



Purpose: For Decision

# Committee Report

Committee	Isle of Wight SACRE
Date	14 June 2023
Title	National and Local RE Matters report
Report of	Professional Adviser to the SACRE

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. **Purpose of report:** The purpose of this report is to enable SACRE to consider key national and local RE developments.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **That SACRE notes the report.**

2. Executive Summary:

This report seeks to update and inform SACRE of key national developments, for example the work of the Religious Education Council (REC) and NASACRE as well as the Association of University Lecturers in Religious Education (AULRE) and initiatives being led by the Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

- 3 Culham St Gabriel's Trust initiatives:

SACRE members will be interested in several initiatives that are being funded by the Culham St Gabriel's trust; the largest grant giving body supporting religious education:

[Homepage - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](http://cstg.org.uk).

These include:

Regular promotion of a national teacher recruitment campaign for RE. Further information on the campaign can be found below:

[New RE teacher recruitment campaign kicks off as popular GCSE subject faces staff shortage - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](#)

The Trust also offers virtual RE courses that are free to all on different aspects of RE. These are especially useful to new teachers, those teaching with no background in RE and those simply wishing to know more about the current world of RE. These can be found here:

[E Learning - Culham St Gabriel's \(cstg.org.uk\)](#)

4 RE Hubs – a national update:

[Explore RE in your Region \(re-hubs.uk\)](http://re-hubs.uk)

This project was introduced to the SACRE last term and the website for this has just been launched. On the page for the South East, the link is given for the Portsmouth Directory of Places of Worship, together with details of all of our primary and secondary CPD for teachers and speakers in our local area. There is the potential for a wide range of resources to be uploaded onto the website, which will be of real interest and use to the SACRE and to teachers, including information on further places of worship across the region.

5 Sacred Texts British Library

The British Library have produced a series of resources for teachers at Key Stage 2 on a range of different religions with advice included. The resources can be accessed here:

6 The Association of University Lecturers in Religious Education (AULRE) is still leading on issues in relation to the shortages in Secondary Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and the Secondary Teaching and Learning Adviser attended their national conference recently and has since spoken on this topic nationally.

AULRE, in association with Culham St Gabriel's, ran a second teacher recruitment webinar on 5/6/23. This included speakers from across the RE community from university providers to current teachers, advisors and RE ECT's. Although less well attended than the first it is an example of continuing ways the RE community is working together to promote recruitment.

7 National Association of SACREs (NASACRE). NASACRE is the national body representing and leading on SACREs' interests. A regular newsletter is circulated to SACRE members through their SACRE. In addition, a series of training sessions are offered for SACRE members to attend. SACRE members are invited to note the last in series of training events this year and to contact the SACRE clerk if they wish to attend:

26 June 7-8.30 pm So you've joined your local SACRE.