



Centre for Research in
Education Inclusion
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Religious Education in Multi-Cultural Societies

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Conference

Venue: Godfrey Thomson Hall, Thomson's Land, The Moray House
School of Education, University of Edinburgh, Holyrood Road,
Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ

Date: Thursday 5 November 2009, 10.00am–5.00pm

Religious and Moral Education and Multi-Culturalism: Scotland in the Wider European Context

This event will present findings from the EU funded project: *Religious Education in Multi-Cultural Societies*. Scottish findings will be compared with those from other European countries. The following questions will be addressed:

- What broad conceptualisations of religion and belief underpin the teaching of Religious and Moral Education in Scotland?
- What are the experiences of majority and minority groups in relation to Religious and Moral Education in Scottish schools?
- How does Scotland compare with other European countries in its approach to the teaching of Religious and Moral Education?
- What are the current and future challenges in delivering Religious and Moral Education in multi-cultural societies?

The Conference is designed to encourage knowledge exchange and there will be opportunities for discussion in both morning and afternoon sessions.

Programme

- 10.00am-10.20am **Registration and coffee**
- 10.20am-10.30am **Welcome**
Professor Sheila Riddell, Director, Centre for Research in Education,
Inclusion and Diversity, University of Edinburgh
- 10.30am-12 noon **Religious and Moral Education: Scottish and European Perspectives**
- Religious Education and the Challenges of Multi-Culturalism: Findings from the REMC project*
Dr Emer Smyth, The Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin
- Changes and Continuities in the Teaching of Religious and Moral Education in Scotland: Project Findings*
Professor Sheila Riddell, Dr Elisabet Weedon, Linda Ahlgren,
University of Edinburgh
- A View from the Southern Tip of Europe: The Maltese Case*
Professor Mary Darmanin, University of Malta
- Followed by questions from the floor
- 12.00 – 12.45pm Workshop 1
- 12.45-1.45pm **Lunch**
- 1.45pm-2.45pm Responses to the Research Findings
Michael McGrath, Scottish Catholic Education Service
Ewan Aitken, Church of Scotland
Bob McKay, the Humanist Society of Scotland
Farkhanda Chaudry, Scottish Inter-Faith Council – tbc
- 2.45pm-3.00pm **Coffee**
- 3.00pm-3.30pm **Workshop 2**
- 3.30 – 4.00pm **Questions to the panel**

If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the Booking Form and e-mail to:
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Directions to Venue

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