



Liverpool

**Standing Advisory Council
For Religious Education**

Annual Report

September 2012 - August 2013

Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE has met three times since September 2012. Copies of the minutes of these meetings are enclosed with this report.

Extra meetings were arranged during the spring term to enable members to plan for and to judge entries into a local 'Faiths in Our City' competition.

A secondary teacher representative on SACRE is on the executive and steering group of the National Association of Teachers of RE and another co-opted member of SACRE has been elected vice-chair of National Association of RE Inspectors and Advisers. Liverpool LA School Improvement Service runs a subject-specific RE/RS network for secondary teachers.

SACRE supported activities

- In January 2013 Liverpool SACRE launched a competition for key stage 1, 2, 3 and 4 pupils. The competition theme was 'Faiths in our City'. It was open to children of all key stages and pupils were invited to submit writing, paintings, pictures, poems or stories. The competition attracted almost 500 entries. Prizes and certificates were awarded for the winning entry and highly commended entries from each school and key stage. Each school that submitted entries to the competition was presented with a certificate. Cash prizes of £250, £100 and £50 to develop RE and Collective Worship provision were awarded to the schools submitting the best three overall entries.
- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship has remained a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE arranged a one-day CPD conference on RE and collective worship which took place during the autumn term 2012. BDBE was commissioned to deliver the CPD at the conference. As part of the commissioned project each school received an extensive bank of resources advice and guidance to support collective worship.
- Liverpool SACRE was pleased that 2 members were able to attend the NASACRE AGM in May 2013.
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs.
- Liverpool School Improvement Service has facilitated RE teacher networks and has provided bespoke support for RE to individual schools as required
- The SACRE action plan has been updated
- Standards in RE are monitored via analysis of results in secondary schools at GCSE and GCE A Level
- Eleven Secondary RE PGCE students from Liverpool Hope University attended a full SACRE meeting, autumn 2012
- A Humanist representative was co-opted to Liverpool SACRE, autumn 2014

– A number of guest speakers gave presentations at SACRE meetings:

Julie McCann	Philosophy for Children
Dr Shiv Pande	Hindu volunteer visitors to schools
Phil Daniels	Liverpool Learning Partnership

SACRE Documentation

Minutes

Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend they are encouraged to send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.

Action Plan

We have an action plan in place for 2011 - 2014.

Advisory Support for RE

The current LA School Improvement Officer with responsibility for RE joined SACRE in January 2011.

Liverpool LA provides administrative support for SACRE. This includes taking minutes at SACRE meetings, maintaining the contacts list for members, circulation of invitations to meeting and associated documents and handling general correspondence relating to SACRE.

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

Complaints Concerning RE

There have been no formal complaints concerning RE.

Collective Worship

Determinations

The SACRE has not received any requests for determinations with regard to Collective Worship.

Complaints

There have been no formal complaints under the statutory complaints relating to Collective Worship.

Finance

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

Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

1 September 2012 – 31 August 2013

Appointed Representative

Roman Catholic	Meg Buckley
Jewish	Harold Cohen
Muslim	Hafiz Amjad Patel
Muslim	Tareq Ahmado
Hindu	Bisakha Sarker
Sikh	Amrik Garcha
Buddhist	No representation at present
Church of England	Penny Thompson
Church of England	Carol Close
Free Church	Jacqui Allward

Teachers of RE

Secondary Schools/Academies

Heather Marshall
Jackie Allward
Rev Andrew Colmar

Primary Schools

Debra Garvey
Carolyn Driessen

Diocese

Matthew Hargreaves

Local Authority

Councillor Barbara Murray (SACRE Chair from January 2011)

Councillor Chris Lenton	Local Authority
Councillor Claire Glare	Local Authority
Councillor Jeremy Wolfson	Local Authority
Councillor Abdul Qadir	Local Authority

Gill Lawson

LA Representative – School Improvement Liverpool

Sue Shinkfield

LA Representative – School Improvement Liverpool

Co-opted Members:

Dr Matthew Thompson

Community Partnership

Joy Schmack

Liverpool Hope University

Dr Debbie Stanistreet

Humanist Representative

Carol Moore

Administrator/Clerk to SACRE – School Improvement Liverpool

Minutes of full SACRE meetings from September 2012 to August 2013

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council Religious Education held on Thursday 4 October 2012 at Toxteth Annexe

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr Barbara Murray	Local Authority (Chair)
	Gill Lawson	LA Representative
	Kathy Yates	Liverpool Community Spirit
	Penny Thompson	Church of England Representative
	Rev Carol Close	Church of England Representative
	Cllr Claire Glare	Local Authority
	Cllr Abdul Qadir	Local Authority
	Cllr Chris Lenton	Local Authority
	Cllr Jeremy Wolfson	Local Authority
	Amrik Garcha	Sikh Representative
	Meg Buckley	Catholic Representative
	Dr Tareq Ahmado	Muslim Representative
	Harold Cohen	Jewish Representative
	Debra Garvey	Primary School Representative
	Heather Marshall	Secondary School Representative
	Debbi Stanistreet	Humanist Observer
	Carol Moore	Clerk to SACRE

