



SACRE Training Feedback Form

Training provider	NASACRE
Course title	SACREs – a way forward...? Chaired by Linda Rudge and Paul Smalley Special guest: Charles Clarke
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Please provide a short summary of your experience of the session and sharing any information/ learning you feel would benefit other members of the Portsmouth SACRE.

This was an update on the implications for SACREs and NASACRE of the government's white paper on academisation.

Charles Clark MP (patron of NASACRE) noted that since the white paper was published, the government has been in a period of instability and that they are very unlikely to make any changes before the next general election. The current education secretary, Gillian Keegan, is focussing on technical education and skills rather than the academisation agenda. Equally it is highly unlikely that there will be any changes to Collective Worship legislation before the next election.

In the meantime SACREs should focus on the quality of RE education and the RWV (religion & worldviews) curriculum, and try to keep the needs of RE on the agenda (e.g. the problems with teacher training and teacher supply.)

Linda Rudge and Claire Clinton shared that the DFE and NASACRE have regular meetings and that they are particularly interested in SACRE annual reports. Local SACRES were encouraged to use these to celebrate good practice locally, e.g work on religious literacy and preventing extremism. SACREs were also encouraged to upload any useful documents onto the [NASACRE shared space](#), e.g. advice on Ramadan or withdrawal letters.

There was a discussion about the proposed national standards for RE and it was noted that funding and effectiveness of SACREs across the country is a very mixed picture. Stephen Pett and the RE Council have produced a [report](#) on a worldviews approach to RE, which could be a way forward.

They also discussed the possibility of forming regional SACREs, which would help with resourcing RE support. Local SACREs often don't have the capacity to support and monitor RE.

It was a useful information session, although it was acknowledged that at the moment we can only speculate about the schools bill and the future of RE.



The questions below may help structure your feedback:

- Did the session meet your expectations (if yes, how/ if no, why not?)
- How engaging would you say the overall content was?
- Was the content in-depth enough/ would you like to learn more about this topic?
- Would you recommend this session to a SACRE colleague?
- Do you feel that your knowledge or skills have improved?
- How do you think your contribution to the Portsmouth SACRE will benefit?
- Any other useful information.