

PLYMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICER TO SACRE (LAOS) – UPDATE (SPRING 2023)



1. INTRODUCTION

Please find below a summary of information that is shared at the Spring 2022 SACRE meeting (20/03/23).

2. SACRE BUDGET POSITION

ANNUAL BUDGET	IN-YEAR SPEND	PLANNED / EXPECTED SPEND	BALANCE TO DATE	COMMENTS
£13105 (£12000 + £1105)	£225 (NASACRE Subscription + Supply Cover - Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-Off Claims expected (Supply Cover) TBC Proposed RE Professional Advisor to SACRE Role (£5K / £6.5K TBC) RE Conference (Member Attendance TBC) 	As of 20/03/23 (>£12K)	

3. SCHOOL SUBJECT / PARTICIPATION

SCHOOL	SUBJECT	No OF ENTRANTS	ACHIEVEMENT	COMMENTS
Information requested from Plymouth City Council Education Performance Team and will be summarised at the March SACRE Meeting.				

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY SACRE FACILITATION PLAN

PRIORITY AREA	ELEMENT	PROGRESS
1. SACRE Facilitation & Organisation	A: Develop Standing Agenda, Meeting Delivery, Minute Taking	COMPLETED / ONGOING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to Increase Speed of Minute Approval (Chair/LAOS/Clerk)
	B: Commission RE Professional Advisor to SACRE	IN PROGRESS Now in later stages of confirming agreement. RE Professional Advisor to SACRE to commence support in July 2023.
	C: Communicate LA Facilitation Plan	COMPLETED / ONGOING
	D: Facilitate Sub Groups	IN PROGRESS 1 st Sub Group Activity: 'Developing Standing Protocol for Concerns and Ofsted Judgements (Spring 2023) Meeting Took Place 02/02/23 – 2 nd Meeting TBC March/April) 2 nd Sub Group Activity: 'Developing the 'Time To Breathe' (Activity within 1 st Sub Group). 3 rd Sub Group Activity: 'Review of SACRE Constitution' Scheduled for Summer 2023.

	E: Review SACRE Constitution	<i>SCHEDULED FOR SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2023 (Sub Group Activity)</i>
2. SACRE Representation	A: Recruit SACRE Chair and Vice Chair	<i>ONGOING BUT NOT ACHIEVED (Cllr Aspinall acting as SACRE Chair).</i>
	B: Ensure that Membership is Representative	<i>ONGOING</i>
3. Communicating The Work Of SACRE	A: Communicate RE and CW Requirements & Guidance	<i>IN PROGRESS</i> <i>Time To Breathe document to be revised (Consulting Plymouth schools) by Sub-Group, Spring/Summer Term, 2023. First Sub-Group Meeting taken place / Next Meeting TBC.</i>
	B: Communicate SACRE Activity	<i>COMPLETED / ONGOING</i> <i>SACRE Activity Update to be included in February HWiE Briefing</i>
	C: Promote the Work of the PCFCD	<i>COMPLETED / ONGOING</i> <i>PCFCD Activity to be promoted within the January (and subsequent) HWiE Briefing/s.</i>
	D: Review and Update PCC Website	<i>SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2023.</i>
	E: Communicate RE & CW Information to Schools	<i>IN PROGRESS</i> <i>Ongoing via the HWiE Briefings aSub Group Activity as per 3.A. .</i>
4. Facilitating The Agreed Syllabus Conference	A: Facilitate SACRE Sub Groups	<i>SCHEDULED FOR AUTUMN 2023 ONWARDS</i> <i>Agreed Syllabus Conference Planning / Development (Autumn 2023 / Spring 2024)</i>
5. Responding To Advice From SACRE	<i>A: Develop Standing Protocol for School Concerns</i>	<i>SCHEDULED FOR AUTUMN 2023</i>
	<i>B: Communicate Ongoing Review of Ofsted Reports</i>	<i>COMPLETED / ONGOING</i> <i>Ofsted Report Review – Delivered at each SACRE Meeting (05/12/22 – 20/03/23)</i>

LAOS = Local Authority Officer to SACRE, REPAS = Religious Education Professional Advisor to SACRE

LOCAL / NATIONAL INFORMATION SHARED WITH PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS AND SETTINGS INCLUDING OPPERTUNITES / GUIDANCE / TRAINING VIA HWiE BREIFINGS & SACRE CORRESPONDENCE

