



Liverpool

Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education

Annual Report

September 2018 - August 2019

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Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE met three times from September 2018 – August 2019. Summaries of the meetings are enclosed with this report.

- 9th October 2018
- 5th February 2019
- 9th July 2019

A programme of termly meetings has been planned for the year 2019-2020

- 8th October 2019
- 4th February 2020
- 7th July 2020

Meeting Attendance

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Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP - 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019

Appointed Representatives

Roman Catholic	Vacancy
Jewish	SR
Muslim	ТА
Hindu	Vacancy
Sikh	AG
Buddhist	Dr KM
Church of England	PT
Church of England	Rev CC
Church of England	MH
Free Church	Rev YC

Teachers

Secondary School	ols/Academies
	Rev AC
	PB
	AP
Primary Schools	KMc
	AH
Diocese	MH

Local Authority

Councillor BM (SACRE Chair) Councillor JW Vice Chair Councillor TC Councillor HD Gill Lawson

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<u>Co-opted Members:</u> Dr MT AB JS SC Chrissy Edmonds

Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership Liverpool John Moores University Humanist Representative Clerk to SACRE – School Improvement Liverpool

Committees

Committee A Christian denominations other than the Church of England plus representatives of other faiths	Committee B The Church of England	Committee C Teachers	Committee D The Local authority	Co-opted members
AG - Sikh	МН	AH	Cllr BM Chair	Dr MT –Liverpool Community Spirit
Rev YC – Free Church	PT	КМс	Cllr JW Vice Chair	JS – Liverpool John Moores University
Vacancy – Roman Catholic	Rev CC	РВ	Cllr TC	AB - Liverpool Community Spirit
TA - Muslim	Rev AC	МН	Cllr HD	Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd
SR - Judaism		АР		Christine McLeod – SIL Ltd
Dr KM - Buddhism		Rev AC		SC –Humanism
Vacancy - Hinduism				

SACRE supported activities

- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship remains a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE has arranged one-day CPD conferences on RE and collective worship. Schools attending received an extensive bank of resources, advice and guidance to support collective worship. The resources are available to all Liverpool schools on request.
- Liverpool SACRE was pleased that once again 3 members were able to attend the NASACRE AGM in May 2019 who reported back to SACRE with a summary of the input from the keynote speakers. One of the Liverpool SACRE members delivered a keynote presentation at the 2019 NASACRE AGM, 'How can SACRE transform schools to become beacons of HOPE?'
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs.
- School Improvement Liverpool has facilitated RE teacher networks and has provided bespoke support for RE to individual schools as required.
- SACRE continues to have the support of School Improvement Liverpool in scheduling, advertising and taking bookings for RE subject leader meetings and in promoting various events and CPD opportunities over the year.
- Liverpool SACRE subscribes to NASACRE. The NASACRE logon on details have been issued to all SACRE members and they are encouraged to access the information available on the website.
- Standards in RE are monitored via analysis of results in secondary schools at GCSE and GCE A Level.
- Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend it is suggested that they send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.
- 63 poems were entered for the 'A poem for Holocaust memorial Day 2019' competition. Three of the entries were selected to be read at the Liverpool civic HMD event on 25th January 2019. The 63 poems were collated into an anthology.

Agreed Syllabus

The locally agreed syllabus is under review and development.

Advisory Support for Religious Education

Support has been provided to individual schools regarding RE on request, for example, where there has been a change of head teacher or RE co-ordinator new to the role.

Liverpool LA provides clerking and administrative support for SACRE via School Improvement Liverpool Ltd. This service includes providing a clerk for taking minutes at SACRE meetings, maintaining the contacts list for members, circulation of invitations to meetings with associated documents and handling general correspondence relating to SACRE.

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

No complaints have been received about RE.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship Guidance for schools

Advice and guidance on collective worship has been provided to schools via Liverpool SACRE Collective Worship Conferences. Bespoke advice and guidance has been provided to individual schools on request via the link SACRE School Improvement Officer.

