

Conference Invitation:

SHARING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

13 February – Riddel Hall
Queen's University Belfast
10am - 4pm

Tea/coffee break: 9.30am
Lunch will also be provided



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Recognising that religious education has various forms - from situations where it is fully intertwined with religious schooling to those where it is primarily concerned with providing information about religion - this conference will combine theoretical discussions around the possibilities and challenges surrounding sharing religious education as well as research-informed descriptions and evaluations of current examples.

The conference is being organised in Northern Ireland at a time when, following years of division and separation in education, interest in sharing and collaboration in education is high and where experimentation in forms of sharing and collaboration between schools is increasingly common.

Some questions and issues that we hope will be addressed include:

- Is it possible to share religious education across schools of different religious ethos?
- What are the various models of sharing religious education that exist?
- What does research evidence tell us about these?
- Does sharing religious education increase tolerance between pupils?

Guest Speakers include - Mr John Keast OBE, Dr Jones Irwin (Dublin City University), Professor James Conroy (University of Glasgow), The Tony Blair Faith Foundation

The conference is aimed at teachers, policy makers, researchers and academics.
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