



Liverpool

Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education

Annual Report

September 2019 - August 2020

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Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE met three times from September 2019 – August 2020. Summaries of the meetings are enclosed with this report.

- 8th October 2019
- 4th February 2020
- 7th July 2020 (digital meeting via Zoom)

A programme of termly meetings has been planned for the year 2020-2021

- 6th October 2020 (digital meeting via Zoom)
- 2nd February 2021 (digital meeting via Zoom)
- 6th July 2021

Meeting Attendance

	Committee	8 th Oct 2019	4 th Feb 2020	7 th July 2020
AG - Sikh	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	✓
Vacancy -Free Church	A			
TA - Muslim	A	✓	0 Apols	✓
SR - Judaism	A	0 Apols		
JW - Judaism	A		✓	0 Apols
Vacancy – Roman Catholic	A			
Vacancy – Buddhism	A			
Vacancy - Hinduism	A			
MH	B	✓	✓	✓
PT	B	✓	✓	0 Apols
Rev CC	B	✓	✓	✓
AH	C	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
PB	C	✓	✓	✓
AP	C	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
KMc	C	0 Apols	✓	✓
Cllr BM Chair	D	✓	✓	✓
Cllr HD	D	✓	✓	0 Apols
Cllr TC	D	✓	0 Apols	0 Apols
Cllr AR	D			✓
KY –Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted			
AB –Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted			
Dr MT - Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted		0 Apols	✓
JS – Liverpool John Moores	Co-opted			

University				
Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
Christine Edmonds – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
SC - Humanist	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓

Paul Smalley, Chair of NASACRE attend the spring term meeting on 4th February 2020.

Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020

Appointed Representatives

Roman Catholic	Vacancy
Jewish	SR then JW from February 2020
Muslim	TA
Hindu	Vacancy
Sikh	AG
Buddhist	Vacancy
Church of England	PT
Church of England	Rev CC
Church of England	MH
Free Church	Vacancy

Teachers

Secondary Schools/Academies

	PB
	AP
Primary Schools	KMc
	AH

Diocese	MH
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Local Authority

Councillor BM (SACRE Chair)	Local Authority
Councillor HD Vice Chair	Local Authority
Councillor TC	Local Authority
Councillor AR	Local Authority

Co-opted Members:

Gill Lawson	LA Representative/Advisor – School Improvement Liverpool
Chrissy Edmonds	Clerk to SACRE – School Improvement Liverpool
Dr MT	Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
AB	Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
JS	Liverpool John Moores University
SC	Humanist Representative

Committees

Committee A Christian denominations other than the Church of England plus representatives of other faiths	Committee B The Church of England	Committee C Teachers	Committee D The Local authority	Co-opted members
AG - Sikh	MH	AH	Cllr BM Chair	Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd
Vacancy – Free Church	PT	KMc	Cllr HD Vice Chair	Christine McLeod – SIL Ltd
Vacancy – Roman Catholic	Rev CC	PB	Cllr TC	AB - Liverpool Community Spirit
TA - Muslim		MH	Cllr AR	Dr MT –Liverpool Community Spirit
SR – Judaism, JW from February 2020		AP		JS – Liverpool John Moores University
Vacancy - Buddhism				SC –Humanism
Vacancy - Hinduism				

SACRE supported activities

- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship remains a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE has arranged one-day CPD conferences on RE and collective worship. Schools attending received an extensive bank of resources, advice and guidance to support collective worship. The resources are available to all Liverpool schools on request.
- Liverpool SACRE was planning to support up to 3 members to be able to attend the NASACRE AGM in May 2019 to report back to SACRE with a summary of the input from the keynote speakers. The May 2020 NASACRE AGM was cancelled however 2 Liverpool SACRE members attended the recent EGM which was a virtual meeting via Zoom on 17th November 2020.
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs. Locally these include Wirral, Sefton and Knowsley.
- School Improvement Liverpool has facilitated RE teacher networks and has provided bespoke support for RE to individual schools as required.
- SACRE continues to have the support of School Improvement Liverpool in scheduling, advertising and taking bookings for RE subject leader meetings and in promoting various events and CPD opportunities over the year.
- Liverpool SACRE subscribes to NASACRE. The NASACRE logon on details have been issued to all SACRE members and they are encouraged to access the information available on the website.

- It was not possible to analyse exam results in RE due to the cancellation of GCSE and A Level examination because of Covid 19 measures.
- Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend it is suggested that they send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.

