

Torbay Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 7 November 2024 at 10.00 am
to be held in

Membership

Y Alnassar
Bill Becher
Claire Bird
Nikki Boone
Helen Brown
Councillor Nick Bye
Charlotte Caluori
Jonathan Doney
Corrinne Guntrip

Sivita Harrison
Kim Moore-Cullen
Ed Pawson
Graham Pirt
Jeremy Roberts
Angela Sumner
Laura Twamley
Belinda Twiggs
Councillor Ras Virdee

1. **Election of Officers: Chair and Vice-chair**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
4. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**
5. **Torbay SACRE: membership updates**
6. **Standards: schools monitoring and Ofsted reports** (Pages 7 - 8)
7. **Devon and Torbay agreed syllabus** (Pages 9 - 10)
8. **Learn Teach Lead RE: updates** (Pages 11 - 12)
9. **Regional and National Developments: RE Hubs, Curriculum and Assessment review**
10. **NASACRE webinars and 'In Conversation' event**

For information relating to this meeting or to request a copy in another format or language please contact:

Louise Willmott,

11. **Young Ambassadors Project update** (Pages 13 - 14)
12. **Faith and belief schools' visitors training day** (Pages 15 - 16)
13. **Interfaith Week 2024: events planned**
14. **Holocaust Memorial Day: planning for 2025 (Theme: for a better future)**
15. **Future meetings**
 - Thursday 7th November 10.00
 - Wednesday 26th February 10.00
 - Monday 9th June 10.00

Torbay SACRE Agenda Thursday 13th June 2024
9.30am – 12.00pm
Online and in person



1. Apologies for Absence

Nikki Boone
Lyndsay Eley

2. Minutes were agreed

Agreed

3. Items Requiring Urgent Attention - none

None
None

4. Torbay SACRE: membership updates

Jonathan Doney is standing down

5. Standards: schools monitoring and Ofsted reports (report)

EP reported on the outcomes of Ofsted inspections of schools in the local authority from the previous 3 months. No reports made any significant reference to RE or collective worship. The meeting congratulated Kate Burns from Galmpton on the outstanding grade awarded to the school. The inspection report states that pupils receive an exceptional education at the school, and this is achieved through an impressive curriculum starting in the early years, which is underpinned by academic excellence, character development and metacognition. BT suggested a Lean Teach Lead RE visit for Laura and herself to go to Galmpton. There were no inspections of secondary schools.

6. Devon and Torbay agreed syllabus launch (report)

EP reported on the series of new RE syllabus launch events planned for the following week, with an additional online event to run on 10th July. The organisation and booking has been coordinated by the DCC CPD team.

250 delegates have been booked on to attend these events from schools across Devon, Torbay and Plymouth. Members of Torbay SACRE will receive a copy of the syllabus in advance and a number of members have booked on to come to the launch events free of charge.

An additional launch event will be arranged for teachers in Torbay in November. EP to liaise with LW to plan event.

7. Learn Teach Lead RE: updates (report)

EP gave an update to SACRE members on the progress of the Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) hub network. The next annual conference 2024 will take place on 4th October 2024, at the St Mellion Conference Centre. Booking for this conference is now open.

Hub leaders training will be taking place on 1st March, 5th July and 3rd October 2024.

The Torbay and South Devon hub continues to be successful, with termly meetings attracting both primary and secondary teachers of RE. The recent meeting took place at the Torbay Islamic Centre. Thanks to LT for organising this.

A data collection sheet has been designed by LT to be used at all the meetings to sign up for Learn, Teach Lead RE meetings. This can be explained at the training meeting in July.

In line with a grant that has been made in previous years, members of Torbay SACRE are in agreement that LTLRE should be able to claim a £500 grant from Torbay Council, to support the training of hub leaders. This had been agreed by the October 2023 meeting, but didn't get minuted.

8. Regional and National Developments: Ofsted report, RE Hubs, National Content Standard in RE, Religion and Worldviews Handbook

RE hubs newsletter to be sent out to SACRE members. Information about Places of interest is available on the site, but not enough yet from Southwest. We need more people on the list in order to continue to build it. EP asked for suggestions of places and people to add. EP reported on the release by the REC of the Religion and Worldviews Handbook in May 2024. This document is written to support SACREs in the way they construct RE Agreed Syllabuses.

BT will be giving a presentation at the AREIAC conference (Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants) next week. She will share the document after her presentation. JR hopes that the incoming government will take RE more seriously.

EP talked about the Ofsted report published in April 2024. It is important to be able to take the concerns expressed here to school leaders. EP has requested an invitation from TAPS (meetings at Mayfield email Stuart Heron. Louise has info) to talk to school leaders about the importance of RE and introduce the new syllabus.

9. Young Ambassadors Project 2023-5

EP is working with a group of Young Ambassadors at Okehampton College and they will be speaking on Monday at the Bideford launch event.

