
East Sussex SACRE

Agenda

Tuesday 30th June 2015

1:00 – 3:15pm

Room CC1, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG

Item	Time	Subject	Papers	Lead
1	12:45	Tea & Coffee Networking		
2	1:00	Welcome & Introductions/ Apologies received	No	Cllr Galley
3	1:05	Reflection	No	Cllr Pursglove
4	1:10	Minutes of meeting 25 th February 2015	Yes	Cllr Galley
5	1:15	"A Journey of Discovery" East Sussex RE Syllabus – Catherine Harrison, RE Co-ordinator, South Malling C of E Primary School	No	Catherine Harrison South Malling C of E Primary School
6	1:45	Review of Agreed Syllabus – working group	No	Lilian Weatherley
7	1:55	School RE Questionnaire – update on responses received	No	Lilian Weatherley/Clerk
8	2:00	Visits to schools	No	Cllr Galley/ Lilian Weatherley
9	2:15	RE Conference 2015 Date/Workshops	No	Lilian Weatherley
10	2:30	SMSC & British values	No	Lilian Weatherley
11	2:40	RE View	Yes	Lilian Weatherley
12	2:50	Budget update - Assessment document for completion	Yes	Fiona Large/ Lilian Weatherley
13	3:00	AOB - Meeting dates 2016	Yes	Clerk

Dates of next meetings:

RE Conference - Thursday 5th November 2015 @ Deans Place, Alfriston

Wednesday 25th November 2015 – venue to be confirmed

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Notes of the meeting

Date: **Wednesday 25th February 2015**

Venue: St Mark's CE Primary School, Hadlow Down

Chairman: Councillor Roy Galley

Clerk: Julie Stevens

Present: Cllr Roy Galley (Chairman), Dr Norman Williamson, Mr Peter White, Dr Brenda Vance, Mr Andrew Jervis, Mrs Rosemary Roberts, Ms Jenni Osborn, Cllr Richard Stogdon, Cllr Mike Pursglove, Mr Peter Ward, Dr Tariq Rajbee, Deacon Jon Miller, Mrs Pamela Hartog, Ms Jill Bell

Also present: Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Fiona Large (LA Advisor), Julie Stevens (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Afshin Taraz, Rev Derek Bastide, Mrs Pat Lock, Mr Martin Lloyd, Mr Lewis Hall, Cllr Pat Rodohan, Cllr Trevor Webb

Item	Title	Action
1	Claire Rivers – Headteacher, St Mark's Claire welcomed everyone present to the school and spoke to the group about the experience of the recent SIAMS inspection at St Mark's.	
2	AGM	
2.1	Welcome and apologies <i>Cllr Galley</i> Apologies were noted. Cllr Galley welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome was given to Pamela Hartog, the new Jewish representative on the SACRE group.	
2.2	Election of Chair/Vice-Chair Councillor Stogdon nominated Councillor Galley for the position of Chair, the nomination was seconded by Councillor Pursglove, the SACRE group were in favour of this nomination. It was resolved that Councillor Galley continues as the Chairman of the East Sussex SACRE. Councillor Galley asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor Stogdon nominated Peter White; all of the SACRE group were in favour of this nomination. It was resolved that Peter White should now have the position of Vice-Chair for the East Sussex SACRE. The position of Chair for each individual representative group was nominated and agreed as follows: <u>Group A</u> Councillor Galley nominated Jenni Osborn, Peter White seconded the nomination. All members of the group agreed. <u>Group B</u> Councillor Galley nominated Rosemary Roberts; the group all agreed this nomination. <u>Group C</u> Councillor Galley nominated Andrew Jervis, the group all agreed this. <u>Group D</u> The Councillors agreed that Councillor Galley be Chair of this group.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting SMSC document to be circulated to SACRE members. - RE View to be sent electronically to RE subject leaders. 	Clerk
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Peter Ward shared his thoughts on British Values and the 'Prevent' document produced by the Government. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Councillor Galley suggested a regular item be included on the agenda to discuss British Values.</p> <p>LW advised the group that Mike Rundle who was the ATL representative on the SACRE would not be returning to the group until further notice as Mike is currently recovering from a serious illness. LW may contact a colleague to ask if they are interested in joining SACRE.</p> <p>Dr Tariq Rajbee reassured the SACRE that any visits to mosques would be led by the appropriate person.</p>	
	<p>Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 30th June 2015, 2:00pm</p> <p>Room CC1, County Hall, Lewes</p>	

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National News

Strictly RE

Over 170 teachers and professionals of Religious Education (RE) from across UK attended the '*Strictly RE*', The National Association of Teachers of RE's (NATRE) first-ever national conference, on the 31st January 2015 at the Grand Connaught Rooms in London.