Agreed Syllabus

During the spring term 2020 Liverpool SACRE took the decision, after much deliberation, to commission the RE Today syllabus for RE.

The syllabus was produced and due for launch with schools at a conference on 14th July 2020. That was planned before Covid 19 lockdown began in March 2020, so had to be postponed.

Schools were given access to the new syllabus mid-June 2020 so that they could start planning for implementation from September 2020. The launch was re-scheduled for 6th November 2020; however, it was necessary to postpone again, due to Covid 19 measures.

A new date for the official launch of the syllabus has been agreed as 15th January 2021. The online event will be a practical conference to launch the new RE Agreed Syllabus for Liverpool. It will provide an opportunity to explore how the new syllabus helps teachers in planning and delivering creative and effective RE.

The conference will start and finish with all phases together, exploring purposes of RE and wider impact of the subject. Separate primary and secondary sessions will explore examples of practical teaching and learning ideas that put the syllabus units into practice.

The conference will run in four online interactive sessions. Delegates are required to attend all sessions.

Advisory Support for Religious Education

Support has been provided to individual schools regarding RE on request, for example, where there has been a change of head teacher or RE co-ordinator new to the role.

Liverpool LA provides clerking and administrative support for SACRE via School Improvement Liverpool Ltd. This service includes providing a clerk for taking minutes at SACRE meetings, maintaining the contacts list for members, circulation of invitations to meetings with associated documents and handling general correspondence relating to SACRE.

Both the School Improvement Officer with responsibility for RE and Clerk to SACRE are based at Toxteth Annexe Conference Centre, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 7BN.

No complaints have been received about RE.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship Guidance for schools

Advice and guidance on collective worship has been provided to schools via Liverpool SACRE Collective Worship Conferences. Bespoke advice and guidance have been provided to individual schools on request via the link SACRE School Improvement Officer.

A number of schools have shared collective worship resources and materials covering a range of topics.

There have been no complaints concerning collective worship.

Determinations

SACRE has not received any requests for determinations with regard to Collective Worship, either this year or in recent previous years. Any school wishing to explore the relevance of a determination (daily collective worship which is other than wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character) in their context should contact the school improvement officer.

Church schools are not eligible for a determination. For an academy wishing to apply for a determination the correct process is for the Trust to apply through the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to the Secretary of State.

Finance

Liverpool SACRE has a small budget which is managed by the School Improvement Liverpool. This enables attendance at conferences such as the NASACRE AGM, opportunities to run CPD for teachers, for example a conference on Collective Worship and other activities to support RE in Liverpool.

The new agreed syllabus and supporting materials have been provided for schools free of charge. This has been funded using SACRE funding supplemented by curriculum support funding for RE.



Humanist Membership of SACRE


Considerable debate about the status of the Humanist representative on Liverpool SACRE has taken place. A decision was made that the local authority should determine whether a Humanist representative should remain as a co-opted member of SACRE or be allowed to join group A.

In July 2020 a motion was tabled at an Education and Children's Services Select Committee meeting requesting that a Humanist representative be allowed to join Group A. After further debate and a welcome contribution from our co-opted Humanist member, the committee voted 10 -1, with one abstention, to recommend this change to the composition of Group A.

The Director of Education and Children's Services was consulted. He and the Chair of SACRE were happy to accept the recommendation.