Plus eleven RE PGCE students from Liverpool Hope University in attendance as observers

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1.	<u>Apologies</u> Bisakha Sarker, Dr Matthew Thompson, Sue Shinkfield, Joy Schmack, Jacqui Allward.	
2.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> BM welcomed everyone and asked the group to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members. BM welcomed the PGCE Students from Hope University and explained that they are here to observe the meeting.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last Meeting and Matter Arising</u> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record. Cllr Chris Lenton had sent his apologies for the last meeting. Minutes to be amended. CC thanked PT for the information on Humanist. BM thanked GL for all the hard work in the picture/poetry competition. GL reported that there is a report about the Liverpool SACRE Celebrating RE Competition in the autumn term edition of 'The Educate Magazine for Parents and Pupils', page 20.	
4.	<u>Membership of SACRE</u> GL reported DG will be stepping down as the Primary Schools	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support for RE self-evaluation ○ Planning collective worship ● GL reported on a number of CPD (continual professional development) opportunities for school staff teaching RE that have been forwarded from HM. It was agreed that SACRE could offer up to 5 funded places on the Culham St Gabriel's 'Subject Knowledge Enhancement Course in RE' ● RE Today Services are running a 'Science and Belief' essay competition for 14-19 year olds. Details of the competition have been circulated to all secondary schools and secondary science subject leaders. Encouraging participation. ● GL reported on the new Ofsted framework and confirmed that Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) aspects are an important part of the Ofsted inspection visits. In the new Ofsted framework the provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is evaluated across <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall effectiveness ○ Quality of teaching in the school ○ Behaviour and safety of pupils at the school ○ Quality of leadership in, and management of, the school ● GL reported that the next RE network meeting for secondary RE teachers is on 1st November at Holly Lodge Girls' College, after school. There is also a NATRE meeting for RE teachers at Hope University on 6th November, time and agenda to be confirmed by HM/JS. ● HM gave a short presentation to the group on the RE subject survey Ofsted inspection held at her school and the outcomes. HM reported Ofsted Inspectors talked to pupils on RE ● CC reported Heather Penman a former SACRE Member is very sick in hospital. The group asked CC to pass on their best wishes. ● KY reported Bisakha Sarkar requested SACRE to seek a future replacement Hindu representative from within a school setting. She will try to attend meetings in the meantime ● KY reported that Liverpool Community Sprit (LCS) is offering workshops to Liverpool schools exploring diverse faith communities, beliefs and practices. ● KY suggested adding to the SACRE report the different groups that work with Liverpool SACRE. 	Action
7.	<p><u>Results 2012 (based on provisional data available at the time of the meeting)</u></p> <p>GCSE RS –Full Course</p> <p>Grades A*-C in Liverpool is 75.4% which is 2.9 percentage points above national and 2 percentage points improvement on last year's figure of 73.4%.</p> <p>Grades A*-G in Liverpool is 99.4%, 0.9 percentage points above the national figure of 98.6%</p>	

	<p>The number of entries in 2012 has increased to 2399; up from 2327 in 2011 and 2114 in 2010.</p> <p>GCSE RS – Short Course Grades A*-C in Liverpool is 39.3% which is a 1.1 percentage point improvement on last year's figure. Grades A*-G in Liverpool is 95.1%, 0.4 percentage points above the national figure of 94.7%. The number of entries in 2012 has decreased to 676; down from 752 in 2011 and 973 in 2010.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AOB</u> GL mentioned the Liverpool Learning Partnership. BM reported on the launch event - Liverpool Learning Partnership Consultation and Education Commission attended by Estelle Morris CC asked for an update at the next meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Date and time of the next meeting</u> Thursday 24 January 2013 at 3.45 in Calderstones Science College.</p>	

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council
Religious Education held on Thursday 24 January 2013
3.45pm at Calderstones Science College**

Present:

Cllr Barbara Murray	Local Authority (Chair)
Gill Lawson	LA Representative
Dr Matthew Thompson	Liverpool Community Spirit
Rev Carol Close	Church of England Representative
Cllr Abdul Qadir	Local Authority
Cllr Chris Lenton	Local Authority
Cllr Jeremy Wolfson	Local Authority
Joy Schmack	Liverpool Hope University
Debra Garvey	Primary School Representative
Heather Marshall	Secondary School Representative
Jacqui Allward	Free Church Representative
Rev Andrew Colmer	Schools Representative
Carolyn Driessen	Primary School Observer
Carol Moore	Clerk to SACRE

