



Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Monday 26th November 2018 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 'D' (The Henry Bolingbroke Room) - County Hall, Preston

Agenda

No. Item

- 1. Annual General Meeting: Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 October 2018** (Pages 1 - 6)
Minutes attached.
- 4. Building Bridges - Support for Schools** (Pages 7 - 14)
Service Level Agreement attached.
- 5. Draft Annual Report**
To be tabled at meeting.
- 6. 10 Minute Break and Networking Opportunity**
- 7. Feedback NNW Hub Meeting**
- 8. Evaluations of Recent Training**
- 9. Visit to Schools**
- 10. Pupil Debate**
- 11. Lancashire Youth Voice**
- 12. Members' News**
- 13. Observers' Contributions**
- 14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the SACRE will be held at 10.00am on Monday 11 February 2019 in Cabinet Room D – The Henry Bolingbroke Room at County Hall, Preston.

Paul Bond
Clerk to the SACRE

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 3

Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018 at 10.00 am in The Henry Bolingbroke Room (Cabinet Room D) at County Hall, Preston

Attendees

Teacher Associations

Mr P Martin (ASCL) (Chair)
Ms J Gordon (ATL)
Ms J Roper (NASUWT)

Church of England

Mr J Wilson
Mrs J O'Rourke

Lancashire County Council

CC A Cheetham
CC S Malik
CC Y Motala (Vice Chair)
CC P Steen
Mr Francis Williams

Representing Islam

Mr A H Qureshi
Mrs T Safraz

Representing Hinduism

Mrs H Shukla
Mr I Taylor

Representing the LASGB

Mrs K Cooper

The Faith Centre

Mr A Anwar

Observers

Representing the Bahá'i Faith

Dr Malcolm Craig

Guests in attendance

Head of RE at Haslingden
High School and Chair of NATRE
Halton SACRE
Cumbria SACRE
Lancashire LEP

Mr B Wood
Mr M Higginbottom
Mr D Salmon
Mr P Faulkner

Officers

Mrs A Lloyd – Advisor (School Improvement), Lancashire County Council, Children and Young People Directorate

Mrs M Mahmood – Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council,
Legal and Democratic Services

1. External Speaker: Ben Wood

The Chair welcomed Mr Ben Wood, Head of R.E. at Haslingden High School and Chair of NATRE to the meeting. Mr Wood had last attended the Lancashire SACRE approximately 8-9 years ago and the Chair highlighted that the number of students studying RE at A level at Mr B Wood's school was possibly the highest in the country.

Mr B Wood informed members that he would be talking about his school, his role as Chair of NATRE and the report recently published by the Commission on Religious Education (CoRE).

Mr B Wood stated he was honoured to have the opportunity to be able to go all over the country for his work, and stated that Lancashire SACRE was always regarded in a very positive manner. Mr B Wood extended thanks to the members of the SACRE for their time and commitment. Lancashire was fortunate to have such a thriving SACRE, there were many SACREs around the country that had very little funds to support them which made a significant difference.

Mr B Wood highlighted that his school was an ordinary comprehension school, and if his school could achieve good results, any school could. There were 5-6 specialist teachers teaching R.E. and 275 pupils at the school, all of which had chosen to take the R.E. GCSE. The new GCSE was a much better qualification than what it used to be. Despite the GCSE being more demanding, students had risen to the challenge. This year there was 34 students taking an A Level in R.E. and some students continued to study R.E. at degree level. Qualified staff teaching the subject and a supportive Head teacher who encouraged students to gain a broad education made an enormous difference.

Mr B Wood informed members that he became the Chair of NATRE in March of this year, Ms J Harris was the Vice Chair. It was a voluntary role that focused on helping teachers produce class room resources and resources to assist teachers. Another role of the NATRE was that it provided lots of statistics and data on information that was collated from various sources including FOI requests, government surveys etc. It was a fact that those schools that did not provide a qualified member of staff for the subject, did not get as good results as those that did. NATRE represented a voice at a national level for all those who teach and lead in R.E. NATRE ran 250 groups across the country and also attended numerous conferences. The Strictly R.E. conference which was arranged by NATRE was a very popular event and was well attended every year.

Mr B Wood shared information about a new project called the Better 1000 initiative which was focused on supporting R.E. teachers. 250 schools would be supported in the first year and over a 1000 in a 3 year period. The project was aimed at providing teachers with resources, connections, training and mentoring support.

Mr B Wood then spoke to SACRE members about the recent report that had been published by the Commission on Religious Education (CoRE). An independent

commission had met for 2 years and included a broad range of people such as national governors, teachers, head teachers and a human rights lawyer. The report detailed 11 recommendations and whilst many of the recommendations were logical ones, some of the proposals were quite different to how it currently worked. Mr B Wood talked through the 11 recommendations and a detailed discussion amongst members was held about the report and the recommendations.

Mr B Wood was thanked by the Chair and the SACRE members for attending the SACRE and also for sharing his thoughts and views on the report from the Commission.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms J Crabtree, Mrs N Chappelow, Mrs H Sage, Ms J Harris, Mrs K Cooper, Mr K Pagpa, Dr S Elton-Chalcraft, Ms C Reade and Mufti K Ibrahim.

Link to Website:

[Lancashire SACRE Website](#)

3. Minutes of the last meeting 9 July 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9 July 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Feedback from the last Quality and Standards Sub Group Meeting

Mrs A Lloyd informed members that a discussion took place about developing a terms of reference for the sub group, this would ensure that all meetings would be meaningful and ensure agenda topics would not just be repeated at the full SACRE as had been the case on a couple of occasions. The Sub Group would look at developing some terms of reference at their next meeting.

