

# NASACRE conference evaluation 2021

Responses from 108 delegates (105 online via Google forms, and 3 via Word docs, 1 email)

Evaluation forms told us that people felt communication leading up to the day and booking procedures was good or excellent (90-94% of responses). 70% delegates said their experience of our first virtual conference was good or excellent, with 25% saying OK. 78% delegates thought the day was very good, or outstanding value for money.

People overwhelmingly enjoyed both **keynotes** (80-85% good or excellent) and there were a lot of take-aways...

From Prof Denise Cush:

- A wider appreciation of sources of authority in education and religion and worldviews
- Plurality/ diversity/ inclusion/ not stereotypes and generalisations
- Complexity of idea of authority; reminder of seeing our work as service
- The need for different authorities to work together and trusting a fresh pair of eyes to give an authentic account of religion
- Further clarity about worldviews approaches
- Authority can be scary; but it is an opportunity for service.
- The 'power' perspective
- The importance of RE

From Dr Richard Kueh:

- More information about current Ofsted priorities
- Look again at pillars of progression and reflect if the AS plans for effective learning
- A friendly face for Ofsted
- Clear expectations of RE curriculum
- Ofsted is aware of the value of RE and importance of RE CPD/support
- Idea of 'collectively enough' or 'cumulatively sufficient' content
- Complemented Denise's keynote wonderfully; I'd read the Research Review before the Conference and this served to highlight key aspects of the report
- Useful information about the foundations of knowledge and progress in RE
- The need to recognise the importance of the fuzzy edges
- Very informative about this HMI and his work!
- There is no one way to deliver high-quality RE
- I have filled a whole sheet of ideas for actions in response!
- The three ways of looking at knowledge - really helpful to have heard him talk about what was really a vast tome of research!! It has really helped to summarise and clarify

Morning and afternoon **workshops** were rated good or outstanding by 75% delegates.

We asked delegates which part of our day together was the most useful personally and received hugely varied positive responses, showing we had a good mix of workshops and keynotes that people appreciated and found useful to them in their work as a SACRE member. 88% delegates said they would recommend others on their SACRE to attend future conferences.

81% delegates liked the idea of NASACRE holding a range of **virtual training opportunities** across the year. Most people felt this training could be charged per SACRE at about £20 a session. We asked delegates what were their priorities for online NASACRE training and these themes/ideas emerged:

- Training for people new to a SACRE role
- Empowering SACREs session on 'Being a SACRE Chair' - led by one!
- Training for SACRE clerks
- How to work well supporting governors and Cllr SACRE members
- How can SACRE support teachers in their area? Sharing of different SACRE practices? Working well directly with schools?
- How to successfully widen the membership of SACRE?
- More on worldviews and how to incorporate what this means into the work of SACREs

- Priorities for advisers and consultants - jointly with AREIAC?
- Repeats of other conference workshops
- Session on 'religion and worldviews' - first and next steps for curriculum builders (with AREIAC?)
- What does good RE look like?
- What's happening to collective worship?
- How to engage teachers in SACRE membership (with NATRE and REQM?)
- How to apply for a Westhill/NASACRE award
- Trends, data and how SACREs need to be able to read and use information
- What key functions should all SACREs carry out and how best to do this?
- Working well with an LA and councillors as a SACRE
- SACRE protocols and constitutions – how and when to review

Final words from one delegate that summed up so many kind words:

*“I wanted to write just how brilliantly human you all were, how wonderful it was to be able to see the diversity from across the country; I know that many will have missed the physical, but in terms of travel, it's saved such a lot of the challenge to be online. Thank you so much to you all!”*

NASACRE conference team

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