Guest Speakers

Phil Daniels	Interim CEO LLP
Dr. Shiv Pande	Hinduism Presentation/Pilot

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<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Kathy Yates, Penny Thompson, Cllr Claire Glare, Amrik Garcha, Meg Buckley, Dr Tareq Ahmado, Harold Cohen, Bisakha Sarker, Sue Shinkfield, Debbi Stanistreet.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>BM welcomed everyone and asked the group to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members. BM welcomed Phil Daniels and Dr.Shiv Pande to the meeting</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of the last Meeting and Matter Arising</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p> <p>JS thanked the group for allowing the PGCE students from Hope University to observe the last meeting. The students were impressed by the high level of discussion. It raised the level of discussion the next day and some of them would like to be involved in a SACRE groups once they qualify as teachers. The students learnt a lot from the meeting.</p> <p>BM confirmed the Education Commission involving Estelle Morris will take place in the spring.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Liverpool Learning Partnership</u></p> <p>BM invited Phil Daniels to give his presentation.</p> <p>PD outlined that the partnership first came about at a meeting in April 2011. The group were looking at a new approach for Liverpool. This was due to the changes in the way local authorities work with schools and partly due to the government cuts. A group including primary, secondary and special school headteachers and LA officers would work together for the good of Liverpool children.</p> <p>The partnership will come up with proposals to take the city forward. At the beginning of this week there was agreement from all schools in Liverpool to take part and support working together. The minutes of the meetings are available from the EDNet Web page. Two groups are to be set up, one for all learners and one for vulnerable groups.</p> <p>We are at the stage where finance and funding is being discussed.</p> <p>BM thanked Phil for the presentation and asked the group if they had</p>	<p>Action</p>

	<p>questions.</p> <p>HM asked how Liverpool SACRE would be involved in the partnership. PD confirmed that the LLP hoped that Liverpool SACRE will be involved in the working groups.</p> <p>BM asked could Liverpool SACRE have representation on the partnership. PD confirmed this would be possible.</p> <p>Item for the next agenda: to identify a SACRE member to represent the group at LLP meetings.</p> <p>BM confirmed the remit may be wider than SACRE and it is an opportunity that will be good for us. We should revisit this yearly. BM asked the group to consider this and come back to the next meeting with ideas.</p> <p>Phil Daniels left the meeting.</p>	<p>GL/CM</p> <p>All</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Basic Hinduism & Indian Culture Pilot</u></p> <p>BM invited Dr Shiv Pande to give his presentation.</p> <p>The presentation outlined how volunteers would enlighten schools on Hinduism. It would firstly be offered to primary schools. BM asked the group for suggestions of schools that may be interested in Dr Pande's offer.</p> <p>Dr Pande hoped that other SACREs would be interested in the offer of the pilot and would appreciate help in contacting them.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Collective Worship Conference</u></p> <p>GL reported the conference was a good day; the numbers of delegates were up on last year. The evaluation feedback was very positive. GL thanked CC, JW, AC and CD for coming on the day.</p> <p>GL confirmed PT and CC had promoted the conference; as a result we had good representation from other authorities. CC raised the point that some of the delegates are new to RE. The day was a good means of support for them.</p> <p>The group discussed how often schools change teachers that are responsible for RE. There are teachers new to RE every year. The</p>	<p>Action</p>

	group agreed that the conference should be a yearly event, funding permitting.	
7.	<u>SACRE Membership News</u> BM welcomed Rev Andrew Colmer to the group. GL raised the point that the group will have to consider looking into SACRE membership. The Syllabus will be revised next year and there needs to be good representation of faiths and schools.	
8.	<u>Celebration RE Competition</u> GL reported that the advert for this year's competition would be sent round to the group by CM. GL confirmed the competition theme this year is 'Faiths in our City'. It is open to children of all key stages, inviting pupils to submit writing, painting, pictures, poems or stories. The competition closes on 19 th March and judging is on 21 st March, 3pm at Toxteth Annexe. Any members able to give time to help with the judging contact GL gill.lawson@liverpool.gov.uk or 0151 233 3901.	CM ALL
9.	<u>AOB</u> GL circulated a Philosophy Course leaflet and confirmed this was sent requesting the LA to advertise these courses/resources to Liverpool schools. GL confirmed the LA offers 'Philosophy for Children' courses. It was agreed to invite the LA officer Julie McCann to a SACRE meeting to talk to the group on what is on offer by the LA. The group discussed the leaflet and it was agreed not to approve advertising the courses on EDNet. It was suggested by HM that teachers interested in 'Philosophy for Children' resources should easily be able to find them online.	GL
10.	<u>Date and time of the next meeting</u> Thursday 23 May 2013 at 3.45 at Childwall Sports College.	

