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Diocesan Matters

1. **Bishops address – Education Conference March 2009**

Many of you who attended our conference asked for a copy of the address given by Bishop Martin on schools and community cohesion, you'll find this as a separate attachment with this email.

2. **Courses to be held in Church House.**

Using RE to Promote Community Cohesion – Chris Hudson

3 June 2009, 9.30am-3.30pm at Church House, North Shields

Costs: £10 – lunch included

From September 2008, every school will have to account to Ofsted for its contribution to Community Cohesion. How can a fragmenting society hold together amidst increased social mobility and ethnic or cultural tension? Discover the positive role that schools can play by encouraging positive appreciation of human diversity, and genuine discussion within the classroom. This session ties in with the Stapleford Centre's publication:

'RE-Thinking Book 19 – 'We and They': Using RE to promote Community Cohesion.'

This (and other books) will be for sale on the day and there will be an additional display of other relevant publications

Setting Challenging Activities for RE – Chris Hudson

29 September, 9.30am-3.30pm at Church House, North Shields

Costs: £10 – lunch included

How can we raise our game in Primary RE? This workshop will explore a range of activities to encourage the use of individual thinking skills, co-operation and creativity to help staff and children meet their RE objectives. Expect an active day of storytelling, drama, artefacts and artwork to sharpen up your expectations, and provide you with a selection of new ideas to take back and use in your own school.

Resources will be for sale on the day and there will be an additional display of other relevant publications

Please contact Eileen Bell at Church House to book your places on the courses. Tel 0191 2704141; email e.bell@newcastle.anglican.org

3. 10% contributions

As you are all now aware 10% of any project cost has to be paid upfront and many of you have already started to top up your account held here at Church House which is great news. To speed up the process could you please make your cheques payable to The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and send them marked Private and Confidential to Eileen Bell @ Church House.

4. Leavers Service 2009

The service will take place at 11am on Thursday 18th June at St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle. Details to follow.

5. Head Teachers Annual Conference 2009 – ‘Making Our Horizons Sing’

Annual conference 1st – 3rd May. Further details available on the NAHT website.

6. Fireworks! Pentecost 09

Celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit working across the diocese at an event of inspiration and song. This celebration is aimed at children between the ages of 7 and 10 years offering the chance to discover more about the church at work here in the city and rural areas. For more information please ring the [Fire Works task group on 07836 354843](tel:07836354843)

7. Prayer Day 7th November 2009

A day for prayer for families using different media and stimuli will be held at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday 7th November.

NATIONAL MATTERS

1. Arts and Minds Competition 2009.

NASUWT are inviting entries for the 2009 Arts and Minds competition. The theme this year is ‘Community’. The closing date is Tuesday 30th June. Further details can be obtained from the NASUWT website.

2. **National Inter Faith Week – November 2009**

The DCSF Community Cohesion Unit are to hold a National Inter Faith Week in November. If you would like further information on how your school could take part in this event contact Sophie Faber, sophie.faber@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk or visit www.interfaithweek.org.uk.

3. **Global School Partnerships**

If you are interested in developing international school links please visit www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools you can access information on grants, download free or buy a guide to successful partnerships, receive regular updates on funding, resources and events. You will also find advice on finding a school partner and how to develop that partnership. The Diocese of Newcastle is successfully working with a wide range of partners in this country and overseas. For further information closer to home visit our website www.newcastleanglican.org/mission-and-ministry/companion-links.

4. **International Year of the Child**

2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the United Nations 'International Year of the Child. This is an opportunity to make 2009 a year in which issues, injustices and challenges facing young people today can be highlighted. For further information and a range of free downloads visit www.yearofthechild2009.org.uk

5. **Chance Your Arm – Conferences in June and October**

Gang Culture and Violence – Safeguarding Children and Young People, Friday 19th June 2009, Hinsley Hall, Leeds. To be opened by Richard Taylor, father of Damilola Taylor and recently appointed envoy to the Prime Minister on Youth Violence and Knife Crime. Dr Keith Hellawell (former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire) and Carlton Leach (former gangland member) are two of the speakers taking part.

Promoting the Well-Being of Children and Young People, Thursday 8th October 2009, Hinsley Hall, Leeds. Sue Palmer (specialist in literacy) and Ian Morris (Head of Philosophy and Wellbeing at Wellington College) are two of the expert speakers and practitioners who are taking part.

For booking forms or further information please email cycconf@aol.com or ring 0113 2177313

6. **New resource for key Christian beliefs at KS2**

Reflective Learning by Trevor Reader and Lilian Weatherley unpacks key Christian beliefs and resources for anyone involved in delivering RE and collective worship. This is published by Barbabas and costs £8.99 for the book or PDF download. Further resources can be found at www.barbabasinschools.org.uk