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# NASACRE Trustees Report 2025



## Name of the CIO, registration number, address and trustee names

The National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE) was entered onto the Register of Charities with Charity Number 1212494. on 11 March 2025.

Our registered address is c/o Religious Education Council of England and Wales, Northgate House, North Gate, New Basford, Nottingham, NG7 7BQ.

Bill Moore, Claire Clinton, Denise Chaplin and Saquat Ali were the inaugurating trustees that registered the organisation and have operated in the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant to the Chair, and Treasurer respectively.

8 further trustees were elected at the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Anne Andrews, Justine Ball, Jo Backus, Sheila Gewolb, Catherine Hughes, Lorna John, Claire Ramalli, Jane Yates.

## Structure and management

Since August 2025 the day to day running of the CIO is by a contracted Executive Officer (Paul Smalley), assisted by a contracted Administrator (Marie Cooper). The Chairs group (Bill Moore, Claire Clinton, Denise Chaplin, with the EO in attendance) meet monthly (online). The Trustees meet as the Executive six times a year. One of the Trustees, Saquat Ali, serves as Treasurer and has ensured the NASCRE operates in a financially prudent manner. Over the year we worked to ensure full compliance with charity Commission guidance, including creation and adoption of a number of policies.

At the end of 2025 114 SACREs were subscribed members with more in process; 79 had signed up to the training package.

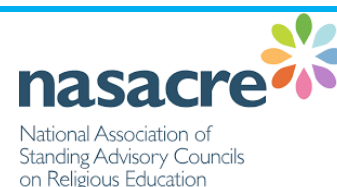
## Activities and Objectives, Achievements and Performance.

NASACRE's object is the advancement of education through the development of religious education and collective worship in schools and communities in England, with, through and alongside Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (SACREs), including but not limited by:

- i) Services, education, advice, information and resources to and through local SACREs
- ii) Workshops, conferences, seminars and/or lectures to and through local SACREs
- iii) Undertaking and supporting research into factors that contribute to high quality religious education and collective worship in schools and disseminating the useful results thereof.

During 2025 NASACRE provided advice to SACREs through a website, electronic newsletters sent to Chairs and Clerks, by a number of responses to emailed questions, and tailored support to SACREs. We produced and published guidance for those LAs who are undergoing Local Government Reorganisation, in association with NATRE and the LGA.

In March and November NASACRE (in association with RE-Hubs) held regional Online 'In Conversation' meetings to inform and support SACRE Chairs and Clerks. Present at the March 2025 meetings across England were 145 different people representing 93 SACREs. Present at the November 2025 meetings were 109 different people representing 87 SACREs, showing how effective these meetings are for bringing SACREs across a region together to network, problem solve and share best practice.



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Over the course of the year 8 further online webinars were provided for member SACREs, including 2 Induction meetings for new SACRE members. Over 300 people engaged with one or more of these online webinars and found them useful – with feedback being overwhelmingly Excellent or Good (4.75 out of 5 as an average).

A Conference was held on 19th May in Newham, and Lord Khan opened the even with a recorded message. There were 105 individuals in attendance, representing 63 SACREs who benefitted from a presentation from Dr. Joyce Miller and engaged in beneficial discussions. As part of the conference, delegates were able to attend online workshops in the following week – 8 were available to choose from. Delegates found the day useful and one commented “thank you for all you offer to strengthen SACREs” and another stated “I have had a great day”.

NASACRE contributed evidence to the Curriculum and Assessment Review and met with officials from the Department for Education and the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government. An analysis of SACRE Annual Reports was conducted and published.

We have had no reported safeguarding incidents or any concerns raised with us

## NASACRE Annual Financial Report (1 January – 31 December 2025)

### 1. Introduction

This report summarises the financial activities of NASACRE for the period **1 January to 31 December 2025**. It covers both the old and new bank accounts, including transactions related to membership subscriptions, training, conference income and expenditure, administrative costs, and transfers between accounts.

### 2. Summary of Balances (as at 13 January 2026)

Account	Balance (£)
New Account Balance	26,943.05
Old Account Balance	6,948.85
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>33,891.90</b>

### 3. Income Analysis (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025)

#### 3.1 Conference 2025 Income

- **Total Received:** £7,480
- **Breakdown:** Multiple local authorities and organisations paid conference fees ranging from £120 to £520.

#### 3.2 Subscriptions 2025–26

- **Total Received (May–Dec 2025):** £10,005
- **Total Received (Sep–Dec 2025):** £4,715
- **Total Subscriptions 2025:** £14,720

#### 3.3 Training Income 2025–26

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- **Total Received (May–Dec 2025):** £1,800
  - **Total Received (Sep–Dec 2025):** £2,930
  - **Total Training Income 2025:** £4,730

### 3.4 Training Income 2024–25 (late payments)

- **Total Received:** £60

## 4. Expenditure Analysis (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025)

### 4.1 Conference 2025 Costs

- **Total Spent:** £5,360.30
- **Includes:** Accommodation, catering, gifts, travel, workshop fees, honoraria.

### 4.2 Administration

- **Marie Cooper (Admin):** £3,824
- **Paul Smalley (Executive Officer):** £5,400
- **Patrick Hampshire (Annual Report Analysis):** £4,000
- **Total Admin/Staff Costs:** £13,224

### 4.3 Operational Costs

- **Website (Papercode Ltd):** £1,800
- **Zoom Account:** £1,068.60
- **IONOS (hosting/email):** £137.74
- **REC Membership:** £250
- **Insurance:** £315.42
- **Postage:** £5.90
- **Executive Travel/Expenses:** £201
- **Total Operational Costs:** £3,777.66

## 5. Key Financial Observations

- **Strong subscription income** for 2025, with £14,720 received against a projected £17,025.
- **Training income exceeded projections** by the end of December (£4,730 vs £5,605 projected).
- **Conference 2025 generated £7,480 in income**, with significant expenditure on catering, travel, and venue.
- **Administrative and officer costs** are in line with budget expectations.
- **Successful transfer of funds** from old to new account totalling £40,010.

## 6. Recommendations

1. **Monitor subscription renewals** for Q1 2026 to ensure full collection of outstanding amounts.
  2. **Review conference budgeting** for 2026 to align income and expenditure more closely.
  3. **Continue tracking training package uptake** as this is a growing income stream.
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4. **Ensure all 2025–26 invoices are settled** before the end of the financial year.

## 7. Conclusion

NASACRE remains in a **strong financial position** with total funds of **£33,891.90** as of 13 January 2026. Income streams are robust, and expenditure is being managed within budgeted limits. The transition to the new bank account has been completed successfully.

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