



Hull SACRE Annual Report 2022

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Introduction

2022 has been another busy year for SACRE.

- September 2022 saw the implementation of the new agreed syllabus for religion and worldviews across schools and academies in Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.
- SACRE meetings have continued to be held as hybrid sessions with members attending in person or online as preferred.
- SACRE members have attended training sessions to help us be effective in our roles.
- A key focus for SACRE this year was to create a constitution which reflects our religion and worldviews approach, to make it fit for today and to take SACRE into the future.
- SACRE has supported the trialling of the Young Ambassadors for RE programme and welcome the opportunity to develop this programme next year.
- Work began on the revision of current guidance for collective worship
- Began to plan to bring the Jewish Living Experience exhibition to Hull in 2023. The mobile travelling exhibition is aimed primarily at school groups and enables visitors to gain an insight into Judaism as a living faith.

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We were pleased to welcome a new teacher member to SACRE representing Thrive Academy Trust. A valuable member who readily volunteered to contribute to the working party on collective worship.

Finally massive thanks from SACRE members and from myself, to Fiona, our Clerk to SACRE; we continue to be extremely grateful for her outstanding support and commitment.

Marilyn Cowling, Chair of SACRE

SACRE meetings

SACRE has continued to enable members to attend meetings by holding them at the Guildhall and through providing the opportunity to attend via TEAMS where preferred.

2022

- 27 January – meeting at the Guildhall, Hull & via TEAMS focus on annual SACRE report – not quorate!
- 17 February – joint meeting Hull & East Riding SACREs with Marc Cooper, Director Vantage Teaching School Hub, a training session for members to learn about the role of the Vantage Teaching School, attended by nine members in total
- 5 April – meeting at the Guildhall & via TEAMS, focus on developing a new constitution (no one can locate the original one), the development plan, updates to web page and schools updates - quorate
- 16 June – meeting at the Guildhall & via TEAMS, agreed joint meeting with ER SACRE, quorate
- 20 October – meeting at the Guildhall & via TEAMS, not quorate
- 3 November – joint meeting with East Riding SACRE at the Reform Synagogue, Ne've Shalom, Willerby. Designated as a training session for SACRE members with a particular focus on the Agreed Syllabus 2022. We are grateful to Ian ... for hosting this event.

Statutory responsibilities for RE -

RE is not part of the National Curriculum, it is a local responsibility. Through the SACRE, local communities and teachers have the opportunity to influence and support what pupils learn in RE.

SACRE is required

- to provide advice to the Local Authority (LA) on all aspects of its provision for Religious Education (RE) in its schools. This does not include Voluntary Aided Schools. (Academies, whilst not under the responsibility of the LA, may or may not choose to avail themselves of the *Agreed Syllabus for Religion & Worldviews 2022* and benefit from the support of SACRE)

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- to decide whether the LA's Agreed Syllabus for RE needs to be reviewed and to require the LA to so do (the previous syllabus was reviewed in 2019/2020 and determined to require revision, published in October 2021).

SACRE has been encouraged by the growing number of academies, both primary and secondary which have taken up *The Agreed Syllabus for Religion and Worldviews 2022*, the result of a working partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire SACRE on a joint Agreed Syllabus Conference.

This syllabus has been described as 'contemporary and exciting', offering new ways to 'ignite curiosity and foster all that good quality religious education can bring'. It includes links to our local, incredibly rich, cultural and faith heritage and offers many opportunities for exciting and meaningful learning. The provision of guidance and resources covering all ages from Early Years through to sixth form has been welcomed by teachers across a range of settings. SACRE has been pleased to receive positive and enthusiastic responses from many teachers to this new syllabus, including from some outside of our two LA's.

Teacher training/advice for schools

Training for teachers to develop the knowledge and skills to work with the new approach this syllabus offers, has been provided on request, by the authors of the syllabus. Around 70% of primary academies (often with colleagues from the same MAT), four of the secondary academies and one special school have accessed at least one of the CPD opportunities provided. In addition, In the month of March, Anne Krisman a specialist SEND teacher and Gill Vaisey, author and specialist in RE for EYFS each provided a Zoom session for interested primary colleagues. The Adviser to SACRE with a colleague, both independent consultants, have provided termly RE network meetings for primary schools in Hull and the East Riding to provide advice and support to teachers.

As all schools in Hull are academies this support was not provided by the LA.

Standards and monitoring of RE –

Monitoring of standards in RE has been through the termly network meetings with RE subject leaders, scrutiny of OfSTED reports highlighting RE and from examination of schools twitter comments about RE work in the classroom and the locality.

No requests for support with withdrawals from RE have been received this year.

Collective Worship

With regard to collective worship, it is the responsibility of SACRE to:

- provide advice to the LA on collective worship in its schools
- to consider any requests from Head teachers to hold collective worship that is not of a broadly Christian character
- to advise on matters relating to training for teachers in RE and collective worship

No requests have been received by SACRE, from any school, for a determination to change from holding collective worship that is of a broadly Christian character.

A small subcommittee has been established to look at revising the guidance on collective worship found in the document *Worship Works* and provided by SACRE for schools. This revision will continue into 2023, working together with colleagues from East Riding SACRE to produce relevant, relatable guidance for collective worship in schools today.

Standards and monitoring of RE

SACRE members have not made any visits into schools throughout this period. Those Ofsted reports which have referred to provision for RE and learning in the subject have been considered at SACRE meetings; more recently Twitter feeds, collated by the Adviser to SACRE, have been useful in enabling SACRE members to gain some evidence of the quality of RE.

Links with other bodies

- NASACRE - National Association of SACREs - ([Home | NASACRE](#)) Three SACRE members attended the Conference and AGM in 2022
- HERI - Hull and East Riding Interfaith - (<https://heri-online.org/>) Meets bi-monthly and some members of SACRE attend regularly
- AREIAC - Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers & Consultants <https://www.arei.ac.org.uk/>)
- NATRE - National Association for Teachers of RE (<https://www.natre.org.uk/>) Teachers are encouraged to make use of the excellent resources available from NATRE
- CSTG – Culham St Gabriel’s Trust (<https://www.cstg.org.uk/>) Provides resources, access to research, links to a wide range of different religions and worldviews and free online training/support for teachers of RE via www.reonline.org.uk
- SACRE has regular contact with local faith communities, York Diocese and Hull Minster

SACRE involvement locally

Through links with the local Imams, SACRE provides advice about Ramadan and fasting for schools and publishes this information on the SACRE website.

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/support-education/standing-advisory-council-religious-education>

SACRE’s own arrangements

Professional and administrative support is provided by the LA through clerking and funding an independent RE adviser. The LA and city council representatives regularly attend SACRE meetings. The LA also administers the SACRE webpage. SACRE meetings are not always

quorate which slows progress on some issues. However, we have seen an increase in members from faith communities but would like to increase representation for each of the four groups

SACRE members have attended training provided online by NASACRE and in person at the Reform Synagogue, Ne've Shalom, in Willerby.

SACRE is provided with sufficient funds to carry out its work. Finance given to SACRE for its work

Appendices

- Table of GCSE – short and full, A/S & A Level RS results - TBC
- Details on CPD provided to schools – Not provided by the LA
- Circulation details for this Annual Report: SACRE members, LA, City Council, all Academies and Free Schools, NASACRE and DfE.