

LAT BLAYLOCK was facilitator for the day. He is the editor of REtoday magazine and runs study days throughout the country. His theme was the presence of EVIL.

What does it mean? What do we think is evil? What do we consider evils in the world today? Is religion evil and how does it fit into society today?

These were some of the questions posed by Lat. He made us consider answers with various examples and by various creative methods; such as a board game; drawing; using Story Board (post it notes to answer questions which were posted around the Council Chamber); stories; and philosophies such as Nihilism.

He finished with a true story from Maputo, Mozambique. Bishop Dinis asked Christian Aid for a donation to swap bicycles and tools for guns to start a gun amnesty. This was enormously successful where weapons were handed in, but what to do with them? They were turned into works of art/sculptures by some local people. Lat asked the students to do the same with pictures of weapons and prizes were given for the most imaginative artwork.

Lat ended by stating that the "Golden Rule" exists in all faiths and gave us statistics of various religious charities helping people throughout the world.

The teachers also had their own session which was led by Virginia and Karen. They might like to give SACRE feedback they received.

The day was very successful, thought provoking and enjoyed by all who attended.

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