

2012/13 Education Committee Workplan

Objective	Tasks	Staff/ Committee	Partners	Outcomes
Support and training for School and FE Chaplaincy				
Develop national strategy for RO training	Form steering group and approach potential funders for staffing. Develop GTCS CPD registration and HMIE publishing good practice	EA AM	Glasgow Univ. Scripture Union Scotland (SUS) Fischy Music	Co-ordinate the work of those already delivering and improve opportunities for RO training nationally
Develop RO Course at Glasgow University	Run course twice in year maximizing attendance	EA, AM KC. AP	Glasgow Univ. Scripture Union Scotland (SUS)	Increased number of schools with staff trained in RO. Better RO experiences for pupils
Run two courses for School Chaplains	Plan, deliver and advertise conferences	EA, AM, RW, GD	SUS	Increased effectiveness of chaplaincy
Develop digital space for access to resources	Scope project Commission work on developing site	EA, IS RW		Better access to resources and information for chaplains
Run events for head teachers and Chaplains including but not solely about RO	Follow up contacts made with South Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire, Glasgow and Borders Councils. Advertise package with other councils and presbyteries	EA, IS, KC AM	Named Councils	Improved understanding between Heads and Chaplains about opportunities of chaplaincy for schools
Launch and publicise role expectation for School Chaplains	Finish product, plan, publicise and put on event	EA, IS	ADHT, SLS, ADES	Better understanding of role and expectations of Chaplains
Develop RO events at a local authority level	Negotiate with LA's and presbyteries about supporting events. Plan, cost and put on events	EA, AM, IS KC JR	LA.s	Better trained staff means improved quality of experience of RO and RME for pupils
Support the development of a co-ordinated approach to FE chaplaincy	Put on a conference and develop network and support opportunities	AM, JL	Reid Kerr College. ACTS	Better supported FE Chaplains
Develop input into teacher training colleges on RO	Follow up on Moray House conversations	EA	Moray House	More teachers ware of and confident in opportunities RO can bring to education experience of pupils

Support and training for Local Authority Religious Representatives				
Run two training events	Plan and put on events with SCES and 4 regional events for Sept 2012	EA, AM BJ, GD	SCES	Better trained LA reps able to be more effective on LA Education Committees
Launch and publicise handbook for church reps	Complete handbook, publish, plan and run launch event	EA, AM, GD	Scot. Govt. ADES	LA have effective guidance that is easy to access and so are more effective
Support Church reps on Local Authority Education Committees,	Be available to support reps on specific issues.	EA, AM		Additional resources allocated to education by LA education committees
Improve awareness of appointment process	Write to all Presbyteries and LA laying out process. Appointments to be in place for local elections	AM, GD		Appointments to be in place for local elections
Resourcing				
Promote the Moderators medal	Publicise prize as widely as possible and as early as possible	AM, EA		More entrants, more young people engaging with the idea of a spiritual journey
Promote the Stevenson Prize for schools	Publicise prize as widely as possible and as early as possible	AM, JW. VE		More entrants, more resources available for other schools, better quality RO in schools
Develop RME resources through REMS and Greyfriars initiative	Develop content and website	EA, AM SF	REMS, Jerusalem Trust, Greyfriars Church	Better quality Christianity in Scotland RME resources available developing pupils understanding of the idea of belief and faith
Political Engagement				
Make representation to the all parties and COSLA on Barriers to learning	Meet with all parties educational spokespeople to discuss this and other relevant issues	EA, AM SF, vols from committee when date is announced	SCPO	Issue of education being best place for Preventative spending higher up budget agenda and debate
Participate in work of appropriate	Ministerial CfE stakeholders group	EA		Churches voice and views

education organisations	GTCS Scottish Joint Committee on Religious and Moral Education Religious Education Movement Scotland ATRES, EFTRE	Dorothy Ferguson EA, Joe Walker, Ken Coulter EA EA JW		influence educational thinking
Develop closer working relationship with organisations with common interest in RME work	Open discussions about closer working between ATRES, REMS, and SJCRME	EA		
Meet with appropriate Education Bodies	Arrange meetings with SCEC, Education Scotland and GTCS	EA, AM Sandy Fraser, vols from committee when date is announced		Churches voice and views influence educational thinking
2013 General Assembly				
Write report of General Assembly	Agree subject, select group, research and write report in time for meeting of Jan 2013 Education Committee	EA		Church takes a view on current educational issues
Write report of activity since 2011 Assembly	Write report in time for meeting of Jan 2013 Education Committee	EA		Committee remains accountable to Assembly and keeps Assembly informed of current issue