

## **SALFORD SACRE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013.**

### ***Councillor Norbert Potter***

In October 2013, Salford SACRE were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Councillor Norbert Potter, who had chaired the committee for several years. Much of the good work described in this report resulted from the influence and guidance that he had provided.

### ***The Locally Agreed Syllabus***

Salford's most recent Locally Agreed Syllabus came into force in September 2011, having been launched in May 2011. The main focus of the new syllabus has been on **how** religious education should be taught and less on **what** should be taught. The syllabus aims to provide high quality teaching and learning in Religious Education through guidance on progression, enquiry-based approaches and linking RE to other subjects and cross-curricular issues.

Salford's involvement as a key partner in the Greater Manchester RE Collaborative has helped to support the embedding of the principles and materials of the syllabus. Although funding for this collaborative came to an end in March 2013, Salford's two 'hub teachers' have continued to liaise with colleagues from Manchester, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford local authorities and also to provide guidance and materials for RE teachers across the city. The Salford hub teachers during 2012-13 were Nick Wentland (Moorside High School) and Kindra Belcher (Monton Green Primary School).

Further explanation of the content and rationale of the Salford syllabus can be found at [www.salford.gov.uk](http://www.salford.gov.uk)

### ***Support for maintaining standards in RE***

For the whole of the 2012-13 academic year, support for RE in Salford was provided by a consultant, funded for eight days per year by Salford Council. This consultant support was provided by Steve Illingworth, who had supported SACRE for several years when still employed by the council. This involved convening and chairing teacher network meetings, leading training sessions on RE for schools, reporting to SACRE, helping to organise events such as Holocaust Memorial Commemorations, monitoring provision and standards in schools and leading on the implementation of a new syllabus. This support from an independent consultant will continue for the school year 2013-14.

Additionally, the primary and secondary RE hub teachers for Salford have provided extra resources for supporting the maintenance of standards (see above). Although the hub teachers have not been expected to report directly to SACRE on a regular basis, they have liaised with the consultant in this respect and have provided ongoing specialist support to colleagues in schools.

### ***Professional Development 2012-13***

Professional development in RE has continued to be a strength in 2012-13, especially in the primary sector. Salford's involvement in the Greater Manchester Collaborative gave its teachers access to a very highly-acclaimed RE conference in Manchester on 1 July 2013, at a rate of just £25 per head. Several Salford primary and secondary school teachers attended and reported that they had gained a lot from the conference.

The regular Primary RE co-ordinators network meeting has continued to be well attended, with nearly 30 different schools being represented at these meetings. There has been less whole school training for RE in primary schools in 2012-13, as schools now feel more comfortable with the new syllabus, but there has been regular liaison with RE co-ordinators to provide customised support for their school.

Individual support to RE subject leaders has been provided regularly by the consultant, on many different aspects of teaching and learning.

### ***GCSE Results for 2012***

Numbers entered for the GCSE Full Course in RE in 2012 were down slightly on the 2011 figure but still greater than in previous years: in 2011 and 2012 there were over 600 pupils entered across the city compared to a normal figure in the mid-500s. (see Appendix 1). The percentage of pupils across Salford gaining A\*-C grades in the Full Course increased slightly on the 2011 figure.

Numbers entered for the GCSE Short Course in RE were down on those in previous years. This was mainly due to a change in policy at two high schools, where there were no entries for 2012, whereas previously most of the year group had been entered for the RE examination. The percentage of pupils gaining at least a Grade C was lower than in 2011. The main reason for this seems to be under-performance from two schools where there were staffing issues in the RE departments in 2011-12. (see Appendix 1 for further details).

For the last two years, Salford SACRE members have asked for examination results trends to be shown over a three year period in the annual report, as well as a more detailed breakdown of the most recent results. This is presented in Appendix 1.

### ***Complaints concerning RE***

There have been no complaints concerning RE.

### ***Determinations***

There have been no applications for determinations during 2011- 2012.

### ***Complaints concerning Collective Worship***

There have been no complaints received about collective worship.

### ***Links with other agencies***

Salford SACRE remains a member of NASACRE sending a delegate to the 2013 annual conference and debating issues raised there at the Summer SACRE meeting in 2013.

The consultant hired to serve SACRE has continued to develop links with the Trans-Pennine AREIAC, reporting back to Salford SACRE on various matters.

There are strong links with the Jewish Board of Deputies and Salford SACRE meetings include regular feedback from members who have attended the conferences of this group.

At a local level SACRE has links with the Salford Schools Forum and continues to develop links with other Salford groups, such as the Equalities and Community Cohesion Team. It was agreed in June 2013 that, from September 2013, Salford SACRE would have two representatives on the Salford Inter-faith Forum. This cohesive approach has been particularly evident in the collaboration around the annual Holocaust Memorial events.

Links with other Greater Manchester authorities on syllabus collaboration and implementation have been described above. Salford SACRE's involvement in Greater Manchester hub teacher meetings has been maintained throughout 2012-13, including involvement in the RE Conference organised by this group in July 2013 (see above).