'*Strictly RE*' was designed to inspire and equip teachers and professionals of RE with knowledge, techniques and resources on how to deliver excellent RE, through key note speakers, a choice of over 16 interactive and thought provoking seminars, as well as opportunities to collaborate and share best practices with peers.

Key notes on the day were delivered by Trevor Cooling, Professor of Christian Education at Canterbury Christ Church University, who discussed 'Interesting times - where are we going in RE?' and **Dilwyn Hunt**, Independent RE Adviser, who spoke about 'RE and assessment without levels?'

Religious Education Classes 'Needed' in Schools

The BBC featured an article on the 2015 Strictly RE Conference and the importance of RE. Developing young people's "religious literacy" would help to make them less vulnerable to radicalisation, a conference will hear later.

"Good religious education has never been more needed," Ed Pawson, chairman of the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education, will say.

But pupils will miss out unless the government addresses a shortage of RE teachers, he will warn.

The government said training bursaries would help to recruit more RE staff.

To read the whole article click [Religious education classes 'needed' in schools](#) here.

RE Regional Pilot

Based on Recommendation 4 of the 2013 Review of RE, the REC, NATRE and Culham St Gabriel's have launched the RE Regional pilot to work towards more robust arrangements for training and supporting teachers of RE across the country. There are now 13 RE hubs supported by CSTG and several operating independently or in partnerships with universities and NATRE, which are developing their own regional strategies, adapted and suited to their own professional development priorities; we hope that this exciting initiative will lead to real, grass-roots improvements in the quality of RE.

New Items on the RE Council Website

MPs publicise their support for high quality RE: Sixteen MPs from across the main political parties took part in an All Party Parliamentary Group event to publicise their belief that good RE should be available for all young people.

Following the election the APPG has now lost its leader Stephen Lloyd. We await news of a successor.

Carter Report on Initial Teacher Training published

The Carter Report on Initial Teacher Training has now been published following a consultation to which the REC contributed. It makes a series of recommendations and Secretary of State Nicky Morgan has made an initial response. The government will commission an independent working group made up of expert representatives from the sector to develop a core ITT framework; RE professionals have long recognised the need for this. The REC will seek proper representation of RE on the

working group to try to make sure all trainees receive adequate preparation for teaching RE.

Teach:RE course

Culham St Gabriel's are delighted to announce a 'bulk buy' offer for universities who would like ITT students to undertake the TeachRE course. Please contact kathryn@cstg.org.uk for more information about this offer. In addition, a PowerPoint presentation about the course is now available to view and use at www.teachre.co.uk

3forRE

This scheme to support those undertaking a master's degree with an RE focus still has a very small number of places available for 2014-15. Please see www.cstg.org.uk/grants/3forre for more information.

'Energising RE 2015'

Culham St Gabriel's are hosting a free Conference for RE teachers, taking place on 3-4 October 2015 at Wokefield Park, Reading. The theme of the conference will be 'Energising RE: Learning from our successes | collaborating for improvement'. For more information, visit the **Culham St Gabriel's website**.

Aims:

Informing good practice: Using research to deepen understanding of how religion and belief are changing in the UK, and the impact of this on RE;

Building strong strategies: Understanding how RE is developing and where its future could lie;

Sharing good work: Strengthening collaborative networks focused on improving standards in RE.

To Register

Complete our online registration form to apply. Priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a Wokefield RE Conference.

2015 Spirited Arts competition

NATRE's 12th Annual 'Art in Heaven' Competition 2015.

Five themes to choose from ~ create using drawing, painting, art, video, sculpture or other media. 30+ prizes and web uploads for winners and commended entries Supported by NATRE and RE Today.

Find out this year's themes and download the booking form. Check out our gallery to get inspired.

All schools are invited to submit an entry to NATRE's 2015 Spirited Arts competition, which is well underway, with entries coming in from primary and secondary schools. There is still time to take part, so visit the **NATRE website** and get your entry in before the 31 July 2015.

RE Today professional development webinars

RE Today has new online seminars.

