



June 2024

It was wonderful to see nearly 100 delegates at the annual Cumbrian SACRE RE Conference in Penrith. Huge thanks to everyone involved in planning, presenting and participating!

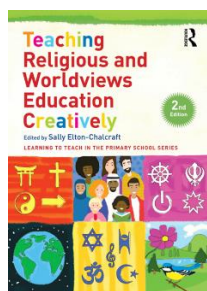
Photos of the conference have been posted on the closed [Facebook group](#): RE Teachers in Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness, and will be circulated to conference delegates and members of Cumbria RE Teachers group.

Deep and meaningful? The religious education subject report (April 2024):

The Ofsted subject [report](#) evaluates the common strengths and weaknesses of religious education (RE) in the schools visited. It shares what Ofsted has learned and builds on the Ofsted [religious education research review](#) which identified factors that can contribute to high-quality school religious education curriculums, the teaching of the curriculum, assessment and systems.

New Early Years Guidance for RE Subject Leaders:

Launched during an excellent conference workshop by Fiona Fletcher (Inglewood Infants) and Cumbrian SACRE CofE member, Sarah Harrison (Morland CofE Primary). You can download the guidance [here](#). This guidance was started at last year's conference and has been a wonderful collaboration between teachers, the Early Years Team and Cumbrian SACRE members.



This new [book](#) includes chapters by three SACRE members (Jane Yates, Rebekah Ackroyd & Georgia Prescott). You can pre-order through **Hills Books** for £20 (RRP £24.99): schools@hillsbooks.com or 01900 603031

Collective Worship Survey: This term we consulted with headteachers about Collective Worship through an online survey. The findings will be discussed at our next SACRE meeting in June. If your school has not yet completed the survey, please click [here](#). The deadline has been extended to Friday 14th June 2024.

Spotlight on upcoming CPD

FREE online CPD for school leaders and teachers Improving the Provision and Quality of Collective Worship. See dates.

CPD Diary Dates 2024-2025 (*Book via School Development unless otherwise specified*)

12th June: FREE webinar - P4C and secondary RE & Philosophy. Book [here](#).

24th June: FREE webinar - Decolonising RE and Science in P4C. Book [here](#).

17th Sept: RE Teachers in Cumbria Group
7th Oct 2024: Understanding Humanism (Cumberland)

16 Oct: FREE Improving the provision and quality of Collective Worship (Cumberland)

12 Nov: Crash course in Philosophy with John Semmens (Norfolk SACRE)

21 Nov: FREE Improving the Provision and Quality of Collective Worship (W&F)

10 Feb 2025: Disciplinary Approaches to RE (Cumberland)

6 March 2025: Disciplinary Approaches to RE (W&F)

13th & 14th March 2025: SAPERE Level 1 Foundation Course at the Quaker Tapestry Museum, Kendal. Book [here](#).

29th April 2025: FREE School Governor CPD Improving the Provision and Quality of Collective Worship (W&F)

17th June 2025: Cumbrian SACRE Conference with national RE Today adviser [Ian Nicholson](#), including a focus on Collective Worship.

Religious festivals in June: Teaching and learning about global festivals and special days can be an effective way to cover 'knowledge and understanding of aspects of other global religions and non-religious worldviews'. Cumbrian Agreed Syllabus 2023. **June** begins with Guru Arjan's Martyrdom (Sikh) on 10th, Eid ul-Adha (Muslim) starting on 16th, Day of Welcome (Schools of Sanctuary/Refugee Week) on 17th, Summer Solstice (Pagan) on 20th, and World Humanist Day on 21st June. See the new **RE Calendars** [page](#) on RE Hubs for more information about these dates.

Ambassadors for Faith and Belief (AFaBs): KS2 classes are invited to join virtual [sessions](#) with sixth formers from Redbridge, London.

Friday 14th June 2pm – Muslim AFaBs
Tuesday 25th June 2pm – Hindu AFaBs
Email reteacherscumbria@outlook.com

Identity Unboxed: Three schools in W & F are involved in a new parental engagement [project](#) with the Faith and Belief Forum. These include: Allithwaite, Crosthwaite and Beetham CE Primary schools.

10th – 17th Nov: [Interfaith Week 2024](#)

#CumbriaSharingRE

In our April newsletter, we shared examples of how schools were sharing RE on social media, school newsletters, website or local news. Some more examples include:

Grayrigg CE Primary shared on [Facebook](#) how their Year 5/6 had planned and led the RE lessons for the rest of the school. They also shared their amazing film made for SACRE conference on [Facebook](#).

Shap CE Primary have a wonderful photo gallery on their school website for both [RE](#) and [Collective Worship](#).

Crosby-on-Eden CE Primary shared on [Instagram](#) their recent visit by Jewish SACRE member, Shelia Gewolb.

Please **share your RE school news** links with reteacherscumbria@outlook.com to include in future newsletters.

Is your school ready to implement the new agreed syllabus for RE? The Agreed Syllabus will become statutory from **September 2024** in Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness, following a year of implementation from September 2023. We welcome academies to use the syllabus. If you missed this free CPD in April for school governors, a recording is available [here](#). Slides available on the Cumberland and W&F Cumbrian SACRE websites.

Cumbria RE Teachers Group: We were delighted to be joined by **Michelle Clark** from Asby Endowed School and Leading RE Teacher, **Fiona Greening** from Leicestershire to discuss long term planning in very small schools. Our next teacher group will be on Tuesday 17th September and the focus will be on: *Progression in RE*. We will hear from RE Leader, **Jane Reedy** from Ghyllside Primary who will share her recent experience of an Ofsted deep dive in RE.

Please [sign up](#) to this group to ensure you receive Zoom links and associated resources.

See the [North West section](#) of the RE Hubs website to **upskill** yourself through CPD, news, blogs, resources, exhibitions, research, grants or find opportunities to **enrich** RE in your classroom through accredited school speakers, places of interest and local groups. Explore the new **Virtual Tours** [page](#) in the free resources [section](#).

Cumbrian SACRE websites with statutory and non-statutory guidance for RE and Collective Worship, including all previous newsletters.

Cumberland Council [website](#)
Westmorland & Furness [website](#)

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