

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

Wednesday 26th February 10.00

Monday 9th June 10.00