A number of schools have shared collective worship resources and materials covering a range of topics.

There have been no complaints concerning collective worship.

Determinations

SACRE has not received any requests for determinations with regard to Collective Worship, either this year or in recent previous years. Any school wishing to explore the relevance of a determination (daily collective worship which is other than wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character) in their context should contact the school improvement officer.

Church schools are not eligible for a determination. For an academy wishing to apply for a determination the correct process is for the Trust to apply through the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to the Secretary of State.

Finance

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

GCSE Religious Studies 2019

The following FFT data shows a breakdown of GCSE performance in Religious Education.

Compared to 2018 the average point scores for Religious Studies GCSE for 2019 are slightly improved for both actual results and value added, although both measures remain below the national average.





At key stage 5 average point score and % A-C at A Level both improved in 2019 compared to 2018. Both measures are in line with national average. Key stage 5 progress for 2019 has improved and is in line with national average.



Minutes of full SACRE meetings from September 2018 to August 2019

Date:	9 th October 2018 - 3.45pm		
Agenda Items			
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.		
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed. KMc from St Cleopas Primary School has shown an interest in joining the SACRE team GL will send out an invite – Actioned K was unable to attend on 6 th Oct however she plans to attend the next SACRE meeting on 5 th Feb 2019. JW has forwarded interest from SR in joining SACRE. GL will make contact - Actioned		
Commission on RE	The attached documents were distributed by GL and discussed.		
Commision on Religious Education Commission on RE 11 recommedations. Paul Smalley - Responce to Commi Suggested timeline for implementation	 BM, HD and GL met with Rudi Lockhart CEO of the RE Council on 24/09/18 to discuss the report. 3 main issues nationally: Too many schools not teaching RE Where RE is taught it is often not by a specialist teacher, often by someone with no RE background Confusion about the aims and purposes of RE: what is the point of RE? The report presents a new vision for the subject. Rudi Lockhart reported some early reaction to the report: mostly positive from educationalists, teacher unions/associations and RE professionals. broad support from CE and Humanists UK raised issues for the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Catholic Education Service around a perceived 'dilution of religion' mixed response from NASACRE and the proposed changes to the role of SACREs. 		
	The documents lists the11 recommendations that have been made on the delivery of religious education. Each recommendation was briefly discussed by the SACRE members. Some of the recommendations were welcomed and others raised concerns over the future delivery of RE within the school environment. Suggested timelines for the implementation of the recommendations have been made. Paul Smalley, Chair of NASACRE posted his response to the recommendations, again some of which were positive and others which raised issues or concerns. Overall the recommendations have been made in an effort to try to give better guidance to head teachers. Programmes of study will be interesting to view if and when they are produced. Action: Formulate a letter that shows the SACRE members views on the recommendations to send to the commission. Please send comments to christina.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk.		

