.



Patricia Watson

Patricia Watson is HMle National Specialist for Religious and Moral Education. She has 21 years experience of teaching and development work in RME. Patricia started her career in 1986 at Selkirk High School as sole teacher of RME and became APT in 1988. She moved to Kelso High School as PT in 1992 and then moved to a similar post at Craigie High School in Dundee in 2000. Along the way she has also been a member of the SJCRME Conferences Committee and the Scottish Working Party on Religious of the World in Education and served as a marker, moderator and then as Principal Assessor for the SQA. She was a National Trainer during the implementation of Higher Still. She was seconded to Scottish Borders Council for a period of time as Adviser in RME, PSE, Guidance and Health and latterly, just before taking up her current full time post with HMle, she was working for LTS on the Curriculum for Excellence initiative. She is also co-author of the Personal Search Through World Religions series published by Hodder Gibson in 2006.



Isabel Gilchrist

Isabel has taught RME at Stonelaw High School, South Lanarkshire, for 13 years. She piloted a democratic approach to learning – giving pupils a say in curriculum content and learning methods – in a class-based research project. One of the positive outcomes of this project was the establishment of a sustainable fair trade enterprise run democratically by S1-S6 pupils. In June 2009 Isabel and a Stonelaw pupil visited South Africa, to meet some of the 300 Aids orphans whose education is supported by the profits of the fair trade group and to teach in Ikusalethu High School. Interdisciplinary and international educational links have developed as a result.

Alistair Goad

Alistair is the subject leader for Religious Moral and Philosophical Studies at Dumbarton Academy. He is responsible for introducing and leading an S1 interdisciplinary initiative on values and citizenship called OneWorld, and presented this at the 2009 Scottish Learning festival. Alistair is also on the executive committee of ATRES.

Guinni Baker & Hilary Scott-Heaney

Together Guinni and Hilary comprise the RME department at Cleveden Secondary. Guinni is also the Faculty Head of Humanities & Citizenship.

This year, in response to CfE, Guinni and Hilary have piloted a completely new S1 course arranged thematically. They will describe what they have done, the decisions made and the issues encountered. The aim of this session is to share an experience of implementing CfE to date.

Guinni and Hilary are also both on the executive committee of ATRES.

Leon Robinson



Leon Robinson is a lecturer in the Department of Religious Education at Glasgow University. He is the Programme Leader for the MA in Religious and Philosophical Education. He also teaches on the PGDE Secondary RE Specialist, B Ed Primary and the ATQ in Religious Education, and lectures on Hinduism in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. He has extensive experience delivering CPD on Teaching World Religions and on Storytelling for the Classroom, and is working with colleagues from the Department of Philosophy on “Philosophical Thinking Skills for the Classroom”. Before pursuing a full time career in teaching, Leon worked in a variety of media including theatre, performance and sculptural installations.

Scott Duncan



Scott has been teaching for the last eight years at the Waid Academy in Anstruther. He is now on secondment to LTS as Development Officer for RME with responsibility for exemplifying the Es and Os. He is also a marker and vetter for the SQA Philosophy courses.

In this session Scott will look to update conference delegates on the Es and Os and development work within CfE and LTS. He will look at some issues surrounding assessment and pedagogy and use examples from schools around the country.

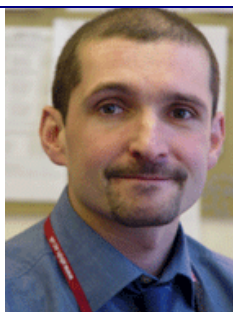
Bryce Hartshorn



Bryce Hartshorn taught first in Cumbernauld High School, Crookston Castle Secondary and Abronhill High School before moving to the University of the West of Scotland where he is now a Senior Lecturer in Education (Religious and Moral Education) and the Programme Leader of the PGDE (Primary) Course.

Bryce will speak on the topic of Building Bridges to World Religions. Schools are not only places of learning but places of meeting. It is one of the most important privileges and responsibilities of teachers to make introductions and increase understanding between individuals and communities. Developing the capacity for dialogue can lead to self-understanding as well as mutual understanding.

Graeme Nixon



Graeme spent ten years teaching RMPS in Aberdeenshire schools, including five years as a Principal Teacher. He is now a lecturer in RME/RMPS and the co-ordinator of CPD for teachers on RMPS and thinking skills at the University of Aberdeen. He is currently working on his PhD on Philosophy in Scottish Religious Education.

James Simpson



Our after-dinner speaker is the Very Rev. Dr James A. Simpson.

James Simpson served churches in Falkirk and Glasgow before becoming minister of Dornoch Cathedral for 21 years. While there he was appointed a chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen. In 1994 he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

He has written twelve books, six on the subject of humour. The royalties from his humorous books and speaking engagements go to Cystic Fibrosis research as his oldest grand-child suffers from this debilitating disease.

ATRES DINNER
Saturday 8th May 2010

Menu

Chilled Fruit Juice
Sweet Potato & Parsnip Soup
Salmon Mousse & Oatcakes
Pate & Oatcakes



Chicken Balmoral
(Chicken breast stuffed with haggis, bacon wrapped and served with a creamy mushroom sauce)

Beef Stroganoff
served with a saffron rice

Somerset Brie & Beetroot Tart
(Somerset brie sauce encased in an onion and chive pastry topped with beetroot and apple chutney)

New Potatoes
Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables



Sherry Trifle
Blackcurrant Crumble with Ice Cream
Sorbet



Coffee & Mints



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Delegate Information

Please provide the following information:

Name:

School (if applicable):

Local Authority (if applicable):

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Booking Information

Please tick one box to specify:

	Standard	Member	Student*
I wish to attend the whole conference (this includes all meals and overnight accommodation on Saturday night).	£140 <input type="checkbox"/>	£130 <input type="checkbox"/>	£40 <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to attend the whole conference and also require accommodation on Friday night.	£170 <input type="checkbox"/>	£160 <input type="checkbox"/>	£60 <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to attend the whole conference but do not require overnight accommodation.	£120 <input type="checkbox"/>	£110 <input type="checkbox"/>	£30 <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to attend the conference on Saturday only.	£90 <input type="checkbox"/>	£80 <input type="checkbox"/>	£20 <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to attend the conference on Sunday only.	£70 <input type="checkbox"/>	£60 <input type="checkbox"/>	£20 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Student places are limited. Please provide evidence of student status (e.g. photocopy of university matriculation card) along with this booking form.*

Payment information

NB: Unlike previous years, a deposit cheque is not required. Please send either a cheque for the full amount, or request an invoice.

I enclose a cheque for the full amount, £_____, made payable to "ATRES".

Please send an invoice to (please state contact name and full address) _____

Other information

Menu Choices

If attending dinner on Saturday please state your dinner choices.

<i>Starter</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>Dessert</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Balmoral	<input type="checkbox"/> Sherry Trifle
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet potato & parsnip soup	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Stroganoff	<input type="checkbox"/> Blackcurrant Crumble and ice cream
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon mousse & oatcakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Somerset Brie & Beetroot Tart	<input type="checkbox"/> Sorbet
<input type="checkbox"/> Pate & oatcakes		

If you have any special dietary needs please state here: _____

Request to share a room with: _____

Any other specific information: _____

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