

The Bournemouth and Poole
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Annual report 2018-19

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SACRE Membership 2019

BCP SACRE Members			
Committee		First Name	Surname
A	Baha'i	Rob	Lawton
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	Free Church	Nigel	Ford
	Hinduism	Bharati	Joshi
	Humanist	Sally	Hawksworth
	Islam	Hammadi	Nait-Charif
	Judaism	Lynda	Ford-Horne
	LDS	Deneen	Kenchington
	Roman Catholicism	Peter	Thomson
	Sikhism	TBC	TBC
B	C of E Portsmouth	Jane	Kelly
	C of E Salisbury	Nicola	Coupe
	C of E Winchester	Ian	Terry
C	Primary	Cheryl	Smith
	Primary	Ruth	Lawrence
	Secondary	Karen	Barker
	Secondary	Ian	Harris
	Secondary	Trevor	Willis
	SEND	Vincent	Saunders
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	Poole SCITT	Alison	Harris

Introduction.

This was a momentous year for the Bournemouth and Poole SACRE as the previously agreed decision to unite into one SACRE came into fruition. The connection has led to a larger group of representatives, all committed to helping drive things forward. Bournemouth and Poole SACRE met three times over the year and split the meetings between venues in Bournemouth and Poole.

The joining of the SACREs was helped tremendously by some members who sat on both SACREs, they helped the SACREs join and shared the role of chair which helped the process be as smooth as possible. Thanks, must be recorded to Fr Michael Camp, Dr Ian Terry and Lynda Ford-Horne for their expert leadership.

The unitary local authority for the district of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole came into being on 1 April 2019. It was created from the areas that were previously administered by the unitary authorities of Bournemouth and Poole and the district of Christchurch. This led to a joint BCP SACRE being formed at the end of the 2018 / 2019 academic school year.

The 2016 Bournemouth and Poole Agreed Syllabus for RE continues to be used in schools in the area (NB: Christchurch schools have been using the Dorset syllabus) and focusses on Key enquiry questions. With national developments in RE pointing out the need for students to learn less in more detail, the flexible nature of the syllabus is well suited to enable extra time being spent on some issues in order to explore in the necessary depth. SACRE continues to try to look for resources locally, nationally and online which will help further improve the teaching of high-quality RE.

BCP SACRE attempts to keep in touch with schools and teachers and tailors its yearly action plan to meet and support their needs in its aim to keep improving RE learning across the region. BCP SACRE listens to teachers whenever possible through the teacher representatives and presentations to SACREs about issues such as Farmington fellowships. BCP SACRE aspires to have greater contact with schools and hope to facilitate network meetings and training events. New developments including 'regional RE ambassadors' arranged via NATRE and the proposed 'hub practitioners' operating out of the Salisbury diocese should offer more opportunities to share and develop excellent practice.

Bournemouth and Poole SACRE appreciate the support and commitment of the previous Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole which included funding enabling some training and support for teachers and schools.

BCP SACRE are committed to progressing RE across the region, believing this subject to have major significance to children and young people's development, both personal and academic.

Bournemouth and Poole SACRE met once each term as required (on Thursday November 8th, 2018 at Poole Civic Centre, Wednesday 27th February 2019 at Oakdale Junior School Poole and Thursday 20th June 2019 at the Bournemouth learning Centre).

BCP SACRE is currently supported by David Rees an independent RE adviser who was previously a secondary RE leader in Poole. The adviser brings an action plan to each meeting and SACRE discusses the direction for the next year. BCP SACRE is keen to reach out to

teachers and is looking to co-ordinate teacher networks involving many different agencies including the Salisbury diocese, regional ambassadors and existing excellent teachers in the area.

Key Events

During the latter part of the year the joint Bournemouth and Poole SACRE pursued a proactive path in reaching out to help develop both SACRE members and local teachers in their knowledge and understanding of RE. The following events were run:

SACRE members training day

On 17th June 2019 Bournemouth and Poole SACRE hosted a training day designed to help new and existing SACRE members further understand the role and purpose of the SACRE, the event was also opened to interested teachers. The event helped to bring teachers and SACRE members together and helped establish some new lines of communication which will hopefully continue to bear fruit.

RE Teachers Conference

On Friday 28th June SACRE organised a teacher's conference for teachers of all Key Stages. Teachers from Key Stages 1-5 as well as special school teachers were present ensuring that the needs of the local community were represented. The conference focussed on the role of SACRE and the RE Adviser as well as including an input on teaching activities for Judaism from the SACRE Jewish representative Lynda Ford-Horne. The conference was organised by BCP officers Julia Coleman and Georgie Pinder with help from the RE Adviser. The conference was a great success and SACRE is hopeful of hosting similar events focussing on teaching and learning in the next year.

Collective Worship Guidance

Over the year Bournemouth and Poole SACRE commissioned a working group tasked with providing some Collective Worship guidance for local schools. The group was chaired by Fr Michael Camp whilst the membership consisted of Cheryl Smith RE leader at Bishop Aldhelm's Primary School, Lynda Ford-Horne, representative for Judaism and the RE adviser David Rees. Updates were given at each SACRE meeting and other SACRE members were given the opportunity to be part of the group or input suggestions. A guidance booklet was provided for schools and given to those who attended the teachers conference in June and disseminated to all BCP Schools via email thus ensuring all schools were given access to the guidance.

Summary of issues raised over the year

Three meetings were held during the year: Thursday November 8th, 2018, Wednesday 27th February 2019 and Thursday 20th June 2019. At these meetings the following issues were discussed.

- Collective Worship. Including the work of a focus group. Culminating in the release of Bournemouth and Poole Collective Worship guidance document
- Holocaust Memorial Day: Local events and educational resources
- The Annual SACRE report

- Exam results
- The Commission on RE. Final report and implications of the recommendations including a proposed national entitlement
- Update on RE:Online website
- Resources for schools including Understanding Christianity resource
- School support including potential networks
- Greater engagement between schools and faith communities
- Presentations including the 'Common Good' material by Dr Terry and 'Open the Book' from the Reverend Kate Sax
- A presentation from Heather Torrens, Head of Spirituality across the Ocean Learning Academy Trust
- The SW Advisers of RE conference at Dillington House, Somerset in March
- The NASACRE AGM in Manchester. Keynote speeches and direction for the following year.

Exam results

To be presented during SACRE Spring Meeting.

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