



**Title of meeting:** Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
**Date of meeting:** 6 November 2024  
**Subject:** SACRE National and Local RE Matters Report  
**Report by:** Chris May, Secondary RE Teaching and Learning Advisor

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

**Recommendations:**

- 2. That SACRE notes the report.**

**3 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.

**4 NASACRE continues to offer a range of training opportunities, including:**

- 21 January 2025, 7-8pm: Calling all members of SACRE Group D – How to be an effective member of your SACRE?
- 25 February 2025, 7-8pm: Being an effective SACRE Clerk
- 11 March 2025, 7-8pm: Working on an Agreed Syllabus Conference – supports and processes
- 24 June 2025, 6:30-8pm: So, you've joined your local SACRE...

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend any of these events.

- 5 RE Hubs** have a new programme of events on this year, including new dates for school speaker and place of worship training. The next dates for this free training are: 8 October from 3.30 pm, 14 November from 11 am and 9 December from 10 am. There is also a new pod of resources collated on teaching controversial issues which has a wealth of resources and advice on there for teachers. SACRE members who host school visits or speak in schools are encouraged to sign up for this kitemark training. The link is here: [Register as a school speaker \(re-hubs.uk\)](https://www.re-hubs.uk/register-as-a-school-speaker)

- 6 Interfaith Week** is continuing this year from 10-17 November. SACRE members are encouraged to let the clerk know if they are willing to speak to schools in this week. Resources for schools are available here to help the planning for this: [Interfaith Resources \(re-hubs.uk\)](https://www.re-hubs.uk/interfaith-resources)



- 7 AULRE is again offering a webinar series which is free to attend. The first in this series on 'RE and Holocaust Education post October 7 2023' was well attended. The next in the series is titled **Consequences of not Decolonising Religions and Worldviews, and beyond, and will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. In this webinar Professor Sally Elton-Chalcraft, Dr Yonah Matamba and Alexandra Brown consider why it is important to firstly decolonise RE before engaging in anti-racist strategies.
- 8 The Cross Phase Hampshire RE conference is taking place on **6 March 2025** and bookings can be made on the Hampshire Learning Zone [SuccessFactors Learning: Item Details for Hampshire and Wessex Annual Religious Cross Phase Education Conference for Primary, Special and Secondary Schools 24-25 \(plateau.com\)](#). The conference is open to all teachers using Living Difference IV and we often have several delegates from Portsmouth schools.
- 9 Culham St Gabriel's will again run the **RE 'Leadership Scholarship Programme'**. This is a national two year programme open to both primary and secondary teachers of RE who are looking to develop their leadership capacity beyond their school. Applications will open in January, and it would be great to see Portsmouth teachers involved. More information can be found here: [Leadership Scholarship Programme - Culham St Gabriel's](#)