

Questions for SACREs to consider from CORE report

The Commission on Religious Education's Final Report was launched 12th September and discussed by the NASACRE Executive a day later. The report proposes eleven recommendations and the Exec decided the following questions for your consideration:

- Recommendation one (p11) is that the name of the subject should be changed from 'Religious Education' to 'Religion and Worldviews'. A Worldview is defined as 'a person's way of understanding, experiencing and responding to the world' from the German word 'weltanschauung'. The question is:

What are your thoughts about the addition 'worldviews' at the expense of 'education'?

- Recommendation four (p15) removes the requirement for a Local Authority to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference; a range of 'locally agreed syllabuses' [sic] would be developed instead. The question is:

Do you think such a locally agreed syllabus would have democratic representation?

- Recommendation five (p15) asks for a future review of GCSE and A-Level to consider the National Entitlement (Recommendation two) as well as considering the incorporation into vocational qualifications. The question is:

Do you think the report has fully included all learners/pupils/students?

- A final question is more philosophical:

What do you think is driving the reforms this report sets out in its eleven recommendations?