Guidance on Managing the right of withdrawal from RE	A guidance document <i>Managing the right of Withdrawal from Religious</i> <i>Education</i> has been published by WASACRE and is available in hard copy form at the cost of £8.99 – please see link below <u>http://www.wasacre.org.uk/publications.html</u>
Review by Derek Holloway of guidan	This publication has been reviewed by Derek Holloway (CE lead on RE policy) and it has been rated highly by him <i>'An excellent publication that is a must for</i> <i>every school leader and advisers'</i> Action GL: It was agreed to purchase some copies for SACRE to support schools on this matter.
	It would be an interesting project to capture information from schools/organisation who have children/parents wanting to withdraw from RE classes and what the reasoning's/concerns are behind their decisions.
	The question was raised – <i>'What will happen to collective worship'</i> . There are no proposed changes to collective worship. The Commission on RE did not consider collective worship. Could a directory be made and shared of people/trainers who are willing and able to go into schools/establishments to deliver RE sessions which will deliver a wider overview of beliefs/views? It was suggested that SACRE could help by
	signposting schools to relevant contacts. GL: will circulate information to schools re. Inter-Faith week to raise awareness
Inter-Faith Week 2018 11 th – 18 th November '18 FOF Inter-Faith_Week_2	of the week The aims of Inter Faith Week are to: Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK and increase understanding between people <u>https://www.interfaithweek.org</u>
018_flyer.pdf	Action: CMc to send a copy of the flyer to JW to distribute via twitter feed.
Agreed Syllabus Conference	The date for the next meeting has been moved due to several other commitments of SACRE members. The next meeting has been rescheduled to 21st November '18, 1pm-3pm at Liverpool Community Spirit, L1 7BZ.
	GL: Requested that attendees bring along with them examples of lesson plans that have worked well and of an effective activity or task that could be used to inform assessment. The agenda will be sent out ahead of the meeting. Minutes from the previous ASC were circulated via email on the 19 th October '18
Westhill Awards	NASACRE encourages SACRE's to take advantage of what the Westhill awards have on offer. Awards of up to £4000 may be applied for. Application forms and futher information can be download by clicking into the link below
	http://www.nasacre.org.uk/westhill-nasacre-awards/awards-2019-20
	The closing date for applications of the Westhill awards is the 31st March 2019
	Action: CMc/GL: to arrange to make Liverpool schools aware of the Westhill Awards project and invite bids for the funding.
AOB	JW: Distributed the attached flyer to the group. JW is helping to promote this event along side JD, SIL officer for Schools Parliament. CE: has uploaded the flyer onto the SIL site for all schools to access <u>https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/blog/torn-from-home</u> and GL

	has sent by direct email to school contacts.
	It was noted that SACRE do not have a Budhist representative on the panel. This will be follwed up on. On-going
	GL: Notice was given to the group of the next NASACRE Conference which will be taking place on the 22nd May 2019 in Manchester
PDF J	SC: Shared dates of 3 meetings that she thought might be of interest to the group. CE distributed these to the SARCE group via email 11.10.18
Torn from Home - Holocaust Memorial	25 th October 7-8:45pm, Liverpool Humanists Public Talk: 'Left Behind? Human Rights and Equality in Northern Ireland' <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-talk-left-behind-human-rights-and-equality-in-northern-ireland-tickets-50200315495</u>
	13 th November 6:30-8pm, 'Toward a humanist politics' with Baroness Joan Bakewell
	https://humanism.org.uk/events/holyoake2018/
	29 th November 7-8:45pm, Liverpool Humanists Public Talk 'Developing Non- religious Pastoral Support' by Simon O'Donoghue <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-talk-developing-non-religious-pastoral-</u> support-tickets-50200475975
	NASACRE website, <u>www.nasacre.org.uk</u>
SACRE Members	New log in details for academic year 2018 - 19 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THESE DETAILS SAFE. Username: Password:
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Actions:	Action: Produce a list of questions for SACRE to discuss. Formulate a letter that shows the SACRE members view on the recommendations to send to the commission.
	Action: CMc to send a copy of the Inter Faith flyer to JW to distribute via twitter feed.
	Action: CMc/GL: Arrange to make Liverpool schools aware of the Westhill Awards project
	Action: GL to contact schools about the "Torn From Home" poetry opportunity.
	It was noted that SACRE do not have a Budhist representative on the panel. This will be follwed up on. On-going
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings:
	Spring term SACRE meeting 5th February 2019 : Time: 15:45 Venue awaiting confirmation – Possibly Belvedere Academy
	Proposed date for summer term meeting: 9 th July 2019 – Venue TBC
	Please send proposed agenda items christina.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk.

