

SACRE BRIEFING

Issue: 2

NASACRE Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish SACREs a very Happy New Year. We look forward to continuing to support you in your work.

***SACRE BRIEFING** is issued at the beginning of every half term and provides updates, briefing notes and links.*

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AGM 2014

Location: London

Venue: Methodist Central Hall, Westminster

Date: May 22nd 2014

Time: 10:00-3:30

Theme: *RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE*

Keynote speaker: Mr Stephen Lloyd, MP. Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on RE

Many were impressed and stirred by Mark Chater's erudite [challenges to SACREs](#) at last year's AGM. This year's AGM will be looking at the state of play in RE and education more generally from the perspective of Stephen Lloyd, Chair of the APPG and John Keast, who will then be the retired Chair of the REC and will provide his frank and perceptive overview to end proceedings.

Sandwiched between these two keynotes, we want to showcase the work of SACREs in rising to some of the challenges raised. We would like to have about 4-6 brief presentations by SACREs on work they are doing in any of the following areas, that show innovation, engagement and challenge:

1. Work to support teachers to provide meaningful and challenging RE
2. Involving wider representation
(faith/belief/universities/academies)
3. Pupil/student involvement
4. Meeting the challenges of the new curriculum settlement

We know there is really good work going on and this needs to be shared, so please volunteer to do so at the AGM by emailing Bill Moore (bmoore@learningtrust.net) by **March 31st 2014**. Simply send in your SACRE name, a contact, which of the above areas you are addressing and a brief outline of what you are doing.

Further information and details about how to book will follow in the next issue.

Your next SACRE agenda

A brief summary about the latest items to be added to the "[Your next agenda](#)" section of the website.

Click on any of the orange links to find out more.

Farmington Fellowships

Farmington Fellowships are for all those in the UK teaching RE (with at least two years teaching experience in their present post) and also for headteachers wishing to research into either RE or Values Education are also eligible to apply. Click [here](#) for more information. The **closing date** for applications is January 27th.

Ofsted: Releasing the potential

Information about latest religious education report from Ofsted which was released on October 6th.

In response, NASACRE released a [press statement](#).

RE Review Report

The RE Review report is now published. It has been produced by the RE Council in consultation with a wide variety of RE professional organisations and individuals, as well as members of the public.

From the link, you will find further information about the report and links to the full report and a summary.

In addition, NASACRE has produced a briefing paper to support SACREs with the non-statutory guidance and the writing of an agreed syllabus.

A Practice Code for Teachers of RE

Drawn up by an RE Council working group with representation from NATRE, AREIAC, NASACRE, this code aims to complement the GTCE's general code for teachers.

School Governors: responsibilities for RE

Two briefing papers (primary and secondary) produced for governors by Dr Barbara Wintersgill. These outline schools' responsibilities with regard to RE, give an overview of the problems identified by the report **RE: The Truth Unmasked** published in March and suggest some actions governors might undertake to bring about improvement in their schools.

ARE YOUR SACRE's DETAILS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE?

Click [here](#) to check.

Click [here](#) to email new details.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

The **FAQ section** of the website is frequently reviewed and updated. It is worthwhile re-visiting **this section** from time to time.

A new sub-section: **SACRES and religious clothing in schools** has just been added.

Inter Faith Week 2013

Sharing experiences

Colleagues at Inter Faith Week are keen to draw on experiences to help

them continue to develop the Week and increase opportunities for inter faith learning and cooperation.

Please consider completing the brief questionnaire on the [Interfaith Week website](#).

SACRE Annual Reports

Thank you to those SACREs who have already submitted [reports](#) for the year 2012-13.

Please email your SACRE report as **one** document in **PDF format** to: memsec@nasacre.org.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day 2014

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is commemorated on 27 January every year, this being the date of the liberation of Auschwitz. (You may wish to be thinking even further ahead to 2015 which will be the 70th anniversary of this event). The theme for HMD 2014 is Journeys and how journeys themselves can become part of genocide.

There are a huge number of resources including available on [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust](#) website.

SACREs should have already received information about the art competition [Drawing Inspiration](#). Closing date for entries is 12th January.
