

## Conferences and Resources for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

### Conferences Information for Teachers

This is targeted at teachers particularly those with SEN responsibility.

Details of two excellent RSE conferences being held by the Sex Education Forum.

#### Conference: Getting Relationships and Sex Education right for disabled children and those with SEN - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Friends Meeting House, Euston, London

The Sex Education Forum and Council for Disabled Children are counting down to the start of mandatory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) by guiding teachers through the new legislation, and helping schools choose the best resources and teaching approaches to build an inclusive and up-to-date programme that is relevant to pupils' real lives and specifically meets SEND needs. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> joint conference we bring together an incredible wealth of expertise on RSE and SEND. Chaired by Dame Christine Lenehan, the programme includes:

- Keynote covering the new statutory RSE requirements – Lucy Emmerson
- Kate E Reynolds, parent perspective
- Principles of SEND inclusive RSE – Richard Lawrence, Mencap
- Top teaching activities for inclusive RSE - from Image in Action
- Oakfield Special School - puberty workshop from teacher Matthew Riley
- Masturbation and learning disability - workshop from Claire Lightley, fpa

Delegates can choose **3 x one-hour workshops from 12 high quality options**, sample RSE teaching resources, network in the exhibition area and take away a list of RSE resources for SEND. Booking details here:

<http://www.sexeducationforum.org.uk/training/calendar/conference-countdown-statutory-rse-send>

#### Countdown to statutory RSE: A conference for independent schools - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Kingston Grammar School

By September 2020 all independent schools will be required to teach Relationships and Sex Education that is compliant with new Government guidance. The Sex Education Forum are partnering with Kingston Grammar School and It Happens to create a conference tailored for the independent sector. The programme includes:

- Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor of University of Buckingham, former Master of Wellington College
- Nick Forsyth, Head of Wellbeing, Kingston Grammar School
- Lucy Emmerson, Director, Sex Education Forum
- Dr Margot Waddell, Fellow of British Psychoanalytic Society, author of 'Adolescence and other stories', 'Inside Lives' and 'Understanding your 12-14-year-old'
- Professor Jessica Ringrose, UCL Institute of Education

- Professor Rebecca Langlands, University of Exeter, Sex and History Project
- Dr Eleanor Draeger, specialist doctor in Genitourinary Medicine (Sexual Health and HIV), Senior Trainer, Sex Education Forum

Delegates will be offered high-quality workshop choices covering RSE and the science curriculum, trans inclusive RSE and sexual health. Booking details here:

<http://www.sexeducationforum.org.uk/training/calendar/conference-countdown-statutory-rse-independent>

## **Teenage Pregnancy Knowledge Exchange**

On the 31 January 2019 the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) launched a free resource on abortion care to support teachers with relationships and sex education (RSE) lessons in secondary schools in the UK.

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/rcogfsrh-launch-abortion-care-resource-for-secondary-schools/>

The joint FSRH-RCOG factsheet aims to ensure that professionals involved in educating young people about pregnancy choices have a factually accurate, unbiased and evidence-based source of information about abortion care in the UK, one of the key points included in the DfE draft RSE guidance. It counters myths such as that abortion causes infertility, breast cancer and mental illness.

The FSRH-RCOG abortion leaflet is officially endorsed by PHE, Sex Education Forum and PSHE Association.

Attached is the [fact sheet](#) and an [article in the Times which highlights the anti-choice misinformation](#) in some RSE lessons which this factsheet aims to tackle.

Here too is a [blog](#) from Lucy Emmerson at SEF which spells out the relevant part of the RSE guidance and how the factsheet will help.

Please do share widely with all relevant SRH, CYP and education colleagues.