

Religion Values and Education

Please describe below the main activities and events of the SIG in the past year.

We organised several events which were postponed owing to the pandemic . Our annual Fundamental British Values, Prevent and Extremism Seminar due to take place May 2020. We aim to hold this virtually in May 2021. We also aimed to collaborate again with the Gender and Sexualities sig in another one day conference in June 2020 building on the success of the 2019 conference. We had lined up several exciting and topical symposiums and speakers for the BERA September conference, but again, we hope to carry these forward to the 2021 virtual conference.

What are the key issues currently affecting your Special Interest Area?

Fundamental British Values, Extremism, Prevent Duty and how these impact on educational settings. Many issues have been raised by Black lives Matter and also Donald Trump's actions in 2020 and early 2021 in terms of race, equity and freedom of speech.

Are there any particular developments for your SIG on the horizon, e.g. newsletters,

We hope to have some blogs written by sig members soon, we were unable to complete these during 2020. We aim to carry forward many of our events to 2021. We aim to appoint a new sig convenor. Prof Sally Elton-Chalcraft will continue to be convenor and Prof Lynn Revell will be leaving in January 2021. We aim to recruit a new convenor in 2021. Many thanks to Lynn for her input over the years. She aims to continue to participate in the May Prevent/ Extremism seminars.

What other organizations does your SIG collaborate with?

UCET, TEAN, NATRE, AULRE, Cathedrals group

How has your SIG worked to engage members across the four nations? How does your SIG plan to encourage engagement from across the 4 nations in the future?

Through our networks - TEAN and CG for example work with the 4 nations

How has your SIG worked to encourage diversity amongst your membership? How do you plan to encourage diversity in the future?

Our sig is particularly interested in social justice and ethnicity and attracts folk from diverse backgrounds. We continue to be inclusive and encourage all those who express an interest to get involved. We also encourage new members to join via our networks and invite our PhD and MA students to join