WHAT	DETAILS
STRICTLY RE IS BACK IN 2023	Strictly RE online conference takes place on 28 - 29 January 2023. Please note Strictly RE 2023 will be held online, from the comfort of your home. Strictly RE 2023 conference themes: Depth; Diversity; Abrahamic Worldviews. Don't forget: By booking onto Strictly, you can attend the live sessions but you also get all the recordings and downloadable resources that are available from the weekend and weekday sessions that you didn't attend! See https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/strictlyRE-2023/ for details and booking form.
A VIEW ON THE WORLD – CALLING ALL BUDDING FILM MAKERS	How have religious and non-religious worldviews changed over time where you live? How would you describe the mix of worldviews in your community today? What might it look like in 50 years' time? We are inviting children and young people to create a 90 second film script, storyboard or recorded film. The winning entry will have their film professionally made! The competition is open to all children and young people aged 5-18 whether educated at school or at home. Entries from children and young people with special educational needs or from pupil referral units are welcome. Please use the following links to find out more including suggested resources, judging criteria and how to submit entries:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Teachers: https://www.reonline.org.uk/information-for-teachers/ For Home Educators: https://www.reonline.org.uk/information-for-home-educators/. <p>Closing Date: Friday 31st March at 5pm.</p>
COMMUNITY MATTERS: FREE PSHE RESOURCES FOR KS1 – KS3	<p>With the cost-of-living crisis and climate crisis dominating the headlines and replacing Covid as the greatest threats to our communities, the Archbishop's Youth Trust is re-launching their free resource 'Community Matters' this term. The resource provides activities and ideas to help KS1-KS3 pupils explore why community matters, looking at a range of social and environmental issues, and consider how children and young people can become courageous advocates and play their part in creating positive change. Find out more here: www.abyyt.com/communitymatters</p>
PLYMOUTH SACRE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY (HMD) - POETRY COMPETITION	<p>Plymouth's SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) is launching this year's HMD competition. This year the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day is that ordinary people can do shocking things to others. 'Ordinary People' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023. You can access HMD-related films and resources on the Devon Faith and Belief Forum website, and also national HMDT resources.</p> <p>THE COMPETITION:</p> <p>Use examples from everyday life and from the past to help pupils understand that anyone can act in a cruel manner and in certain circumstances whole nations can pick on a group and persecute them. The aim of this competition is to explore this theme of the depths to which ordinary people can go and why we should not just ignore it.</p> <p>We are asking school pupils to write a poem on this theme. The competition is open to all ages 5-18. Poems will be judged on originality, insight and interpretation of the theme and judged in age categories: Key Stages 1, 2, 3, & 4 and post 16. An illustration can also accompany each poem. Schools are to submit their best 10 entries by the February half-term. State name, age, title of the poem plus name of school. If entries could be typed it would help but not essential. Judging will take place in March 2023. Please return entries to clarklesley@icloud.com or send them to: <i>F.A.O. Michael House, Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ (MARKED AS HMD POETRY COMPETITION)</i>.</p> <p>The best poems will be made into a booklet which will be sent to schools and the winning poets will receive their own copy. Useful resources to assist your teaching and learning are available from the Holocaust Educational Trust (https://www.hmd.org.uk/).</p>
FREE ONLINE RE COURSES – CULHAM ST GABRIEL'S	<p>We offer a range of free online courses for teachers and other stakeholders engaged in educating in religion and worldviews. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Introduction to Religion and Worldviews Digging Deeper: Religion and Worldviews An Introduction to Curriculum Digging Deeper: Curriculum An Introduction to Research Primary Beginning Teacher Courses <p>Further courses are being added on a termly basis. Please follow: https://courses.cstg.org.uk/</p>
PROMOTING RELIGIOUS PEACE & TOLERANCE - RETOPEA 'DOCUTUBES' PROJECT	<p>Join Professor John Wolffe and friends in conversation about the RETOPEA project, featuring amazing 'docutubes' created by young people. You won't want to miss this (20th March 2023, at 16@30-17:10 Online). Book your free place: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/retopea-promoting-religious-peace-and-tolerance-through-history-tickets-482422226867?aff=ebdsoporgprofile</p>
'CRE-ATIVE RE-INSPIRING' RE CONFERENCE – 21/03/23	<p>CRE-ative, RE-inspiring Online RE Conference - filled with inspirational speakers and a choice of RE workshops – open to all who are passionate about RE. It is virtual it means that schools can attend from all over the country and indeed the world! Please find, embedded, details about the exciting CREative & REinspiring RE Conference being held online on 21st March. Book your place here: https://sdbe-onlinelearning.thinkific.com/courses/REConference-March23</p>

FREE RAMADAN TRAINING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS	<p>With Ramadan starting around 22nd March, Muslim Learner Services will be running webinars to support primary schools develop their subject knowledge and confidence in teaching and learning about Ramadan/Eid & Muslims in Britain (Inc Islamophobia). We already have over 150 schools register for the FREE Ramadan webinar (22/03/23). We can only host a limited number of places on the online webinar and anticipate a high demand for the free training with Ramadan starting next month.</p> <p>Teaching and Learning about Ramadan & Eid for Primary Schools (Trainer - Imran Kotwal: Content: Purpose and Rules of Fasting, Teachings from Qur'an & Hadeeth, key Ramadan vocabulary & pronunciation, how Eid is celebrated and Q&A session. Date: Wed 22nd March 2023, 16:00 to 17:00 - Online Zoom Webinar - Cost: FREE (One place per school) £45 for each additional place / Broadcast as a full staff meeting £200. Can't attend the live session: Video Recording & Training materials: £45). To book your place: Complete the booking form HERE or Copy & Paste this link https://zfrmz.com/5iRfoNFUbrEmHV56pRDw or email CPD@Muslimlearnerservices.org.</p>
PLYMOUTH CENTRE FOR FAITH & CULTURAL DIVERSITY	Speakers, Visits, Artefacts, Website: http://www.pcfcd.co.uk/schools/

HWEiB = Health & Wellbeing in Education Briefing (a Local Authority information, guidance and opportunities briefing that is delivered to Plymouth schools each month. Within the table above you can see some of the information included within this briefing that relates to SACRE's area of activity in 2022/2023).

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