

NASACRE Conference 2016

Sharing Good Practice

Dealing with academies and academisation

- Invited teachers from academies to join our SACRE
- All the academies and free schools come to our network meetings
- Use of LTLRE (webpage) to support SACRE communication
- All our Newham academies + free schools have adopted our last AS & our new one – paying £500

Engaging with schools: having an impact, making a difference to them

- Go out annually to every secondary school to meet RE department and keep them involved
- Newham SACRE has student reps from schools – helps meetings
- SACRE members sit as panel for Sixth Form general RE conference
- Create a Youth SACRE / Youth SACRE network / Youth Voice
- Link governors can be allies – a worthwhile investment
- Governors' briefing paper on RE & AS produced positive responses
- Hold RE coordinator meetings in places of worship
- Berks SACRE Hub 'Crossing the Bridges' project, bringing together faith/belief communities & schools to maximise learning from visits and visitors + interactive resources

Agreed Syllabus reviews in challenging circumstances

- Applied for funding especially for ASC – detailed specific stages, etc.
- Adopted a neighbouring (larger) SACRE's AS
- Lewisham's Young Mayor team is going to attend SACRE and ASC from September
- 2 SACREs working together to review AS
- Bid for money for AS – got it, but Dep Director helped write the bid... minimum needed with 25% more... ended up with £20k

SACRE membership issues: Group A representation, teachers and councillors

- Effective local govt + commitment to RE
- HoDs engage? Find a way to talk with councillors
- Engaging local Muslim community in review of Islamic section of syllabus

LA support and funding for SACRE

- Benefits of an adviser to be appointed across 3 large LAs
- SACREs collaborating and CO-OPERATING!!
- SACREs working together and sharing resources & training
- Ring-fenced funding and clerking – YAY!
- Dedicated RE/SACRE consultant; LA supporting workshop on 'Teaching Hinduism and Humanism'
- Our charity 'Interfaith Focus' shows interfaith films

Other examples

- Project to increase the capacity of SACREs to provide training for teachers
- Training for new SACRE members twice a year, also attended by SACRE Chair
- SACRE has its own free webpage for teacher resources on Council website
- Getting companies to sponsor school travel to places of worship
- Working with the Mayor's office, all SACRE meetings & papers are on Council website – elected members' attendance is monitored!
- If SLT believes in the importance of RE, IT WILL HAPPEN; it is the same in local councils!