Date:	5 th February 2019 3.45pm
Agenda Items	
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest.
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	 Previous minutes discussed and agreed. Rev. AC has now left SACRE to take up a post of a vicar of All Saints Church, Childwall. Kate McDowell from St Cleopas Primary has attended her first meeting today – A big welcome to her. Actions from Previous minute completed: Action: Produce a list of questions for SACRE to discuss. Formulate a letter that shows the SACRE members view on the recommendations to send to the commission. Action: CMc to send a copy of the Inter Faith flyer to JW to distribute via twitter feed.
	 Action: CMc/GL: Arrange to make Liverpool schools aware of the Westhill Awards project – one school expressed an interest but did not proceed to submittig a bid for funding. Action: GL to contact schools about the "Torn From Home" poetry opportunity. It was noted that SACRE do not have a Buddhist representative on the panel. This will be follwed up on. On-going
Annual Report	Copies of the SACRE Annual Report for Sept 2017 – Aug 2018 were distributed by GL . Names and passwords have been omitted for GDPR security There is good support in Liverpool for SACRE and continues to have the support of School Improvement Liverpool.
report 0917.0818 GL	Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. Standards in RE are monitored via analysis of results in secondary schools at GCSE and GCE A Level. GCSE result studies for 2018 are disappointing. Support has been provided to individual schools for RE on request. No complaints have been received about RE Locally, agreed syllabus is under review. Collective Worship Guidance for schools has been provided to schools via Liverpool SACRE Collective Worship Conferences. A number of schools have shared collective worship resources & materials.
Agreed Syllabus developments	Copies of the ongoing Liverpool Syllabus document were distributed by GL . A small group met to share ideas on 21st November '18. Minutes from the previous ASC were circulated via email on the 19 th October '18 The format of the document hasn't changed dramatically. 1: Syllabus aims 2: Purpose 3: Aims of RE Assessment has been stripped down to give a greater level of quality & fits into the RE curriculum. Great progress has been made & work is still ongoing. It is hoped that we

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	should have a draft copy of the syllabus completed by Summer '19 and will be circulated 1-2 weeks prior to the July SACRE meeting. A very big thank you to all for your time & support
Torn from Home – 'A Poem from HMD 2019' news - JW	63 poems were entered for the 'A poem for Holocaust Memorial Day 2019' competition, 3 poems were selected to be read out at Liverpool's civic event on the 25 th January '19.
Torn from Home - Holocaust Memorial	The 63 poems are to be made into an anthology. Children & young people have now been asked to design a front cover for this anthology. The closing date for this competition will be the 1 st March 2019.
Torn from Home - 1st March '19	Many thanks for all the time and effort that has been put into this project by Cllr Jeremy Wolfson & Jeff Dunn from Schools Parliament. Thanks also to Marian McQueen & Lucy Meadham.
NASACRE Conference & AGM – 22 nd May 2019	The next conference will be held in Manchester with an 11:00 start time. Tickets cost £100.00 per delegate and can be obtained through the NASACRE web site. http://www.nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/2019
Cohesive Communities &	Non-members can obtain tickets at the cost of £130.00
Effective Partnerships; RE near and far	SACRE can fund <u>3 members</u> to attend this event. Please contact GL to show your interest.
	PB has been asked to speak at the event.
AOB	A guidance document <i>Managing the right of Withdrawal from Religious</i> <i>Education</i> has been published by WASACRE and is available in hard copy form at the cost of £8.99 – please see link below <u>http://www.wasacre.org.uk/publications.html</u>
РВ	PB attended a 'Hate Crime' meeting hosted by Merseyside police. Chief Constable Andy Cooke QPM addressed an audience of more than 250 people from communities across Merseyside at the event to celebrate tolerance and inclusivity in Merseyside. PB noted the distinct absences of school aged children at this event. The message needs to be brought into the schools.
	PB is trying to arrange for Zigi Shipper to re visited Alsop in order to deliverer another unbelievable, powerful and inspiring story of survival.
	The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu is bringing bishops from across the north to the Dioceses of Liverpool for a weekend of everts from 7 th – 10 th March '19 'Tell - Serve - Give' Highlights of this event will include: Visiting a Walking Football match at the Anfield Sports & Community Centre, Alsop High School & King George Sixth Form College on the 8 th March '19
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Actions:	No actions to be completed

Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings:		
	Summer term SACRE meeting 9th July 2019: Time: 15:45		
	All Saints Church Childwall Abbey Road Liverpool L16 0JW		
	Please send proposed agenda items <u>chrissy.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk</u> .		

