

## **Shropshire SACRE Presentation**

### **The development of an active working committee structure to support the work of SACRE.**

#### **Shropshire Context**

We are a large rural authority with very small numbers of non-Christian communities. Whilst there is diversity within Christianity there is little with other religions. This is a situation that SACRE, schools and teachers are very aware of and have tried hard to provide for. We currently have membership from most major world religions representative of the faith communities within Shropshire. We also have the support of an LA provided clerk, LA provided minuting clerk and professional support from a School Improvement Adviser with responsibility for RE. We have no dedicated SACRE budget.

#### **Timeline**

- Spring 2011 – formal discussions started on implementing a committee structure to support the work of SACRE.
- Autumn 2011 - Curriculum and Standards Committee, Collective Worship Committee and Recruitment and Training Committee were constituted with appropriate terms of reference.
- Autumn 2013 - the Recruitment and Training Committee proposed its own dissolution, as its core recruitment purpose had been completed.
- Autumn 2013 onwards work continues with the remaining two committees.

#### **Terms of Reference**

Copies of the two remaining committee's terms of reference are available for viewing. Please note that these were updated in January 2014 following the winding up of the Recruitment and Training Committee. There are currently two forms of committee membership –

- Full members who can attend meetings
- Full members who find attending meetings difficult but who are electronic members

#### **Achievements to Date**

##### **Recruitment Committee**

- achieving a highly representative SACRE
- organising a successful SACRE evening in 2013 showcasing primary and secondary curriculum and collective worship practice

### Collective Worship Committee

- setting up a secondary contact list and group e-mail for staff responsible for collective worship
- establishing the primary school collective worship survey. This is a five year rolling programme covering all relevant schools (20% per year). Year 1 in 2013 was successfully completed and reported fully on. Year 2 is under way with one third completed to date.

### Curriculum and Standards Committee

- close scrutiny of secondary school performance with appropriate responses
- establishing the primary school curriculum survey. This is also a five year rolling programme with year 1 completed and reported fully on. Year 2 is under way with 4 of 23 schools visited.
- overseeing the review of the Agreed Syllabus due for implementation in September 2014

### All committees

- Establishing a school level database of information (primary and secondary) to inform the work of SACRE in both curriculum and collective worship

### **Future Development**

- To further develop the committees to be run autonomously by SACRE members
- To further develop the Learning Gateway to build relationships between SACRE and schools
- Specific issues such as videoconferencing acts of collective worship involving other religions to network to other schools; using electronic communication and key events and presentations to link SACRE members to pupils in schools ....

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