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council
Religious Education held on Thursday 23 May 2013
3.45pm at Calderstones Science College

Present:

Cllr Barbara Murray
Cllr Abdul Qadir

Local Authority (Chair)
Local Authority

Cllr Chris Lenton
 Cllr Jeremy Wolfson
 Cllr Claire Glare
 Harold Cohen
 Heather Marshall
 Jacqui Allward
 Meg Buckley
 Debbie Stanistreet
 Rev Andrew Colmer
 Carolyn Driessen
 Carol Moore

Local Authority
 Local Authority
 Local Authority
 Jewish Representative
 Secondary School Representative
 Free Church Representative
 Catholic Representative
 Humanist Representative
 Schools Representative
 Primary School Representative
 Clerk to SACRE

Guest Speakers

Julie McCann

School Improvement Health & Well-being

		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Gill Lawson, Deborah Garvey, Matthew Hargreaves, Carol Close, Penny Thompson, Amrik Garcha, Sue Shinkfield.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>BM welcomed everyone and asked the group to introduce themselves.</p> <p>BM explained Gill Lawson is attending Ofsted feedback at another school.</p> <p>BM welcomed Julie McCann to the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last Meeting and Matter Arising</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Presentation by Julie McCann on Philosophy for Children (P4C)</u></p> <p>BM invited Julie to give her presentation.</p> <p>JMcC outlined how P4C can help motivate learning and boost thinking skills.</p> <p>JMcC invited SACRE members to attend training on 13th or 20th November 2013.</p>	

	<p>CL noted the Agreed Syllabus is due for renewal and philosophy could be integrated in to the schemes of work.</p> <p>AQ agreed it is a good tool for schools to have; children will have the opportunity to see how religion can bring challenge and change culture too.</p> <p>BM expressed thanks to JMcC for the presentation and asked the group to consider inviting Julie back to another meeting.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>All</p>
5.	<p><u>Agreed Syllabus Review</u></p> <p>BM read from GL's notes.</p> <p>GL reported work will start on reviewing the Agreed Syllabus during the autumn term.</p> <p>The group discussed the syllabus and ways to incorporate philosophy into the syllabus.</p> <p>It was agreed to look at the matter at the next meeting.</p> <p>CL asked what the syllabus contained. HM explained that it will reflect the local area faiths and have examples of schemes of work for all year groups.</p> <p>CM agreed to send copies of the old syllabus on request from members.</p>	<p>CM</p>
6.	<p><u>Celebrating RE – Liverpool SACRE competition 2013</u></p> <p>BM read from GL's notes.</p> <p>GL reported there was a good response from infant, primary and secondary schools with approximately 500 entries received.</p> <p>CG suggested that next year entries could be displayed in the new Central Library.</p> <p>BM thanked Gill and judges for the time given to the competition.</p>	
7.	<p><u>RE Teacher Network meetings</u></p> <p>BM read from GL's notes.</p> <p>GL reported the RE teacher network has met twice per year at Holly Lodge and Broadgreen International.</p> <p>BM asked colleagues for feedback.</p> <p>JA confirmed the meeting was very useful.</p>	
8.	<p><u>CPD Opportunities</u></p> <p>National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE)</p>	

	<p>HM reported on the event held on the 18 - 19 May, the day consisted of 3 seminars outlining what Ofsted are looking for in RE.</p> <p>NASACRE Elections BM confirmed that HM has been nominated for the Executive Committee membership. Voting is today.</p> <p>NASACRE AGM BM confirmed Penny Thompson is attending the NASACRE AGM today and will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Holocaust Education Programme Secondary Holocaust Training day 1 Monday 24th June. BM invited Members interested in attending to contact CM to book a place.</p> <p>RE and OFSTED, supplementary subject specific guidance January 2013 CM agreed to send the group a link to the web page http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/generic-grade-descriptors-and-supplementary-subject-specific-guidance-for-inspectors-making-judgement BM asked the group to feedback at the next meeting on the Ofsted report.</p> <p>The group discussed how schools include Collective Worship in the school week/term. It was suggested writing to school governors to ask Headteachers who is responsible for Collective Worship in schools. The matter will be raised at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Action PT</p> <p>CM</p> <p>All</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>AOB</u> BM circulated a document on Mark Chater and his criticism of SACRE's. The document was prepared by Penny Thompson, BM asked colleagues to consider this and feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>BM read from GL's notes GL reported that she is considering organising a conference event in the autumn term. This will be updated at the next meeting.</p>	<p>GL</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Date and time of the next meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 10 October 2013, 3.45 pm, venue Enterprise South Liverpool Academy.</p> <p>Spring - Thursday 6 February 2014 venue to be confirmed Summer - Thursday 5 June 2014 venue to be confirmed</p>	