

WIRRAL Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) ACTION PLAN

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Wirral SACRE's statutory role is to advise its local authority on religious education (RE) and collective worship in Wirral schools with the aim of supporting and improving both.

Our goal is to excite, enthuse and raise interest in the subject of RE by supporting teachers of RE across Wirral (in both Primary and Secondary Schools). Our Members will be ambassadors and advocates for RE by raising the profile of Wirral SACRE and(improving the image) promoting the importance of RE) so that RE is seen as an exciting and interesting curriculum subject and one chosen voluntarily at GCSE and A level by students in the majority of Secondary schools across Wirral.

Objective 1 :Promote awareness of the role and activities of Wirral Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

Action	Success Criteria	Budget Allocation	Lead Responsibility	Target Date	Progress Update May 2016
Promote awareness of the work of Wirral SACRE by:- Setting up a young people's SACRE with representatives from across Secondary Schools in Wirral to represent their views and perspectives on RE and Collective Worship and action their ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students attend meetings and the student forum makes a key contribution to the work of SACRE. Positive feedback from young people who feel that their views are represented. Monitored on a termly basis. 		RR , CH DN and SACRE	On Going	<p>Youth SACRE. In February 2016, Mrs R Razbully reported that the boys at Wirral Grammar School had been focusing on the islamophobia project, measuring the perceptions towards Islam in school. As the boys [currently involved] will be leaving after Year 11, they will try to recruit two Year 10 and two Year 9 pupils so that there is a rolling membership. Mrs Razbully hoped that she would be able to take the boys to New Brighton Primary School to join up the project with the Primary schools.</p> <p>Ms Z Abernathy (Wirral Youth for Christ) expressed interest in developing direct links to projects in her organisation.</p>

	and Collective Worship.				Review of Agreed Syllabus will begin next year – and we may consider including ideas and exemplar material for collective worship
Promote Wirral SACRE in school through marketing initiatives such as postcards and posters and through the website	Articles on Wirral SACRE will feature in school magazines 'Hit rate' on the site will increase			?	Should Schools be sent copies of SACRE meeting minutes?
Engage with the press to promote good news stories	SACRE will receive positive press coverage		DN, ML, AL – all SACRE	On Going	Extensive press coverage before and after 2016 Holocaust Commemoration Event. A report of the Holocaust Commemoration appeared in the March edition of Wirral Governors" Forum Newsflash No 41
Offer a Competition for young people to design new logo for Wirral SACRE				?	Primary schools may be interested??

Regularly communicate with Wirral SACRE members so that there is an ongoing dialogue and involvement. Encourage members to be ambassadors for SACRE and disseminate information and new items across schools and communities (eg. circulate NATRE and RE TODAY termly newsletters to all primary and secondary schools	Attendance and membership of Wirral SACRE meetings will increase.		AL	On Going	Progress may be made – with some new members of SACRE
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Objective2 .To support an increase in the number of students studying for RE at GCSE and A’Level.

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Re-establish Networking group for teachers in Primary and Secondary schools. Liaise with secondary subject leaders to determine existing provision and ways forward	Receiving view of RE subject Leaders			Summer 2017	An opportunity for this to develop could be – with the Conference for The Agreed Syllabus Review – which ought to begin in 2017
Representatives of Wirral SACRE to offer support and attend meetings of school Governing Bodies Ensure Secondary Subject Leaders of RE are kept informed of training opportunities and those to celebrate RE by disseminating relevant information	When evidence is received of invitations and attendance		? through LA	On Going	Schools have been informed about recent initiatives of the Merseyside Hub – 3D Judaism and will be made aware A forthcoming project about Islam

Objective 3. Increase our support for teachers to help them develop teaching and learning and to deliver an engaging curriculum which will enthuse and motivate students' interest in RE and Collective Worship.

Action	Success Criteria	Budget Allocation	Lead Responsibility	Target Date	Progress Update
Promote the use of the Wirral SACRE website: wirral.sacre.org.uk – promote use of the interactive forums and resources on the site for Primary and Secondary Schools	Evidence of regular use by Teachers		SACRE MI + ?	End of 2016	Though number of resources is growing – we do not yet have a Forum facility – but this could be requested
Explore ways to support the understanding (for parents/SLT staff/teachers and governors) that Collective Worship and Assemblies are not the same thing and that where Collective Worship takes place in the context of Assembly there should be a clear distinction between general school matters and the act of CW. Draw attention to the inclusion in the Agreed Syllabus of sections relating to the Law of Collective Worship.	That we have evidence of this taking place across the Wirral		DN, ML, ZA and Agreed Syllabus working Parties		WYC – works very closely with many schools – regarding Collective Worship. The current Wirral Agreed Syllabus provides information and advice
Provide young people with the resources they would need to lead and deliver an act of Collective Worship					Not really sure about the direction of this – would the work of Youth SACRE fulfil this ?Sa
Set up a Networking Group for Primary and Secondary teachers of RE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through these groups, (i)further develop the Primary Schemes of Work for RE and (II) promote accredited courses in secondary RE. 	That this takes place		CH , RR All SACRE	Summer 2017 – once Conference for Review of Agreed Syllabus is set up.	New Brighton Primary – is still trying to establish links with other schools

Invite inspirational and passionate guest speakers to address teachers on teaching and learning and curriculum in RE.	Positive feedback from Teachers	Budget to fund supply costs (if applicable)		On going	Can be achieved already – through participation in Courses such as 3D Judaism – for which Wirral SACRE funded 2 places
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Objective4. Promote the role of RE in religious understanding, community cohesion and the reduction of religious conflict.

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Host the annual Wirral Holocaust Memorial event every year	Event takes Place		ML, AL	Jan 2017	The theme for 2017 is “How Can Life Go on” the dates which are reserved for this by the Floral Pavilion are 30 and 31 January and 1 February 2017.
Promote the contribution of RE to community cohesion and reducing religious misunderstanding and conflict. Encourage schools to implement the findings of the summary report ‘RE and Good Community Relations. Sign-post methods of raising concern	That there is support for Schools of Sanctuary, Holocaust Commemoration event Fewer signs of prejudice against people of different Cultures and Religions		?	On going	SACRE – initially through Richard Neale has established links with MEAS through Tuyet Ramzy. A number of Wirral Schools – mainly Primary have become Schools of Sanctuary. Some excellent resources are available.