

# ***SACREs taking a stand: positive responses to controversial issues***



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2025 CONFERENCE & AGM  
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Monday 19 May 2025, 10:30-15:30  
Sheffield Town Hall, Netherham

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Time	Programme
10:15	Arrival, refreshments, networking
10:30	Registration
11:00	Welcome & introduction
11:10	Session 1: Message for SACREs from Lord Khan of Burnley Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lords Minister for Faith, Communities and Resettlement) Response from NASACRE
11:30	RE Hubs supporting SACREs
11:40	Break
11:50	Session 2: Identity, community and commonality: what can Religion and Worldviews offer schools and society? Dr Joyce Miller: Dr Joyce Miller has had a long career in RE. She was a member of the Commission on RE and of the advisory group on A New Settlement for RE. She has chaired several organisations including the RE Council, AREAC, Bradford SACRE and the Schools Linking Network. She is currently a member of Northumberland SACRE.
12:20	Table discussions & questions to the speaker
12:55	LUNCH
13:45	Interactive activity for all conference delegates to engage with To participate you will need a device to access the internet. (Wi-Fi password will be given).
14:15	NASACRE TRUSTEE Panel An opportunity for members to ask questions.
14:45	Westhill Awards 2025 – winners announcement
14:50	Celebrating our CIO status together Afternoon tea
15:05	Annual General Meeting Minutes of the meeting of 20 May 2024 in York • Reports • Webinars 2024 • New Executive announcement
15:25	Closing comments
15:30	Brief meeting for the new EXEC

# Welcome to our 2025 NASACRE Conference!

**Bill Moore**

**NASACRE Co-Chair**



## *Session 1 :*

# *Message for SACREs from Lord Khan of Burnley*



*Video message*

**Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State  
(Lords Minister for Faith, Communities &  
Resettlement)**

*Appointed to Ministry of Housing,  
Communities & Local Government in 2024*

### ***Responsibilities:***

- *Resettlement*
- *Communities & community relations*
- *Faith*
- *Lords spokesperson*

# NASACRE's response to Lord Khan



*Bill Moore*



*Paul Smalley*



# RE Hubs supporting SACREs

<https://www.re-hubs.uk/>



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## Hubs



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Courses and events

## Local groups



Find local groups

## Places of interest



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## Resourcing RE



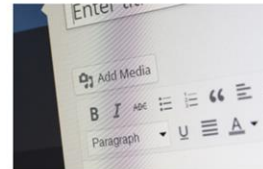
Access resources

## News & blogs



Read latest news & blogs

## Get involved



Register to be featured



***Claire Clinton  
NASACRE Executive***

**BREAK**

**TIME**



## Session 2:

# *Identity, community and commonality: what can Religion & Worldviews offer schools & society?*



## **Dr Joyce Miller, FRSA**

*Roles have included:*

RE teacher, university lecturer, LA inspector  
Head of Diversity & Cohesion at Education Bradford  
Member of the Commission on RE  
Current member of Northumberland SACRE

Specialisms: RE in relation to cohesion & extremism.

# Table discussions & questions

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*Identity, community and commonality: what can Religion & Worldviews offer schools & society?*

- ***What and how can SACRE contribute to schools and society?***
- ***What are the key challenges facing SACRE?***





*Prayer  
space  
available*

# Interactive activity

***Menti-metre activity*** – <https://www.menti.com/altkzzc4p17v>

Join at menti.com | use code 4790 7685

Wi-Fi Password:



# NASACRE Trustee Panel



# NASACRE Westhill Awards 2025



Westhill Awards go to the following SACREs:

