

**CUMBRIAN STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 18 JUNE 2024  
COUNTY HALL, KENDAL AND ALSO VIA TEAMS**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Committee A: Other Faiths/ Denominations</b> Sheila Gewolb Karen O'Donoghue (Chair) Wendy Ridley Rashmi Manemi Jane Yates Rev David Milner Michael Watmough	<b>Committee B: Church of England (CE)</b> Richard Cox Sarah Harrison Laura Watson	<b>Committee C: Teacher Associations</b> Irene Roberts- Green (was unable to join on Teams)	<b>Committee D: Local Authority</b> Elaine Lynch (Cumberland) Neil Hughes (W&F) Chris Southward (Cumberland)	<b>Co-opted:</b> Carolyn Reade  <b>Clerk to SACRE</b> Sue McGaw  <b>LA Support Officer</b> Rachel Laverack (Cumberland) David Hodgkiss (W&F)
<b>Apologies:</b>			Brian Eaton James Douglas Katherine France Bernadette Little	Sue Sanderson (W&F)	Vicky Bunter Rebekah Ackroyd Georgia Prescott
<b>Vacancies:</b>	Baptist	Pentecostal Unitarian	United Reformed Orthodox	Salvation Army	

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Apologies for absence and substitutions – as above. The meeting was not quorate. This was a hybrid meeting. KO'D welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves

**2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 13 March 2024 – the minutes were agreed.**

**3. Matters arising not covered in the agenda –**

NATRE membership, this is something we have subscribed to for a long time, the fee has increased by £100 but it was felt it was a valuable resource to keep. The membership entitles us to a termly magazine, access all RE Today materials, including schemes of work which Jane and Laura use for training. SMc to forward login details to members so they view it. Members asked not to share with anyone else.

**SMc**

SACRE constitution – DH has been liaising with Legal for some time and our new Constitution was shared with members before the meeting. Other SACREs have been asking JY if they can look at our document.

Hindu GCSE – carry forward to next meeting

**SMc**

**4. Feedback from working group**

- A proforma was trialled by some members to monitor school websites, it was agreed that the form needs streamlined and then it can be given out to members who will be asked to monitor a few schools each.
- Cumbrian Agreed Syllabus – JY to add a piece to the Newsletter, it will be implemented in September 2024.
- RL has updated her sheet showing comments from recent Ofsted reports on RE/SMSC, which are relevant to SACRE. She circulated a copy to those at the meeting. SMc to send electronic version out. Deep dives in RE have already taken place in 2 schools, JY put this in the last Newsletter. Both schools speaking at a future Network meeting. These meetings are run by JY and KF, there are around 100 teachers in the group (not all attend the meetings).

**RL**

**JY**

**SMc**

**5. Feedback from SACRE/RE Conference 2024**

The SACRE/RE Conference was a great success. Nearly 100 teachers attended. Grateful thanks was offered to the members who ran workshops. Unfortunately, the students that were supposed to attend couldn't and a video was shared instead. Padlet from the day has been sent to everyone who attended. SMc to share with the group. It was noted that it is best to allow some time at the conference itself for people to complete evaluation forms, allow for this next year. Next years conference has already been booked for 17 June 2025 at North Lakes Hotel. Main focus – Collective Worship.

**SMc**

**6. EY RE Subject Leader Guidance- already sent to members with the agenda**

EY Team through Gerry Ball was introduced to JY and the EY lead, Katie Clarke attended the conference last year, this has led to a helpful document being produced for schools. Members can share this with schools and governors.

**7. Strengthening Cumbria's Civil Society**

This is a project being run by The University of Cumbria working with the Cumbria Lieutenancy, Cumbria Development Education Centre (CDEC) and Thinking Philanthropy to develop an enquiry into how Cumbrians define an effective Civil Society. The group were sent details on how to join one of the in person days. JY and RM attended on the same day. JY to share document showing other organisations involved. KO'D looking to attend the Barrow session on 4 July. Community box – see link

JY

<https://sdgactioncumbria.com/sccs>

**8. Collective Worship Survey**

This was sent out to schools in April, 40 schools have responded so far. JY ran through the questions and the collated responses. The breakdown shows mainly church schools responded along with 2 secondary and 13 community. JY will create a summary to send to members. JY and LW are running a series of free training for schools on Collective Worship during autumn 2024, and a session for school governors in April 2025. There was some discussion in the meeting about different definitions of CW.

JY

**9. Development Plan**

This has been completed. It is 13 pages long. SMc to circulate. It has 5 aims. Each aim has a goal. One of SACREs aims is to link up with as many other groups as possible, be more involved with the community link to agenda item 7. It will be standing item on future agendas. SMc to upload to SACRE website.

SMc

SMc

**10. Proposed NASACRE CIO Constitution**

**NASACRE CIO Registration:** The NASACRE Executive decided to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2023, they are asking for feedback from SACREs by 28 June. See piece in National update distributed before the meeting. There are 152 SACREs some including ours pay to get more access to their site - SMc to send link and password for members to view the site.

SMc

**11. North West RE Hubs**

JY now attends these meetings with SG. The group used to be made up of smaller SACREs but now larger ones attend. It is a great way to share good practice. JY is hub lead for the North West. Two Cumbrian schools (Queen Katherine and Grayrigg CE) involved in Young Ambassadors scheme and they were showcased at the NASACRE conference that JY and SG attended. JY will be organising an online event with Young Ambassadors for RE for Y10 pupils in conjunction with the North West SACRE Hub and pupils from Edge Hill University during Inter Faith Week

JY

**12. Local and National Updates (already distributed)**

JY will be attending the AREIAC/AULRE conference and presenting about the Young Ambassador for RE Project in the North-West.

JY

Interfaith week (10 – 17 November) – JY will organise an online faith rep panel, similar to last year. KOD is giving a talk about the work of SACRE at an event organised by the W&F Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Partnership

KOD

Party manifestos have been published ahead of the general election – none mention RE. JY is going to email a candidate and ask them about RE.

JY

SMc to get Updates added to the SACRE website (new section).

SMc

**13. SACRE Newsletter**

Members are invited to email JY with anything they would like included in the newsletter, the next deadline will be the end of the school summer holidays. Issue to schools September 2024.

**14. Arrangements for future meetings**

A date was agreed for the autumn meeting – Wednesday 9 October. Dates for spring and summer will be looked at then.

SMc

SMc received email to say that the Council reps in Cumberland had changed, SACRE was delighted to have confirmation from EL and CS that this was incorrect and that they remain the council appointed SACRE members.

**15. AOB**

Diocesan Education team currently undertaking facilitator training with Anti Racist Cumbria to support their work in schools. Diocesan schools' conference was well attended – main theme was Justice.

Can SACRE get involved in Anti Racist Cumbria work alongside Cumberland Council – Can SACRE be

involved in future training? RL to find out who to contact. EL said she could speak to the new AD.

**EL**

Can SACRE access exam results from the whole of Cumbria since the councils split. Results validated in January. RL/DH to contact Data team in each area

**RL/DH**