

Annual Report

For

Religious Education

2011 to 2012

**Sheffield Standing
Advisory Council for
Religious Education**

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1. Local Authority Support for SACRE

The Local Authority, through its Inclusion and Learning Service, has provided support to SACRE with five days of a Chairperson and the time of a SACRE Clerk and other administration staff.

2. Curriculum Support for Schools

Due to budgetary reasons, there has been no curriculum support for RE in schools provided directly by the Local Authority in 2011/12. As recorded in our Annual Report for 2010/11, support has moved to a school-led model whereby more school to school collaboration has been developed to support teachers through virtual and actual networks. Our Teaching School Alliances and Learning and Innovation Hubs commission CPD events and their recently developed Sheffield Learning Community website provides opportunities for good practice to be shared.

3. GCSE and A Level Results 2012

1692 students were entered for RE GCSE (31.3% of the Y11 cohort). 67.7% of the entry achieved A* - C., as opposed to 74.3% nationally. A level entry numbers were as follows: AS – 86 and A – 64. Detailed validated statistics for GCSE can be found via the Department for Education website link:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/researchandstatistics/datasets/a00219173/gcse-and-equivalent-results>

4. SACRE MEETINGS 2011/12

In September 2011, the chairing of SACRE was passed on to Kit Thorne, Principal Adviser Development, of the Inclusion and Learning Service, Sheffield LA. Zanib Mushtaq, also of the Inclusion and Learning Service, continues to provide excellent clerking support to the SACRE.

Three meetings were held during the year, all well attended, in October 2011, February 2012 and May 2012. The first was held at the Bannerdale Teachers' Centre, the second at a place of worship, and the third at the Town Hall. This year the place of worship was Sheffield Cathedral where members were welcomed by the Dean and a volunteer cathedral guide who gave a very informative tour of the cathedral prior to our formal February meeting. The Executive Director for Children's Services, Dr Sonia Sharp, was able to attend this meeting of SACRE, and assured SACRE members that the Local Authority remains committed to supporting us. She drew members' attention in particular to a possible development and awareness-raising opportunity for SACRE, namely the North of England Education Conference, to be held in Sheffield in January 2013.

The agendas for our meetings followed a consistent pattern, namely: updates on local and national developments (invaluable input provided here via the Transpennine AREIAC group, the REC and NASACRE); drafting and refining the SACRE development plan for 2012/13 (**appended to this report**);

introducing the Learning and Innovation Hub based at Dobcroft Infants School to SACRE; deepening links with both of our universities (in particular with colleagues at Sheffield Hallam University involved in leading the PGCE course and those at the University of Sheffield from the Department of Biblical Studies).

The Chair, Clerk, and one other member of SACRE were able to attend the NASACRE AGM in London in May 2012. Key messages from the day were prepared for feedback to SACRE at the October 2012 meeting.

5. Publications

These continue to be displayed on the SACRE web-pages:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/about-us/sacre/resources.html>

- Collective Worship Guidance.
- Community Cohesion Guidance. This has also been circulated to Governors through the Inclusion and Learning Service
- Guidance for Determinations. This is for SACRE rather than the public so not posted on the SACRE web-pages
- Summary of OFSTED 3 year report 'Transforming RE'. This has been sent to members, with the full report posted on the SACRE web-pages.
- The Sheffield Agreed Syllabus 2009

6. SACRE Members and SACRE Members Attendance 2011/12 Membership as of September 2011

Committee A (13) Such Christian and other denominations as, in the opinion of the Authority, will appropriately reflect the principal traditions in the area

Leila Willis	Bahai faith
Mrs Wendy Green	Baptist
Pastor Musa Bako	Black led Christians
Kate Arrowsmith	Buddhist
Mrs Eileen Giles	Catholic
Mr Ray Soulsby	Congregationalist
Dr V Patel	Hindu Faith
Mr Tanwir Rauf	Islam
Mr Abdool Gooljar	Islam
Mrs Barbara Bergman	Jewish Faith
Mary Hernshaw	Methodist
Mr Surinder Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith
Greg Nettleship	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)
Mr Rupert Norris	United Reformed Church

Committee B (4) The Church of England

Mrs Margaret Langrish

Mr John Bentley

Vacancy (was F Eccleston)

Vacancy

Committee C (8) Such associations representing teachers, as in the opinion of the authority, ought having regard to the circumstances of the area, to be represented

Vacancy

Mrs Alison Dallman

Mrs Susan Hopkinson

Ms Rosie Garnett

Ms Lisa Vickerage

Mrs Judith Pyatt

Helen Sheehan (prev. Cook)

Louise Cline (prev. Jones)

ASCL

ATL Secondary (Stocksbridge High)

NAHT Primary (Dore Primary)

NASUWT

NUT (Secondary Birley Community College)

VOICE the Union

Sheffield Hallam University PGCE RE

Independent Schools

Committee D (4) The Local Education Authority

Cllr Mr M Lawton

Vacancy

Andrew McDowell

Mr Roger Linstead

Elected Member SCC

Elected Member SCC

School Governor

School Governor

Co-opted Members

Other (2)

Mr R Lamb

Mike Granville

Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement

Sheffield Humanist Society

Attendees

Dr Sonia Sharp/Jayne Ludlam

Mr Kit Thorne

Mrs. Zanib Mushtaq

Executive Director CYPD - Chair

Acting Chair

Clerk to SACRE

SACRE Members Attendance from September 2011 to May 2012

Committee A Faiths

Name	02/11/11	21/02/12	12/05/12
Leila Willis	-	Y	-
Miss Kate Arrowsmith	Ap	Y	Y
Mrs Wendy Green	Y	Ap	-
Mrs Eileen Giles	-	-	-
Mr Ray Soulsby	Ap	Y	Ap
Dr V Patel	Y	Y	Ap
Mr Tanwir Rauf	-	-	-
Mr Abdool Gooljar	-	Y	-
Mrs Barbara Bergman	Y	Y	Y
Mrs Mary Hearnshaw	-	Y	-
Mr Surinder Singh Dhillon	-	-	
Mr Rupert Norris	Y	Ap	-
Pastor Musa Bako	Y	Y	-
Mr Greg Nettleship	Y	Y	Y

Committee B The Church of England

Name	02/11/11	21/02/12	12/05/12
Mrs Margaret Langrish	Ap	Y	Ap
Mr John Bentley	Ap	Y	-

Committee C Teachers

Name	02/11/11	21/02/12	12/05/12
Mrs Alison Dallman	Y	Y	Y
Lisa Vickerage	-	Ap	-
Mrs Susan Hopkinson	-	-	-
Mrs Judith Pyatt	Y	Ap	Ap
Helen Sheehan (prev.Cook)	Ap	Y	Y
Louise Cline (prev. Jones)	Ap	Ap	Y

Committee D (4) The Local Education Authority

Name	021111	210212	120512
Cllr Mr M Lawton	-	-	Y
Mr Andrew McDowell	Ap	Y	Ap
Mr Roger Linstead	Y	Y	Ap

Co-opted Members

Name	02/11/11	21/02/12	12/05/12
Mr R Lamb	Y	Y	Y
Mr Mike Granville	-	Y	Y

Others

Name	02/11/11	21/02/12	12/05/12
Mr Kit Thorne – Acting Chair	Y	Y	Y
Mrs Zanib Mushtaq	Y	Y	Y