- Barnet
- Camden
- Haringey
- Sunderland

**Westhill**  
make things happen



# Celebrating CIO status together!









# NASACRE AGM

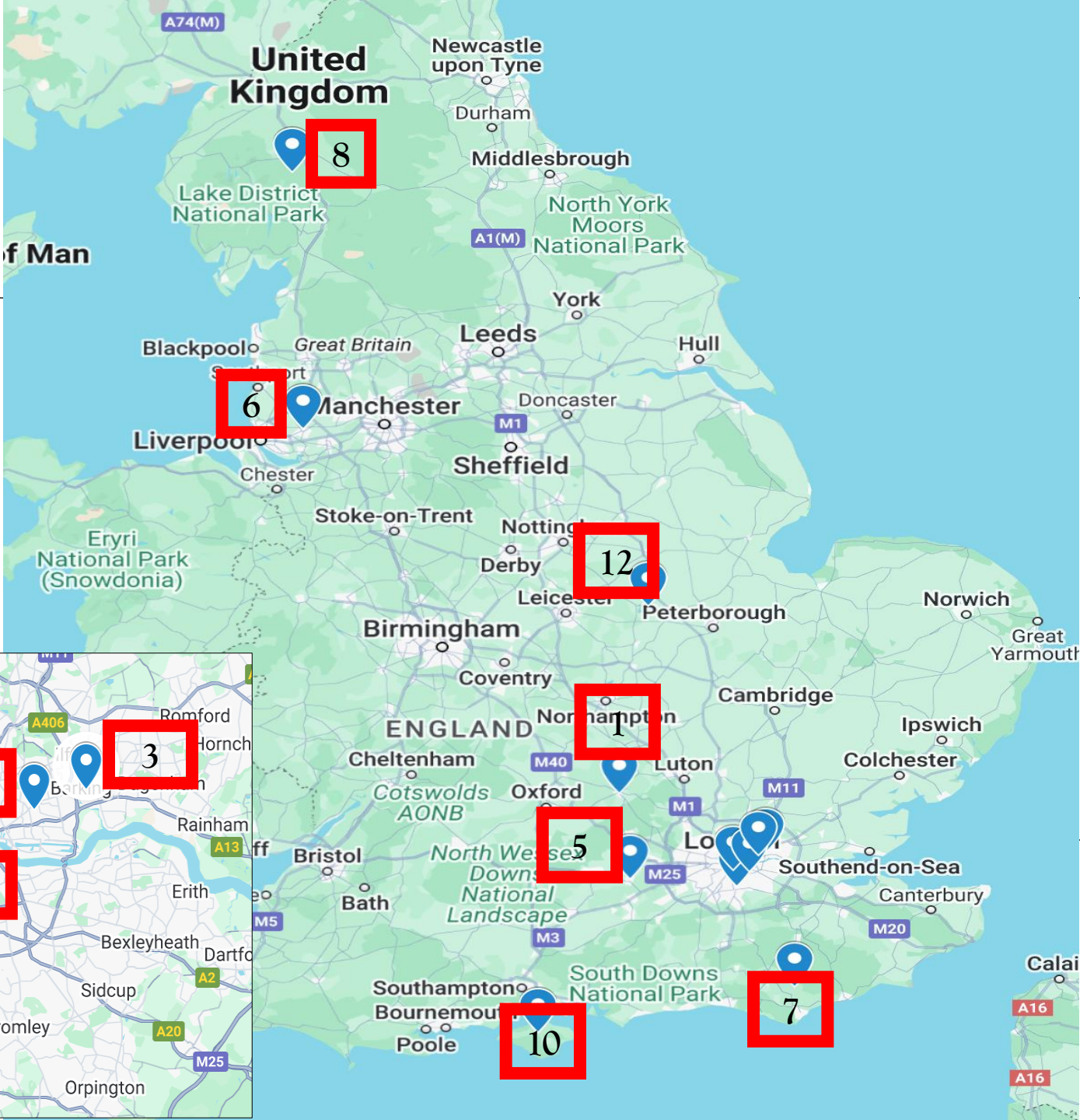
1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM, 20 May 2024 in York
3. Reports:
  - Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
4. New Executive announcement
5. Webinar programme 2025-26

# Nominees for the NASACRE Exec

Name	SACRE
Anne Andrews	Bracknell
Catherine Hughes	St Helens
Claire Ramalli	East Sussex
Jane Yates	Cumbria
Jo Backus	Lambeth
Justine Ball	Isle of Wight
Lorna John	Croydon
Sheila Gewolb	Rutland



