

SACRE conference

RE: 'It does what it says on the tin!'

World views and interfaith perspectives, modern British values, diversity, respect and tolerance

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Telford & Wrekin
COUNCIL

Welcome

Twilight 29 April

The launch of new Agreed Syllabus

- **Richard Kueh, HMI and RE subject lead**
- **Naila Missous, BAMEed Educators**
- **James Holt, Associate Professor for Religious Education, University of Chester**

Full day 27 May

- **Dr Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, MBE**
Associate Professor of Sikh Studies and Director of the Centre for Sikh and Panjabi Studies
- Speakers on Christianity and Islam
- Cllr Raj Mehta, Chair, Telford Interfaith Council
- Introduction to the Directory and the Resources MDT
- 3 sample units – KS1, KS2, transition KS3
- Workshops on the six main faiths
- Question and answer panel at the end of the day

Why is there a SACRE?

- Legally every local authority must have one.
- It is part of the Director of Education and Skills' responsibilities to ensure that high quality religious education (RE) is taught.

What is the purpose of a SACRE?

- A SACRE is unique to every Local Authority.
- SACRE's role is to advise its local authority on what needs to be done to improve religious education (RE) and collective worship (CW) for the schools in its area.
- This is because RE is not part of the national curriculum; instead schools teach the locally agreed syllabus, as agreed by its local SACRE.
- Through teachers and local people being part of their local SACRE they can influence what is taught.

What are the aims of the SACRE conference?

1. Launch the new Agreed Syllabus.
2. Provide up-to-date speakers and workshops to develop teachers' expertise and confidence in teaching the new syllabus.
3. Provide some exemplar units of work that support the new syllabus, and enable teachers to have an overview of teaching from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3, to improve pupils' transitions between each key stage and, therefore, improve their progress, through teaching vocabulary, concepts and content that secures readiness for new learning.
4. Launch the new directory and resources.
5. Enable teachers to understand how RE supports modern British values and tackles racism and intolerance.
6. Introduce colleagues to the Sikh project which is going to run in some of our schools.

Why do we need to update our agreed syllabus?

- The Agreed Syllabus has to reviewed every 5 years.
- It must take into account the Equalities Act of 2010 and protected characteristics.
- Telford & Wrekin is growing and continues to become more diverse.
- The syllabus needs to meet the needs of the local community.
- The number of young people aged 0-24 is set to increase to around 62,200 by 2031.
- The 0-15 age group in particularly will increase at a notably higher rate than England (T&W 10.2%, England 0.9%).

Statistics from Understanding Telford 2019

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- Around 13.1% of young people were from a BAME background during the 2011 census, the highest rate of any age group.
- After White British, the next three highest ethnicities in the Borough are
 - Other White,
 - Pakistani, and
 - White and Black Caribbean
- The proportion of school age children from a BAME background shows a year-on-year increase: 15.1% in 2014 to 20.5% in 2018.

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This afternoon's keynote speakers

- Richard Kueh, HMI and subject lead for RE, Ofsted
- Naila Missous, BAMEed Educators
- James Holt, Associate Professor for Religious Education, University of Chester

There will be opportunities for questions at the end of each key note, which delegates are asked to pose in the chat function.

And finally a big thank you to

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 Diane Whiteley - Woodlands Primary School

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Kirsty Holden, David Lord and Qamar Maqsood

In addition, the other members of the SACRE sub-group:

Gillian Newell - Lawley Primary School, Reverend Merry and Professor James Holt
 Our SACRE Chair, Jacquie Osmond Smith

Plus our clerks

Jayne Clarke, Sue Dyson and Holly Bareham

And our key note speakers for today