Minutes of full SACRE meetings from September 2019 to August 2020

Date:	8 th October 2019 3.45pm
Agenda Items	
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	<p>Previous minutes discussed and agreed.</p> <p>Actions from Previous minute completed: GL will liaise with members to organise a working party before the next SACRE meeting in September '19 to further discuss and finalise details. Suggested date for meeting 17/09/19 at Toxteth Annexe</p>
<p>Agreed Syllabus developments</p> <p>Attachments: Teacher resources.pdf Suggested learning experiences. pdf</p>	<p>GL invited SACRE members along to Toxteth Annexe, 17th September '19 to look again at the draft of the Agreed Syllabus to discuss and further develop it. Thank you for your contributions.</p> <p>GL briefly read through the new draft version and a group discussion was focused on 'What religions and Worldviews should be taught. Amendments will be made to this section before the final draft version is distributed.</p> <p>GL distributed docs. relating to 'Suggested learning experiences' and 'Teacher resources' with a view to developing these documents further to accompany the Agreed Syllabus when launched.</p>
NASACRE Letter from NASACRE Letter from DfE	<p>NASCRE has produced an example letter for schools with clarification from the Department for Education with regard to the requirement to teach RE in maintained schools and academies.</p> <p>The letter provides helpful guidance to schools on the expectation to provide high quality RE to all pupils in all years in all schools and in light of the new Education Inspection Framework.</p> <p>It was agreed to draft a version of the letter for Liverpool schools. GL to action.</p>
<p>Interfaith Week Launch 10th – 17th November '19</p> <p> interfaith week.pdf</p>	<p>The Inter Faith week for the UK has officially been launched. It is hoped that schools will be getting involved in activities and will be encouraged to do so.</p> <p>CMc emailed a copy of their newsletter to all SACRE members on the 08/07/19. For further information please log onto the Interfaith website</p> <p>www.interfaithweek.org</p>
<p>Group membership</p> <p> What is the purpose of a SACRE</p>	<p>SACRE members were asked to vote in a new Chair and Vice chair. Cllr BM was voted in to remain as Chair and Cllr TC was voted in as Vice chair.</p> <p>A question was raised as to the legality of membership numbers, NASACRE states, 'The structure of the SACRE is defined by law. It is made up of four</p>

 SACRE membership composition.pdf Attachment: SC supporting document.pdf	<p>groups, sometimes referred to by some SACREs as committees. Details such as the specific numbers of members in each of the groups will usually be set out in the individual SACRE's constitution. These are frequently decided by the LA, depending on local circumstances and in collaboration with the organisations and communities represented.' Maximum nos. for SACRE groups are 30 but there does not appear to be a legal minimum number.</p> <p>SC, our Humanism co-opted representative has requested to become a full member of SACRE rather than a co-opted member. The members have requested time to consider SC request and the matter has been deferred until the next meeting. SC sent GL documents to support her application, please find copies embedding in the minutes.</p> <p>As Cllr AR has taken up a new post in the council and is therefore unable to accept a place on SACRE.</p> <p>It was suggested that we invite JW to attend our meetings as a co-opted member.</p> <p>It was again noted that SACRE do not have a Buddhist representative on the panel nor a representative from the Roman Catholic church. PB recommended JS. This will be followed up on. On-going</p>
<p>AOB: Farmington Institute Mon 21/10/2019 11:18</p> <p>PB: The Holocaust Educational Trust</p> <p>GL: 'Teaching & Learning about Islam for Primary RE Subject Leads' training 23/01/2020</p>	<p>Applications for the 2020/21 Farmington Scholarships are now open. CMc forwarded an email to all members with ref to how to apply. For further information please log onto the link below http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships/</p> <p>The link below will give you full news and upcoming events that are on offer from the Holocaust Educational Trust https://www.het.org.uk/</p> <p>GL has organised a CPD training session at Toxteth Annexe on the 23rd Jan. '20 for RE teachers 'Teaching & Learning about Islam for Primary RE Subject Leads'. Places are limited and filling up fast. The session will be delivered by Imran Kotwal and will provide teachers with an excellent opportunity to develop their subject knowledge of Islam to support them in the teaching of Religious Education. The session will start at 13:30 and finish 15:30. If you wish to attend please inform CMc as soon as possible to secure a place.</p>
<p>SACRE Members</p> <p>Attachment: SACRE members list</p>	<p>NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk</p> <p>New log in details for academic year 2019 - 20 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: Password: **** ****</p> <p>Twitter @liverpoolSACRE</p>
<p>Actions:</p>	<p>Action GL to contact JW re membership GL to draft letter for schools Finalise syllabus documents</p>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>Dates and times for next year's meetings:</p> <p>Spring term - 4th February 2020 The Academy of St Nicholas Horrocks Avenue Liverpool L19 5NY</p>


