

Philosophy, religion and education research group

Michaelmas Term 2021



Seminar series: Researching RE teachers

We are pleased to present the following three seminars, which will shed light on different aspects of RE teachers' personal and pedagogical beliefs, through varied methodological approaches. Everyone very welcome, researchers, students – and especially (RE) teachers.

The seminars will be given at 5pm on Tuesdays by Zoom. Convener: Dr N Fancourt (contact nigel.fancourt@education.ox.ac.uk for a link, or more information)

Professor Graeme Nixon, Aberdeen, **Professor David Smith**, Aberdeen and **Dr Jo Frazer-Pearce**, UCL

2 Nov: 'Researching the (ir)religious beliefs of RE teachers'

The presenters will discuss their recent survey of 355 RE teachers, exploring the background of these educators in terms of qualifications, personal (a)theistic belief, and religion. They discuss the degree backgrounds of RE teachers, what religion they belong to (if any), and the range of theistic, agnostic, and atheistic teachers currently within the RE profession.

Dr Lizzie Russell, Worcester

16 Nov: 'Researching RE teachers in historical perspective'

Dr Russell will be speaking about her oral history research, in which she explored RE teachers in historical perspective, notably the 60s and 70s, and about how these RE teachers constructed what it meant to be an RE teacher in the stories they told about their lives in teaching.

Dr Matthew Vince, Cardiff

30 Nov: 'Researching Muslim RE teachers'

Dr Vince will be drawing from his doctoral research on RE teachers who are also Muslim, through the lens of 'lived religion', as a means to explore how religious identity is (or is not) manifested in the workplace.