



Annual SACRE Report

2011-2012

The SACRE has several aspects to its role. It:

- Advises the local authority on matters relating to collective worship and religious education
- Advises on methods of teaching and resources for religious education
- Decides whether or not to grant determinations to those schools which apply to have daily worship which is other than of a broadly Christian character
- Identifies the need for a revised religious education syllabus

To help with this endeavour the Bracknell Forest SACRE works with NASACRE (the National Association of SACREs) and The Diocese of Oxford.

This report sets out a brief summary of the work of the Bracknell Forest SACRE over the academic year 2011-2012. The minutes of the meetings which give more detail can be found at??

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Collective Worship

With the development of a new RE syllabus the SACRE has not been able to give much attention to collective worship during this year. The Diocese of Oxford has offered courses attended by a number of teachers from the church primary schools. These have focused on the development of prayer spaces in schools and also ways in which pupils can become increasingly responsible for worship.

No applications for a determination have been received by the SACRE this year.

Meetings held:

Three meetings were held during the reporting year:

10 November 2011,

8 March 2012

5 July 2012.

Additional meetings were also held solely to address Agreed Syllabus Conference business

Membership Update—Thanks and good wishes

At the start of the year Gordon Anderson was re-elected as Chairman with Paula Ridgway serving as Vice Chair. It was with sadness that the SACRE accepted the resignation of Gordon in February at which time Paula took over as Chair. When the syllabus was completed several long serving members decided that the end of this year was the most appropriate time for them to resign. The SACRE, therefore wishes to express its enormous gratitude for their commitment and support to Anne Gibbons, Colin Hickson, Samantha Hunt, Michael Bentley, Julie Minter and Paula Ridgway all of whom have contributed richly to development of RE in Bracknell. Although difficult to single any out for special mention it is important to acknowledge the wonderful work Samantha did to develop and catalogue the exceptional collection of artefacts that are available for loan to schools.

Particular thanks are reserved for **Gordon Anderson** who served as the Chairman of the SACRE from its inception until February of this year. Members have repeatedly voted him into this post because he is extremely well organised, chairs meetings highly effectively and efficiently and has been always been so strongly committed to the work of the SACRE. His leaving was a great loss, especially as he was unable to bring to conclusion the review of the syllabus that he had supported so enthusiastically. Without a doubt he was the strongest influence in defining the character of the Bracknell Forest SACRE and members, schools and the local authority owe him a great debt of gratitude for all the years of service he gave.

At the end of the year there were vacancies for representatives from the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England (2), Hinduism, NUT, ATL, ASCL

Keeping up to date

Members of the SACRE attend meetings of other groups and keep colleagues informed of developments elsewhere. Mark Olney attended a Faith Debate addressed by Richard Dawkins and Madeline Driver reported on a meeting of a ICAB Hinduism workshop. Jo Fageant currently serves as the secretary of the National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) and is that organisation's representative on the RE Council of England and Wales.

The SACRE is aware that it has found its responsibility to monitor the provision and quality of RE and collective worship in the Authority's schools virtually impossible to fulfil. One of the main benefits of such monitoring is to inform the SACRE of the needs of schools and help members to identify ways in which they might best support schools in the provision of RE and collective worship. The SACRE, therefore, invites and would welcome news from schools about what is going well in both areas so this news can be shared with others and it would very much like to hear teachers' suggestions about the support they would most like the SACRE to provide.

Membership of Bracknell Forest Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

2011-2012

Representing	Member	Meetings attended
Group A:	Christian denominations and other religions	
Free Churches	Paula Ridgway	3/3
	John Baidam	2/3
	Susan Burrow	1/2
Roman Catholic Church	Anne Gibbons	3/3
	Carol Nicholls	3/3
Buddhism	Joel Roszykiewicz	3/3
Hinduism	Kusam Trikha	1/1
Islam	Arfan Rashid	3/3
Judaism	Zvi Solomons	1/3
Sikhism	Ranjit Bilkhu	1/3
Group B:	The Church of England	
	Gordon Anderson	1/1
	David Fawcett	3/3
	Julie Mintern	2/3
	Mark Olney	2/2
Group C:	Associations representing teachers	
NASUWT	Felicity Allen	2/2
NAHT	Maria Soulsbury	0/2
ATL	Samantha Hunt	1/3
VOICE	Madeline Driver	3/3
NUT	Colin Hickson	2/3
ASCL	Vacancy	
Group D:	The Local Authority	
	Cllr Andy Blatchford	2/3
	Cllr Gareth Barnard	1/? 2or3
	Cllr Dorothy Hayes	2/3
	Cllr Peter Heydon	2/3
	Cllr Clifton Thompson	2/3
Local Authority Officer:	Martin Surrell	3/3
Professional Adviser:	Ms Jo Fageant	3/3
Clerk:	Priya Patel	2/2
	Ron Schrieber	1/1