	<p>Time: 15:45 Summer term 7th July 2020 Venue TBC</p> <p>Please send proposed agenda items chrissy.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk.</p>
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Date:	4 th February 2020 3.45pm
Agenda Items	
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	<p>Previous minutes discussed and agreed.</p> <p>Actions from Previous minute completed: GL to contact JW re membership JW was welcomed back to SACRE to represent Judaism on Group A.</p>
NASACRE Welcome Paul Smalley	<p>GL invited Paul Smalley, Chair of NASACRE along to attend and speak at the SACRE meeting. PS introduced himself and gave a brief overview of NASACRE and what his role is as the current chair of NASACRE. PS is a senior lecturer in RE at Edge Hill University.</p> <p>NASACRE comprises of four elected honorary officers, Chair – Vice Chair – Treasurer and Secretary (elected for 2 terms) and eight other people nominated by SACRE members annually and up to 3 co-opted members. NASACRE is a non-profit making organisation, financed by affiliation fees from SACREs and subscriptions to public meetings. They are responsible for policy and the planning of NASACRE events and activities. NASACRE provides guidance to schools and local authorities, and assists SACREs in fulfilling their responsibilities. They represent the interests of SACREs at DfE & RE Council of England & Wales meetings. They meet termly to plan events, discuss policy and operational issues as they arise.</p> <p>PS said that there is now a vacancy on the committee if anyone is interested in joining.</p>
Agreed Syllabus developments	<p>GL invited all SACRE members along to Toxteth Annexe on the 28th February 2020 at 13:00 to discuss and finalise the Agreed Syllabus with the view of launching it in the summer term 2020. This will give schools the required time to review the contents before the Autumn 2020 term. If you can attend please inform CM by return email so we can gauge numbers chrissy.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk</p>
Membership, including Humanism representation	<p>JW was welcomed back to SACRE as a member to represent Judaism on Group A. SR & Rev YS will no longer be attending SACRE meetings. BM thanked them for their previous attendance & time. GL has approached several possible new members to represent Roman Catholics, Buddhism and Hinduism. On-going</p> <p>SC our Humanism co-opted representative formally submitted her request to become a full member of SACRE, deferred from the last meeting.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that it was not the responsibility of the SACRE members to vote on the matter of full membership to the SACRE but it was down to the decision of the LA. BM recommended that SC's request be submitted to the Education Select Committee, which is a public meeting, and will be held on 25th March 2020. Cllr TC & Cllr HD seconded the motion.</p>

	BM thanked SC for all the documentation that she prepared in preparation to support her request and this will be used to support her application at the meeting. BM and GL will also look at the specific numbers of members in each of the groups, which is decided by the LA. Ongoing
Annual report	The annual report was circulated, via email prior to today's meeting. GL briefly summarised the content.
NASACRE Conference	Date 18 th May 2020 Venue: Crowne Plaza London Both MH & PB have expressed an interest in attending the conference GL will be in touch to confirm details.
AOB: Liverpool year of reading 2020 CC: Wigan SACRE GL: <i>New Brighton Holocaust Memorial Day 23rd January 2020</i> JW: Holocaust Poetry PB: Ziggy Shipper @ Alsop High	<p>The Liverpool year of reading 2020 was launched on 21/01/20. This is a 12-month celebration set to get everyone involved in reading. It will celebrate the work of organisations and schools which are already inspiring people to spend time with the written word. For update information log onto www.liverpool.gov.uk/liverpoolreads #LiverpoolReads</p> <p>Wigan SACRE have invited GL to attend a meeting on 23rd March '20 TBC</p> <p>GL attended the Holocaust Memorial Event organised by ML of Wirral SACRE 'Stand together' Cllr AG, opened the event on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz</p> <p>GL has publicised Dive Deeper into Religious Education – a free conference for primary RE teachers organised with funding from Culham St Gabriel at Liverpool Cathedral, 2nd March 2020.</p> <p>Marked in Verse - Holocaust Memorial Day in Liverpool, was held on 25th January 2020, the 25th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide. A series of poems written by local people were read out. Three poems written by young & old were chosen to feature in the service. It was a very successful day. Due to funding cuts JW is now on the look out for any funding ideas that may be available for the continuation of the poetry theme.</p> <p>Zigi Shipper, holocaust survivor, will be visiting Alsop High School on the 10th & 11th March 2020.</p>
SACRE Members Attachment: SACRE members list	NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk New log in details for academic year 2019 - 20 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: <input type="text"/> Password: <input type="password"/> ***** Twitter @liverpoolSACRE
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings: Summer term – 7th July 2020 Toxteth Annexe TBC Time: 15:45 Please send proposed agenda items chrissy.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk .

