

'And what do I say to that?'

Leading a positive response to sensitive, challenging and controversial issues in school. Including specific guidance, briefing and strategies connected to: LGBT inclusion; migration and diversity; religion.



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Culture Fusion, 125 Thornton Road, Bradford BD1 2EP

For schools to be cohesive learning communities, they need to respond to challenging and sometimes divisive issues. The centrality of inclusion, equality and SMSC provision is recognised by inspectors and educators. This course will help you to build an ethos of dignity and fairness, where controversial and sensitive issues are faced with resilience and openness. It will support school and college leaders, providing strategies, practical guidance and useful resources.

Who is it for?

School leaders in secondary and further education

Aims

The course will:

- look at the controversial, challenging and sensitive issues faced by schools, and provide you with a way of analysing the context and needs of your own school;
- enable you to develop a whole-school approach including students, staff and parents.

It will focus in detail on three specific areas that are sensitive and sometimes contentious, but that need a positive and clear approach across school:

- **Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues:** pupils, staff and the curriculum
- **Migration and culture:** responding to the demands of a diverse community
- **Religion:** awareness and sensitivity to the opportunities and challenges

In each case the course will offer:

- briefing on the legal and pastoral responsibilities of schools;
- examples of good practice and resources;
- policies and strategies for use in schools.

Event fee and application details

£175, including lunch and refreshments. Book online at www.schoolslinkingnetwork.org.uk/courses/terms-conditions, email info@schoolslinkingnetwork.org.uk or phone **01274 385470**.

Come as a team and save £175! Pay just £100 for a second delegate from your organisation, and £75 for a third.

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David Raven-Hill currently works as a freelance education consultant and as a school improvement officer in a number of Kirklees schools. He has led RE and community cohesion across the LA.

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