SG has offered to come down in person to meet with schools as a Jewish representative.

BT explained that Somerset SACRE held an RE curriculum symposium in November 2023, and she suggested something similar for Torbay.

Ed Pawson played a video from the 'REady for work' campaign, explaining why RE is an important subject for the workplace.

10. Holocaust Memorial Day: planning for 2025 Theme – For a Better Future

11. Events in Exeter for schools to attend

12. Ed would like information on anything taking place in Torbay

13. Future meetings:

Thursday 7th November 10.00

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Title: **Ofsted monitoring**

This report relates to the monitoring of Ofsted reports for Torbay schools

To: **Torbay SACRE** On: 20/10/24

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the findings published in recent Ofsted reports, particularly where comments relate to Religious Education (RE), collective worship or Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) of pupils. Where appropriate, the report may recommend that SACRE officers should contact specified schools to either congratulate them on their outstanding practice, or to offer curriculum support in specified areas.
- 1.2 Ofsted reports from one school makes reference to issues relating to RE. The report for St Michael's (Paignton) says pupils are developing an understanding of other faiths and cultures. The report from Ellacombe recognises the importance of the school's Ethos committee.

Jeremy Roberts
Chair of SACRE

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Title: **Agreed Syllabus Review**

This report relates to the review of the Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus for RE 2024

To: **Torbay SACRE** On: 20/10/24

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the successful implementation of the Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus 2024-29.
- 1.2 The new syllabus was launched through 3 in-person and one online events in the summer term 2024. Total delegate numbers: 296. Venues: Bideford: 49; Exeter: 148; Plymouth: 52 online: 47
- 1.3 The syllabus has been introduced for teaching from September 2024.
- 1.4 The cost of the new syllabus is £35 per school, with all schools in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth now being able to access it (including academies). A significant proportion of the purchase cost has been recouped through the 'paid-for' launch events.
- 1.5 Ongoing training for teachers for the introduction of this new syllabus has been set up: via online training in November 2024, LTLRE hub meetings and the annual LTLRE conference.

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Title: **Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) report**

This report relates to the SACRE supported initiative now in its thirteenth year, which seeks to support RE through local hubs.

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SACRE members on the progress of the Learn, Teach, Lead RE (LTLRE) hub network.
- 1.2 Hub leaders training (2024/5) takes place on 3/10/24, 7/3/25 and 4/7/25.
- 1.3 The South Devon/Torbay LTLRE hub group continues to be successful, with termly meetings attracting both primary and secondary teachers of RE. The meeting this term will visit Galmpton Church of England Primary School (recently rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted) to find out about how they are developing their Religion and Worldviews curriculum.
- 1.4 The recent annual conference 2024 took place on 4th October 2024, at the St Mellion Conference Centre. 91 delegates attended from schools in Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall.
- 1.5 Conference feedback
The training content met my expectations ...
Strongly agree: 46; Agree: 18; Neither: 2; Disagree: 1
- 1.6 Conference feedback (delegates' comments):
 - Great conference
 - Great networking
 - Practical ideas for staff development
 - Meeting people and sharing ideas
 - Understand how to implement a worldviews approach
 - Inspiring, uplifting, imaginative
 - Training helped me to deliver and lead RE in school
 - Great choice of workshops for beginners and experienced teachers

- Fantastic wide range of workshops
- Great speakers, inspiring and motivating
- The best CPD!

Jeremy Roberts
Chair of SACRE



Title: **Young Ambassadors report**

This report relates to the AREIAC supported initiative (2023-5) to develop the skills of primary and secondary pupils at Okehampton College and Okehampton Primary School as Young Ambassadors for Freedom of Religion or Belief

To: **Torbay SACRE** On: 20/10/24

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1. Key points and Summary

1. The South West wing of the Young Ambassadors project involves Ed Pawson working with Y9/10 students from Okehampton College and Y5 pupils from Okehampton Primary School. These schools are both members of the Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust, and one of the reasons for choosing these schools as partners is the Trust's commitment to inclusion and equality.
2. Some of the activities of the secondary contingent so far have included:
 - Making films for the REady for Work Campaign, inspired by Lord Bilimoria, which advocates for the importance of RE in the workplace
 - Campaigning about the need for a suitable prayer room in the school
 - Discussing and submitting questions to be answered by Children's Commissioner Rachel De Souza
 - Visiting places of Religion and Worldviews significance in Exeter, including the Exeter Synagogue and The Quaker Meeting House
 - Working with and inspiring their primary school peers
 - Speaking to a large group of teachers at the recent launch of the new RE agreed syllabus
 - Planning Interfaith Week activities



3. Pupils from the primary school have been enjoying exploring the NATRE Spirited Arts competition and engaging with Muslim Ambassadors of Faith and Belief from schools in Redbridge, London in an online interaction.

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