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You Said	We Did
<p>Greater respect, understanding and sensitivity between people of different faiths and beliefs amongst children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have established a city wide Faith and Belief network • We held the Ratha Yatra Festival (Hindu festival) for the first time in 2009 • Other events that we have supported include Diwali / Eid celebrations and Holocaust Memorial Day.
<p>Broader understanding of different faiths and beliefs amongst children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When 20 schools were surveyed regarding the impact of the new/current RE syllabus 19 reported that the syllabus has helped them to develop a better quality RE for their children and young people • The Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity (PCFCD), supported by Plymouth City Council and Plymouth Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE), issued all schools with two DVDs ("Sharing Common Ground" and "Destined to Survive"), to support deeper understanding of faith and belief • "Sharing Common Ground" DVD brought together a group of ten Christian and Muslim women students from three Plymouth secondary schools who talked about their faith and beliefs • "Destined to Survive" DVD is about Solly Irving, a Jewish holocaust survivor from London. He has made an annual, four day visit to Plymouth to share his personal testimony and 20,000 secondary school students have heard his story. • The "Building Bridges" booklet assists teachers to ensure Children and Young People focus on the importance of belief, faith and culture and identity and belonging • Different faith community leaders gave 220 hours of talks in schools • 16 schools have visited Plymouth Synagogue to learn more about our local Jewish community • 8 school visited the Islamic Centre, PIETY • 2 school visited the Greek Orthodox church.
<p>Greater understanding and respect of different faiths and beliefs held by communities in Plymouth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 of our staff have attended training sessions on issues of belief, faith and culture in the workplace and community.