

DEALING WITH CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Engaging and Embedding Faith & Belief into FE
Colleges

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▶ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7bU062_Rmw

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

- ▶ An educational facility and forum for discussion for FE students and staff
- ▶ A tool to provide students with the vocabulary to tackle life's big questions
- ▶ Exploring common ground while creating individuals with the ability to understand and engage with difference and diversity
- ▶ A model of dialogue

THIS IS AFAN

- ▶ View of student about world-view
- ▶ What the world view says
- ▶ Other world-views
- ▶ What happens when they meet?
Critical/contemplative inquiry

WHAT IS THE DIALOGUE?

- ▶ Self awareness
- ▶ Respect for all
- ▶ Open minded

3 CORE ATTITUDES

- ▶ Awe/wonder
- ▶ Listening
- ▶ Attention
- ▶ Facilitating

THE AFAN METHOD

FEEL

FEAR

FIND OUT

FACILITATE

▶ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLuEY6jN6gY>

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.....

- ▶ Is it ok to be gay? / Can any types of love be wrong?
- ▶ Why can't I do what I want?
- ▶ Religion causes more trouble than it's worth
- ▶ Is God male or female?
- ▶ Are all politicians corrupt? / Is it about helping us or controlling us?
- ▶ Does religion say my body is sinful?
- ▶ I hate/like my body? Is it ok to change my body?
- ▶ Aren't churches, mosques, temples etc irrelevant to real life?
- ▶ Is it right for rich people to be rich? What is money for?

WHAT'S SO CONTROVERSIAL.....

- ▶ Perceptions
- ▶ Prejudices
- ▶ Reality

WHAT'S SO CONTROVERSIAL?

WHAT DO YOU THINK MATTERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WHY?

- ▶ IDENTITY CUPBOARD
- ▶ What do I look like?
- ▶ Likes and dislikes
- ▶ Culture
- ▶ Faith & belief background
- ▶ Family relationships
- ▶ Where I live

WHAT YOU SEE ISN'T NECESSARILY
WHAT YOU GET

THE POSITIVE JOURNEY OF TRAVEL

DEBATE

DIALOGUE

ACTION

- ▶ Pick a controversial issue
- ▶ Discuss
- ▶ Present your personal view
- ▶ Is it different to a young person's view? How? Why?

WHAT DO YOU THINK MATTERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WHY?

Is it ok to be Gay?

If you don't believe in God, aren't you going to go to hell?

Don't Jewish people dress and look funny?

Why do Muslims fast to be pure then bomb people?

Do you honestly think you are going to be born again?

Why do Christians think they're superior to everyone else?

DEBATE

DIALOGUE

ACTION

THANK YOU.....YOU'VE BEEN GREAT,
JUST LIKE ME!