Learn Teach Lead **RE**

Improving quality: building community

Teachers of RE in all phases of education are invited to attend the 2017 West of England LTLRE **annual conference**

Talking wisely about faith and belief

preparing young people for the complex realities of a profoundly interconnected world

Venue: Bailbrook House Hotel, Eveleigh Ave, Bath BA1 7JD

Starts: 6.00pm Thurs 29th June
Ends: 3.30pm Fri 30th June

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Satish Kumar, Deborah Weston, Fiona Moss
Other contributors: Denise Cush, Dave Francis, Janet Orchard, Adam Robertson, Katy Staples, Chris Selway, Katie Freeman and more

Cost: £50* inclusive of VAT, includes accom, meals, conference fees
Deadline for residential bookings: 19th May 2017
Deadline for non-residential bookings: 16th June 2017
Access the booking form here (on the Bristol Diocese website)
For more information, please contact efpawson@gmail.com

"How much can I learn from a tree! The tree is my church .. my temple .. my mantra .. my poem .. my prayer"
Satish Kumar







* Due to generous support from the Jerusalem Trust and the St Matthias Trust we are able to offer places at this reduced rate for teachers coming from schools in the following authorities: Somerset, N Somerset, Bath and NE Somerset, Bristol, S Gloucestershire, Swindon, N Wiltshire. Teachers from schools outside this area will be required to pay the full fee of £250.

The conference will enable teachers of RE from across the region to gain new inspiration and share good practice. It will provide CPD in planning, teaching and assessing RE and updates on national developments. There will also be time for personal development and reflection.

Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) programme

The LTLRE (West of England) programme has been set up to support good RE teaching in primary and secondary schools. It offers teachers of RE inspiring and informative training and peer-to-peer support to enable them to be creative, reflective classroom practitioners. It aims to help teachers and leaders of RE through developing a common understanding of effective teaching and learning in the subject. LTLRE is generously funded by the Jerusalem Trust and St Matthias Trust and managed through a Steering Group representing a broad array of educational stakeholders with an interest in RE from across the region. The programme's professional Leaders in RE (PLREs) co-ordinate RE hubs in seven areas: Taunton, Mid Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol, South Glos, Bath and Swindon. More information at http://ltlre.org

Conference keynote speakers



Deborah Weston is an experienced teacher and trainer who works as Director of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development at Mulberry School for Girls in Tower Hamlets. After 30 years in the classroom Deborah continues to love teaching and to be passionate about Religious Education and its role in Community Cohesion. Deborah advises three local authorities on a regular basis, serves on the Board of the Religious Education Council, is former Chair of NATRE and a trustee of the Culham St Gabriel's Trust. Amongst other projects this year, Deborah has worked with the DfE and Ofqual on examination reform. You can follow Deborah on Twitter on **@deborahweston**



Fiona Moss is an RE Today adviser, Executive Officer to NATRE and primary specialist. Fiona taught in primary schools for a number of years before becoming an adviser and consultant. She is well-known in primary RE circles for her excellent training and outstanding RE publications. Fiona is a long-standing and active member of NATRE, and a strong supporter of local groups of teachers. You can follow Fiona on Twitter on @fionajmoss



Satish Kumar is a long-term peace and environment activist and the guiding spirit behind a number of now internationally-respected ecological and educational ventures. A former Jain monk and follower of Gandhi, he has been quietly setting the Global Agenda for change for over 50 years. He continues to teach and run workshops on reverential ecology, holistic education and voluntary simplicity and is a much sought-after speaker both in the UK and abroad.

Satish was just nine when he left his family home to join the wandering Jains. At 18 he departed to campaign for land reform in India, working to turn Gandhi's vision of a renewed India and a peaceful world into reality. Inspired in his early 20s by the example of Bertrand Russell, Satish embarked on an 8,000-mile peace pilgrimage. Carrying no money and depending on the kindness and hospitality of strangers, he walked from India to America, via Moscow, London and Paris, to deliver a humble packet of 'peace tea' to the then leaders of the world's four nuclear powers.

In 1973 Satish settled in the UK taking up the post of editor of Resurgence magazine, a position he held until last year. During this time, he has been the guiding spirit behind a number of now internationally-respected ecological and educational ventures including Schumacher College in South Devon where he is still a Visiting Fellow.

In his 50th year, Satish undertook another pilgrimage – again carrying no money walking 2,000 miles to the holy places of Britain, a venture he describes as a celebration of his love of life and nature. His autobiography, No Destination (1978) has sold over 50,000 copies. He is also the author of You Are, Therefore I Am: A Declaration of Dependence and The Buddha and the Terrorist.

In 2005, Satish was Sue Lawley's guest on Radio 4's Desert Island Discs. In 2008, as part of BBC2's Natural World series, he presented a 50-minute documentary from Dartmoor, Earth Pilgrim, which was watched by over 3.6 million people. He also appears regularly in the media, on a range of programmes including Thought for the Day and Midweek. Satish is on the Advisory Board of Our Future Planet, a unique online community sharing ideas for real change and in recognition of his commitment to animal welfare and compassionate living, he was recently elected vice-president with the RSPCA.

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