

The Shap working party on World Religions in Education



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As the headteacher of a large multicultural primary school in East Birmingham, I received each year throughout the 1980s the Shap Calendar of Festivals distributed by the local Inspector for RE, and did my best to relate its contents to the teaching of RE along the lines prescribed in the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus.

After Peter and I married in 1992 I recall meeting many of the significant Shap figures from those days, and especially David Rose, Eleanor Nesbitt, Clive Lawton and Bob Jackson. I learnt much from the friendliness and humanity of those I met on a number of different occasions.

My only claim to do anything for Shap was to keep Peter fit and focused on his wide range of activities and to offer through him a sounding board of primary school experience in classroom and school assembly that has always been an essential element of Shap's outlook and expertise.

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