	2025-26 EXEC	SACRE	ROLE
1	Bill Moore	Bucks	Chair
2	Denise Chaplin	Lewisham	Assistant to the Chair
3	Claire Clinton	Barking & Dagenham	Vice Chair
4	Saquat Ali	Newham	Treasurer
5	Anne Andrews	Bracknell	
6	Catherine Hughes	St Helens	
7	Claire Ramalli	East Sussex	
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**2025 CONFERENCE & AGM Workshops**  
**SACREs taking a stand: positive responses to controversial issues.**

Virtual Workshops			Please indicate 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice
5-6 pm			
7-8 pm			
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Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 of 2 workshops 5-6 pm	<b>Solutions not sides</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Ali Amlah  <b>Brief:</b> Solutions Not Sides is an education programme that exists to provide humanising encounters, diverse narratives and critical-thinking tools in order to empower young people with the knowledge, empathy and skills to promote dialogue and conflict resolution, and to challenge prejudice in the UK. This session will cover SNS pedagogy, the importance of impartiality and sharing resources, and how our organisation can help SACREs support schools in navigating this complex issue. This will be an interactive session, with opportunities for questions and discussion.	
	2 of 2 workshops 7-8 pm	<b>REQM as a tool and opportunity for SACREs</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Linda Rudge  <b>Brief:</b> This session will focus on the monitoring role of SACREs and how the RE Quality Mark can help. With input from award schools and the REQM team (RE Council of England and Wales) participants will use REQM materials to increase their knowledge of agreed expectations in RE, and see how their SACRE might engage with the scheme locally in order to provide and celebrate great RE.	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	1 of 2 workshops 5-6 pm	<b>"Be Brave: Push Back with Something Better to Tackle Controversial Issues in SACREs"</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Shammi Rahman  <b>Brief:</b> In this dynamic and thought-provoking workshop we will explore why SACRE members must be brave to tackle controversial issues and the harm they can cause. This workshop will challenge participants to think about diverse representation and provide activities to lead with pushback. Delegates will be encouraged to have a conversation about courage, and strengthen their understanding of why and justice.	<b>Remember to sign workshops, happen</b>
	2 of 2 workshops 7-8 pm	<b>How can Culham St Gabriel's Trust support your SACRE?</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> F...  <b>Brief:</b> Come along to find out what Culham St Gabriel's Trust do to champion religion and worldviews education. Find out about our eLearning and online resources and how they might support knowledge and understanding of the subject for your SACRE members. We will share details about the types of projects we offer grant support to and discuss the process of applying for a grant. Could your SACRE apply for funding?	

Feedback forms:

<https://rb.gy/xij0tf>



**Remember to sign up for your two virtual workshops, happening in June!**

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5-6 pm

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Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June

1 of 2 workshops

5-6 pm

**Controversial Moments: What Interfaith Dialogue Can Offer**

**Presenter:** Carrie Alderton from The Faith and Belief forum

**Brief:** Drawing on over 25 years of experience delivering interfaith education, workshops and programmes in the classroom, the Education & Learning team from the Faith & Belief Forum will share our experiences dealing with controversial moments; and what we have developed in response. Our team will explore methods, exercises and approaches to building skills for resilience and empathy, and how to create intentional spaces for exploring identity. We will share with you our learning on how interfaith approaches can turn controversial moments into opportunities for learning.

workshops

pm

**Interfaith work with schools**

**Presenter:** Claire Clinton

**Brief:** Tackling religious extremism in the classroom. In this session we will explore how we can work with schools to tackle religious extremism and provide resources for teachers to use in their classrooms. We will also discuss the importance of interfaith dialogue and how it can be used to build bridges between different faiths and worldviews.

Our project won the London Dangoor Award for Education in 2024-2025 and all resources shared are free for SACREs to use and share with their schools.

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June

1 of 2 workshops

5-6 pm

**Analysis of annual SACRE reports 2025**

**Presenter:** Dr David Hampshire

**Brief:** This is the fourth year running that David has analysed data from the SACRE annual reports with the DfE; he will be presenting the findings and provide SACREs with the opportunity to reflect on their own practice.

2 of 2 workshops

7-8 pm

**Teaching sensitive issues in the RE Classroom**

**Presenter:** Claire Clinton

**Brief:** A practical workshop looking at how SACREs can ensure there is support given to teachers in your local area that is effective and builds long term support in how to handle sensitive issues well in the RE classroom.

# Chair's closing remarks

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