Members of Salford SACRE had expressed on several occasions their desire for stronger links with other SACREs in the region. An opportunity to take this idea forward came in March 2013, when Trafford SACRE invited Salford SACRE members and teachers to join them for their meeting, followed by a presentation from Lat Blaylock, the acclaimed RE educator.

### ***National Holocaust Memorial Day***

From 2006 to 2011 Salford SACRE played a big part in organising the city's annual commemoration of The Holocaust. Since 2012 the main responsibility for the public memorial event passed from SACRE to the city council's Equalities and Community Cohesion Team. This was mainly because the educational advisers and administrative assistants who had previously done this work were no longer

employed directly by the council. The 2013 event was held at Broughton Community Centre on 28 January 2013. Salford SACRE made a substantial financial contribution to the staging of the event and members.

At the Salford SACRE meeting in March, members expressed the feeling that they would like to have more involvement from young people in the public Holocaust commemoration event, so that the aim of promoting good quality religious education was retained more prominently. This point was acknowledged by the Equalities and Community Cohesion Team at a meeting with SACRE representatives in May 2013 and at a full SACRE meeting in June 2013. There are plans for the two bodies to work more closely together for the January 2014 event.

The schools' event for Holocaust Memorial Day, featuring presentations by a Holocaust survivor and the son of a survivor, was hosted for the second year running by Irlam and Cadishead College (an 11-18 high school). The whole of Year 9 from Irlam and Cadishead College were present, plus a class from The Swinton High School (other schools were also invited). Salford SACRE paid for the cost of this event. Irlam and Cadishead College are hosting the event again in January 2014.

### ***Professional and Administrative Support***

Throughout 2012-13 Salford SACRE was supported by an administrative officer and by an independent educational consultant employed by the council for 8 days per year (see above for explanation of arrangements).

### ***Finance***

The SACRE budget covers basic running costs, allows members to represent Salford at national conferences and contributes towards Salford's Holocaust Memorial Events. This budget was increased slightly for the school year 2012-13. Additionally, as explained elsewhere, the council has agreed to fund eight days a year for an educational consultant to support the work of SACRE and intends to continue with this arrangement for the academic year of 2013-14 at least.

### ***Summary***

This has been a productive year for Salford SACRE, particularly in terms of developing and re-establishing stronger links with other partners in the council and in the local community. Good links have been maintained with Salford schools, enabling SACRE to gain a good indication of local developments and providing good quality support and advice for teachers of RE in both primary and secondary schools.

## Appendix 1

### GCSE results 2012

The following chart shows the number of pupils entered for GCSE Religious Studies. The percentage of pupils gaining each grade is given as well as the percentage gaining grades A\*-C and A\*-G.

#### Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCSE Full Course

Centre	NOR	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	A*-C	A*-G	QCA Av Pts
All Hallows RC High school	116	100	1.0	1.0	6.0	12.0	17.0	14.0	23.0	11.0		15.0		20.0	85.0	25.18
Buile Hill High School	156	17			5.9	11.8	23.5	47.1		11.8				17.6	100.0	30.47
Harrop Fold School	113	1				100.0								100.0	100.0	40.00
Moorside High School	127	42	19.0	26.2	16.7	26.2	7.1	2.4	2.4					88.1	100.0	46.43
Oasis Academy: MediaCityUK	81	35			5.7	40.0	5.7	17.1	11.4	11.4		8.6		45.7	91.4	29.71
St Ambrose Barlow R C High School	144	143	9.8	17.5	34.3	18.9	9.1	7.0		2.8		0.7		80.4	99.3	43.58
St George's R C High School	116	100	4.0	13.0	17.0	30.0	16.0	14.0	3.0	3.0				64.0	100.0	39.40
St Patrick's R C High School	178	170	5.3	18.8	27.6	23.5	11.2	5.9	4.7	2.4		0.6		75.3	99.4	41.85
The Swinton High School	178	14		35.7	14.3		21.4	7.1	7.1	7.1		7.1		50.0	92.9	37.14
Walkden High School	240	4	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0								100.0	100.0	49.00
		626	5.9	14.1	21.1	22.0	12.3	10.2	6.4	4.6		3.4		63.1	96.6	38.45

### GCSE Short Course Religious Education, 2012

	A*-C	D-G	U,X
All Hallows RC High school	0	0	5
Buile Hill High School	20	69	10
Harrop Fold School	6	28	3
Moorside High School	0	1	0
Salford City Academy	30	50	7
St Ambrose Barlow R C High School	0	1	0
St George's R C High School	1	12	2
St Patrick's R C High School	0	1	0
Wentworth High School	3	0	0
Total	60	162	27

## **Salford RE GCSE Results – Trends over three years**

### **Entries**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Full course</b>	536	685	626
<b>Short course</b>	356	406	249

### **Percentage passes at Grades A\* to C**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Full course</b>	69.0	60.1	63.1
<b>Short course</b>	26.4	33.5	24.1

## **Appendix 2**

### ***Membership of the SACRE***

#### **Committee A**

#### **Christian Denominations and Other Religions and Religious Denominations**

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NUT

**Committee D**  
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Councillor Mold  
Councillor B Ryan (Chair)  
Councillor R Wilson  
Councillor A Humphreys

**Officers**

Steve Illingworth (educational consultant)