Date:	7 th July 2020 - 3.30pm on Zoom
Agenda Items	
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed. Actions from Previous minute completed: None
Agreed Syllabus 2020/25	<p>The Agreed syllabus was due to be launched at a conference in July '20, however, due to corona virus the conference had to be postponed.</p> <p>The new Liverpool Agreed Syllabus for RE 2020/25 is now available, in download format, for mainstream and special schools in Liverpool. Schools have had access to the download during the summer 2020 term, in readiness for implementation in the next academic year - 2020/21</p> <p>The schools also have access to a short, recorded webinar which introduces the syllabus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use it, in terms of its intent, implementation and impact. • Workbooks for introducing the syllabus • Sample long-term plans • Progression document, outlining ways of creating a coherent, sequenced curriculum <p>LCC and SACRE have also provided schemes of work to support the implementing of the new Agreed Syllabus gradually over the next academic year.</p> <p>The syllabus sets out the statutory requirements for RE ensuring that the LA and SACRE comply with their duties. It provides helpful resources and guidance to support increased understanding of RE in the wider curriculum, supporting greater achievement in the subject. The syllabus offers valuable support to teachers who are less confident about how to approach the subject, and provides a suitable stretch for those who are more experienced</p> <p>KM gave her feedback on the Agreed Syllabus within her setting – really supportive information, enrichment and not restrictive</p> <p>JS requested information on how her team could access the syllabus in terms of licencing agreements and costs as it will be required for their training programmes.</p> <p>GL will look into the details: Action</p>
Worldviews representation	<p>SC request to become a full member of SACRE will be presented at the virtual Education Select Committee meeting which is scheduled for the 29th July '20</p> <p>BM will share the link and a copy of the motion nearer the time.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
NASACRE Conference	<p>Due to the corona virus the NASACRE AGM conference was cancelled. The new scheduled date will be the 24th May 2021.</p> <p>GL will invite SACRE members to attend the conference nearer the time</p>

<p>Updates and news</p>	<p>GL updated the team with this term's news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Teaching and Learning about Islam training which was scheduled to be delivered to schools on 17th June '20 at Toxteth Annexe was cancelled and has now been re-advertised for 12th November '20 and will be delivered as an online session <p>TA enquired as to who will be delivering this session: The session will be delivered by IK. IK is a qualified teacher with a track record of being an excellent classroom practitioner. He is a Hafidh al Qur'an and can lead Muslims in prayers. Imran's work has received excellent reviews from headteachers. IK is the Muslim representative for the SACRE in Salford and represents his local Mosque at Bolton Council of Mosques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Richard Kueh has been announced as the new Ofsted Subject Lead for Religious Education <p>Richard studied at Peterhouse, Homerton, Downing, and Magdalene Colleges at the University of Cambridge. Richard has published work in the fields of theology, Biblical studies, and religious education, specifically exploring the rationale for RE and RE's curriculum knowledge problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May '20, RE Newsletters and Newsletters from SACRE were sent out to all Liverpool schools, signposting them to resources which supported home schooling and online learning
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Clarification of DfE Guidance on reopening</p> <p>CC: Wigan SACRE</p> <p>JS: Liverpool Community Spirit</p>	<p>Question statement DFE Guidance on Opening Schools, 2 July '20.</p> <p>'Groups should be kept apart, meaning that schools should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group'</p> <p>The statement is made with reference to avoiding large gatherings. Adapted versions of assemblies and collective worship may continue as long as the gatherings are not large groups. Online delivery or delivery within small groups/'bubbles' are referred to in the DFE guidance. The opportunities for collective worship can easily be built into the daily experiences of the pupils</p> <p>The Wigan SACRE meeting which was scheduled in March '20 was cancelled due to the corona virus.</p> <p>JS has confirmed that Liverpool Community Spirit are still delivering their CPD training with over 24 online sessions due to be delivered over the rest of this year</p>

<p>SACRE Members</p>  <p>SACRE members 07.07.20</p> <p>Membership Update:</p>	<p>NASACRE website, www.nasacre.org.uk</p> <p>New log in details for academic year 2020 - 21 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: member2021 Password: Am@z1NgRe!</p> <p>Twitter @liverpoolSACRE</p> <p>Welcome: JW - represent Judaism Group A Welcome to Cllr AR – Group D</p> <p>Leavers: Cllr TC - reshuffle so stepping down AH is stepping down from SACRE</p>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>Proposed dates for next year's termly meetings:</p> <p>6th October 2020 - This session will be delivered via Zoom 3.30pm start 2nd February 2021 - Venue TBC 6th July 2021 - Venue TBC</p> <p>Please send proposed agenda items chrissey.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk.</p>