Date:	9 th July 201 3.45pm		
Agenda Items			
Introductions & Declarations of Interest.	Cllr HD chaired the meeting in the absence of the chair Cllr BM. No declarations of interest.		
Accuracy of the last meetings minutes & Actions Arising	Previous minutes discussed and agreed. Actions from Previous minute completed:		
	No actions to be completed		
Agreed Syllabus developments	An updated version of the ongoing Liverpool Syllabus was sent out to all SACRE members via email prior to this meeting, so that members could read through the document at their leisure and discuss it at today's meeting.		
Agreed syllabus Draft copy - updated	There was a discussion about the 6 principle religions and how we can ensure that attention and guidance is given to all of them. Focus was also given to the 'Big Ideas'. SACRE were advised at the recent NASACRE conference and AGM to consider the latest available advice and guidance including the 'Putting Big Ideas into Practice' document. Further work and discussion is needed on this area before committing to a final document.		
	Attention was given, towards how we can produce a list of places/establishments that settings can visit or be signposted to without SACRE being seen as recommending/endorsing them.		
	The legal side of the document should not change significantly and the final document can always be added to throughout its life.		
	GL will liaise with members to organise a working party before the next SACRE meeting in September '19 to further discuss and finalise details with a view to having a completed document ready to launch November '19. Suggested date for meeting: 17/09/19 at Toxteth Annexe start time of 3pm Action		
	A draft copy of the Syllabus has been embedded in these minutes, this is in word format, which you can download and use as your personal draft to make comments against.		

NASACRE Conference & AGM – 22 nd May 2019	The conference was held in Manchester this year and again was a great success.
a AGM - 22 May 2013	PB was asked to speak at the event and you can view his presentation online http://www.nasacre.org.uk/file/nasacre/1-555-peter-bull-nasacre-hope-2o19- manchester.pdf
	Prof Julian Stern from York St John University also gave a presentation on 'Uncertainty and Morality' which again can be viewed on line.
	All presentations and workshops were very well received with excellent feedback given
	For more in-depth information on the event you can log onto http://www.nasacre.org.uk/conference-and-agm/2019/2019-papers-and- materials
New OFSTED framework	The new Ofsted framework comes into place September '19. Inspectors will make graded judgements on the following areas using the four-point scale: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management.
	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/a ttachment_data/file/801429/Education_inspection_framework.pdf
Interfaith Week Launch 10th – 17th November '19	The Inter Faith week for the UK has officially been launched. It is hoped that schools will be getting involved in activities and will be encouraged to do so.
R	CMc emailed a copy of their newsletter to all SACRE members on the 08/07/19. For further information please log onto the Interfaith website
interfaith week.pdf	www.interfaithweek.org
News & Updates from	Cllr JW (Vice Chair) has now left SACRE - Cllr AR has been invited to attend all future meetings
group	It was noted that SACRE do not have a Buddhist representative on the panel. This will be follwed up on. On-going
AOB:	 GL received the imbedded leaflet advertising the 'Teaching & Learning about Islam'. This is not an organisation that is known to her, so she cannot recommend them, however it could be of interest. GL will explore the possibility of running some CPD for schools via SIL.
CPD training_2.pdf	The second leaflet is advertising CPD training for teacher, again this may be of interest.
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Actions:	Action GL will liaise with members to organise a working party before the next SACRE meeting in September 2019 to further discuss and finalise details. Suggested date for meeting 17/09/19 at Toxteth Annexe TBC
Next Meetings:	Dates and times for next year's meetings: Autumn term 8th October 2019 Northway Primary School Wavertree Liverpool L15 7JQ Time: 15:45 Spring term 4th February 2020 Summer term 7th July 2020 Please send proposed agenda items chrissy.mcleod@si.liverpool.gov.uk .