



Title of meeting: Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Date of meeting: 14 June 2023

Subject: SACRE National and Local RE Matters Report

Report by: Justine Ball, SACRE Advisor

- 1 Purpose of report:** The purpose of this report is to enable SACRE to consider key national and local RE developments.

Recommendations:

That SACRE notes the report.

- 2 Executive Summary:**

This report seeks to update and inform SACRE of key national developments, for example the work of the Religious Education Council (REC), NASACRE, the RE Hubs project as well as the Association of University Lecturers in Religious Education (AULRE) and initiatives being led by the Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

- 3 Culham St Gabriel's Trust initiatives:**
Portsmouth SACRE members will be interested in several initiatives that are being funded by the Culham St Gabriel's trust; the largest grant giving body supporting religious education [Homepage - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](http://cstg.org.uk) .

These include:

Regular promotion of a national teacher recruitment campaign for RE. Further information on the campaign can be found below:

[New RE teacher recruitment campaign kicks off as popular GCSE subject faces staff shortage - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](http://cstg.org.uk)

Virtual RE courses that are free to all on different aspects of RE. These are especially useful to new teachers, those teaching with no background in RE and those simply wishing to know more about the current world of RE. These can be found here:

[E Learning - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](http://cstg.org.uk)

- 5 RE Hubs –** This project was introduced to the SACRE last term and the website for this has just been launched. On the page for the South East, the link is given for the Portsmouth Directory of Places of Worship. There is the potential for a wide range of resources to be uploaded onto the website which will be of real interest and use to the SACRE and to Portsmouth teachers, including information on further places of



worship, speakers and training and CPD that are available for all. There is a need for more RE Hub accredited speakers in our area and speakers are accredited after completing the initial training. They can then advertise on the website. A flyer for the training is attached to this report and further information can be found here:

[Explore RE in your Region \(re-hubs.uk\)](http://re-hubs.uk)

6 Sacred Texts British Library

Resources created by the British Library have become available online for all KS2 teachers on a range of different religions and these can be accessed here:

[Discovering Sacred Texts: Key Stage 2 teaching resources | The British Library \(bl.uk\)](http://www.bl.uk/learning/religious)

7 The Association of University Lecturers in Religious Education (AULRE) is still leading on the matter of issues in relation to Secondary Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and the Secondary Teaching and Learning Adviser attended their national conference recently.

8 National Association of SACREs (NASACRE). NASACRE is the national body representing and leading on SACREs interests. A regular newsletter is circulated to SACRE members through their SACRE. In addition, a series of training sessions are offered for SACRE members to attend. SACRE members are invited to note the last in series of training events this year which is mentioned in the membership report and to contact the SACRE clerk if they wish to attend.