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Kent SACRE agreed that a good use of their budget would be to put on a course for the Kent RE Coordinators a year on from the launch of the New Agreed Syllabus.

In liaison with trainers from RE Today services, who produced our Kent syllabus, it was arranged that there would be four options for teachers to choose from on 20th March 2019 and that the venue would be the Maidstone Mercure. The options were, a re-run of the launch in the morning, an afternoon of creative and practical RE, attending for the whole day or coming after school for a session on Excellent RE in the Secondary school.

Fifty-five teachers attended during the day and the evaluation forms gave very good feedback particularly for the Primary RE sessions. Including saying how they would be able to better implement the syllabus and how they appreciated the creative ideas given.

Some teachers had missed the original launch and were grateful to have this opportunity while some schools sent a second person to benefit from the launch details.

The RE consultant was in attendance the whole day and was able to meet the RE Coordinators in Kent and remind them about the Kelsi website information and the information and support they can get throughout the year. The website checking by SACRE was also spoken about. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of SACRE came and gave support and spoke about SACRE during the day. The Vice-Chairman, who is of the Muslim faith, was able to give some suggestions and information on Islam to the Secondary session.

I think this was a worthwhile way to spend some of our budget and it would be a good idea to put on an event once a year for teachers CPD especially as OFSTED is now asking what personal development teachers have taken part in.

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