.This terms secondary webinar is on '**Promoting British Values; the Rule of Law**', for teachers who want to find out what the new non-statutory duty to 'promote fundamental British values as part of SMSC' mean for the RE classroom.

'The Islamic Belief System'

The Al Khoei Foundation welcomes a new publication about Islam. After several years of research by a group of scholars under the direction of Dr M A Shomali, Director of the Islamic Centre England a book called *Islamic Belief System* (ISBN: 978-1904934233) has just been published by the Institute of Islamic Studies,

affiliated to Islamic Centre of England. This book comes in seven units and 240 colour pages with lots of learning activities explaining the fundamental tenets of the Muslim faith in plain and lucid language.

NB The Oxford Foundation

The Oxford Foundation was set up by Imam Monawar Hussain who read theology at Oxford and trained as an Imam under Shaykh dr Zaki Badawi KBE at the Muslim College. He was also the first Muslim Tutor at Eton. More information can be found on the Oxford Foundation website.

Hockerill Educational Foundation grants open

We are now accepting applications for grants for the 2015-16 Academic year. If you know of any colleagues who are intending to follow a teaching career in RE (Primary and Secondary), either studying currently and on a two or three year course, or who will be starting their course in September then please direct them to our website at **www.hockerillfoundation.org.uk** for further details, guidance and an application form. The first closing date is 31 March 2015.

News from the Hindu Council UK

The Hindu Council UK took part in a Q&A session on Hinduism at a boys' school as part of their provisions of resources on Hinduism. The themes and topics of the questions included: hereditary Caste systems, Nazis and the Swastika, the role of temples, the importance of Gita, and the risks attached to an evolving religion like Hinduism. Jay Lakhani's responses to and discussion of these questions have been uploaded to YouTube, and can be viewed on the Hindu Council UK Youtube channel

NASACRE

The NASACRE annual conference took place in Birmingham on Thursday 21st May. Charles Clarke was the keynote speaker.

Charles Clarke was instrumental in setting up the Non- Statutory Framework when he was in Government. He says that although he is professor of politics and faith he is not himself a man of faith but has always been keen to address the issues of RE in schools. Clarke alongside Linda Woodhead at Lancaster University have just written a book on finding a settlement for RE and Collective Worship. The book was published on June 15th and explores whether the legal requirements for both RE and Collective Worship are still relevant today with the changes to Local Authorities and the different types of schools. He believes that there is a greater need for RE than ever before.

(See attached conclusions and recommendations)

Charles Clarke also discussed whether RE should in fact be part of the National Curriculum and that it should be properly resourced with Ofsted inspecting it.

He also praised the role of SACREs

There were also questions from the floor about SACREs not being quorate and the difficulties that some Las face in recruiting members. There was also an issue raised about the Church of England representatives and their role and attendance at meetings.

There was general agreement about the importance of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

Local News

There have been several successful courses held this financial year

Thursday 19th March at the Hydro Hotel Eastbourne:

Effective RE Subject Leadership

There were 31 participants

23rd April Network Meeting Robsackwood Primary School

Shavuot and Pentecost

There were 7 participants

Wednesday 29th April at Deans Place: *Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development and Promoting British Values*

This course was oversubscribed. There were 33 participants.

Future Courses 2015

Thursday 8th October at Deans Place: *Teaching Judaism and Islam in the Primary School*

Moving Forward in RE

East Sussex RE Conference

Plans are in place for East Sussex to hold another joint RE Conference with Brighton and Hove this Autumn. The keynote speaker will be **Dilwyn Hunt** (See above)

The conference will be on November 5th. The venue will be Dean's Place, Alfriston.

Please keep this date in your diary

	General Costs	Amount
	External printing costs	£60
	Refreshments (including lunch for courses)	£900
	Room hire (including courses)	£966
	DIGITAL DATA – production of CD Roms	£45.00
	Total	£1971
Dates	Consultant Costs	Amount
23 rd April 2015	Lilian – planning and delivery of RE network day 1 day	£425.00
29 th April 2015	Lilian – planning and delivery of British values course 1.5 days	£637.50
	Total	£1062.50
Dates	Income Activity	Amount
23 rd and 29 th April 2015	Income from training RE8 and RE10	£4935
	Total	£4935
	Remaining funds	£2801

The SACRE budget is a full cost recovery budget, which means all training must generate enough income to cover all costs.

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