

**Shap Working Party on World Religions in Education
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 11th July, Thursday 12th July 2007
Holiday Inn, Birmingham city centre hotel**

Attendees: Mike Berry, Alan Brown, Roger Butler, Clive Erricker, Brian Gates, Mary Hayward, Roger Howarth, Ursula King, Clive Lawton, Marilyn Mason, Carrie Mercier, Peggy Morgan, Eleanor Nesbitt, Brian Pearce (Thurs am), Lesley Prior, Herbert Schultse, Elizabeth Wayne, Deborah Weston, Frank Whaling, Angela Gluck Wood, Peter Woodward

Not in attendance: Jabal. M. M. Buaben

1	Welcome and Apologies for absence
	<p>Apologies: Fatma Amer, Lynne Broadbent, Erica Brown, Owen Cole, Wendy Dossett, John Hinnells, Bob Jackson, Gopinder Kaur, Sue Kendall-Seatter, Anne Krisman, Farley Marsh, Brian Pearce (Wed pm), Peter Schreiner, David Rose, Alison Seaman</p> <p>Penny Morgan informed members of recent visit to Cherry Gould and news of Owen Cole. An email from Owen's daughter Sian Baxter to Mike Berry was read to the meeting.</p>
2	Minutes of the AGM of Monday 18th December, 2006
	Under item 8, Lesley pointed out that she had not agreed to serve as secretary until the following December, this was a possibility that had been mooted but had not been proceeded with. Subject to the one amendment the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3	Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting
	There were no matters arising
4	Brief reports for 2007
4.1	The Journal
	Mary said there was nothing really to add to what had been said in December. Mike reported that sales had not been as good as the previous year in spite of some extra attempts at publicity
4.2	Calendar Group Report
	<p>Roger H said that some matters of minor controversy reported on at the December meeting had now largely been resolved and there was nothing else to report on the current year's calendar.</p> <p>Angela suggested that given the Christmas tree on display in the hotel reception area we should donate the hotel a free copy.</p>
4.3	Pictorial Calendar Group Report
	Alan reported that there was nothing to add to what had been said last December
4.4	Advisory Service
	<p>Peter thanked colleagues who stand ready to answer questions to this service but said there had been no queries in the year just gone.</p> <p>Roger B reported that some queries had somehow bypassed the normal channels and had come straight to him. Two of these had</p>

	resulted in Eleanor and John H making significant contributions to a guide to cultural sensitivity aimed at those working in higher education, and Clive Lawton had contributed to an Iranian TV station's panel discussion on HIV / AIDS education within different faith communities.
4.5	EAWRE report
	Herbert reported on a very good AGM that had been held in Vienna, which had been attended by Brian Gates and Roger Howarth. The theme had been tolerance and an exciting publication will be available soon. The next AGM will be held in Sweden in the spring of 2008
4.6	PREG report
	Deborah informed the meeting that PREG was meeting regularly, normally once a term, the meetings are well-attended and are still being financed by QCA. Mark Chater attends, and the opportunities for informal discussions between the chairs of the different organisations is found highly useful. Denise Cush, now chair of AUDTRS has recently joined the group that meets.
4.7	REC report
	Brian reported on two general meetings so far this year. The first, at which the national strategy document had been approved in principle, had been addressed by Sir Keith Ajegbo. The May meeting was attended by Alan Clarke, a civil servant with oversight of curriculum areas including RE. He had confirmed a wish to maintain the partnership between REC and the Department and hoped ministers would shortly be able to respond to the national strategy proposals.
4.8	Shap Award
	This year's award would be presented to Child's Eye media. Nominations could now be sent to members of the Shap Award group for next year's award
4.9	Treasurer's Report
	The decision of the AGM held last December to accept the accounts as presented by the Treasurer was formally endorsed
4.10	Appointment of Auditors
	The decision of the AGM held last December to reappoint Messrs S V Bye was formally endorsed
4.11	Dates of Future Meetings
	Mike confirmed that a consultation meeting would be held in London on Wednesday December 19, 2007; and that the next AGM would be held at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham city centre hotel on Wednesday and Thursday, 16 & 17, July 2008
4.12	Inter Faith Network Report (Report taken during Consultation on Thursday July 17)
	Brian Pearce reported on the activities of the IFN over the last year, details of his report have been included in the minutes of the Consultation meeting.