The syllabus was discussed and it was noted that additional text to help make it more meaningful for teachers was being added. The Commissions' report on R.E. was also discussed at length.

Future agenda items included looking at developing a policy for right of withdrawal, collective worship and the development plan.

5. Training opportunities for the autumn term

Another course from Lat Blaylock had taken place at Farington Lodge, approximately 12 people had attended and the feedback had been positive. The next course was scheduled for February and would focus on assessment.

The free Area Network Meetings were going well and attendance at the meetings was always good. There had been a request for an additional meeting to be arranged at a venue in the South of Lancashire which had been arranged for November.

A date would be arranged in due course for the pupil debate, SACRE members would be informed once a date was confirmed.

The consultants were extremely busy and all the material they had produced to date had been very useful and welcomed by teachers. Interviews for consultants had taken place, unfortunately on this occasion no further appointments were made, the recruitment process may be repeated again next year.

6. National Update: Commission on Religious Education (CoRE) – Religion and World Views: The Way Forward, A national plan for R.E.

The report had been discussed at length under Item 1 and it was agreed it would be added as a future agenda item to give members the opportunity think about the recommendations.

7. Visit to Schools

Mrs A Lloyd informed members that the next visit to schools could be arranged once the monitoring report had been completed which would help to identify potential schools.

8. Lancashire Youth Voice

There was nothing further to report.

9. Members' News

Mr D Salmon from Cumbria SACRE advised that his SACRE were also hoping to hold a pupil debate and would welcome an invite to the Lancashire pupil debate once a date had been agreed.

10. Observers' Contributions

Dr M Craig informed members that it was Interfaith Week 11-18 November 2018. Dr M Craig would send some information about Interfaith Week to Mrs M Mahmood for circulation to RE teachers.

11. Future Meeting Dates for SACRE and QSS Meetings

Suggested future dates of meetings for SACRE and QSS meetings were presented to members and agreed.

It was suggested that alternative venues and guest speakers for future meetings should be considered.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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Paul Bond
Clerk to the SACRE



Building Bridges in Burnley
Service Level Agreement
September 2018

Building Bridges in Burnley
Offer of Services to Schools

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Building Bridges in Burnley – Offer of Services to Schools

Description of the Service Provider

Building Bridges in Burnley is a registered charity and was founded in 2002 to promote community cohesion and interfaith relations. Building Bridges in Burnley has experience of working with schools and colleges across the county to provide a focus for the educational, personal and spiritual development of young people.

We have developed an exciting and engaging offer for primary and secondary schools that supports the social, moral, spiritual, cultural development and education of our young people. Through facilitation and coordination our work plays a pivotal role in promoting inclusion and community relations across Lancashire and beyond.

We work with schools to provide specialist support to embed British Values into the curriculum, promoting tolerance, respect and a clear understanding of the diverse communities and their contribution to British Society. This allows schools, teachers and children to promote community cohesion as part of their everyday lives by exposing children and young people to role models and leaders from across the world.

Service to be provided

The 'Offer to Schools' is a Service Level Agreement to provide support to help schools identify interfaith and cultural awareness opportunities for their children, young people and families in order to maximise their potential.

The support outlined in the 'Offer to Schools' helps headteachers and key teachers to:

- Develop a needs-led and outcomes-based approach to addressing community cohesion;
- Access resources to support the effective delivery of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Education;
- Evaluate existing practice and gain recognition for the school's achievements in the community through the RE Quality Mark;
- Review and evidence how the school is meeting the Ofsted criteria for SMSC (encompassing the promotion of British Values);
- Strengthen teaching and learning in Religious Education and Citizenship as well as the related Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural framework;
- Raise awareness of community issues and develop opportunities for teachers to engage with local communities;
- Access a programme of events to promote interfaith, cultural understanding and bring the curriculum to life.
- Bring together people of all cultures and faiths to grow in respect, understanding and friendship through inspirational celebrations, projects and diversity events.

This 'Offer to Schools' has been developed from discussions with head teachers and key teachers across Lancashire.

Charges for Pay-as-you-go Services

Bespoke one-off sessions can be purchased to support schools' work. Pay-as-you-go, one-off session charges are:

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| Rate per day | £200 |
| Rate per ½ day | £100 |

Service Level Agreement Package

Some schools prefer a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the academic year.

Interested schools are offered a free initial planning meeting in order to ensure that advice and support is well matched to their individual needs

Package for Primary Schools

Primary Package: £500

| Primary School Package (£500) | |
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| Initial Meeting with Headteacher/ Lead Teacher to provide advice and identify school priorities | x 1 Meeting |
| Supporting schools with special event assemblies | x 3 (whole school) |
| Encounters with other Faiths - visits from speakers from different Faiths (e.g. Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Islam) | x 3 |
| OR these can be visits to places of worship. We work with schools to ensure we best meet their needs. | |

If schools require additional sessions, these can be arranged at an additional charge of £125 per visit (full day) or £75 (half day).

Package for Secondary Schools

Secondary Schools can contact us for a bespoke programme or sign up to our 'Faith Friends' Project (further information is available on the website).

If you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact:

Aisha Shakir
Building Bridges in Burnley Admin Support
interfaithbookings@outlook.com
T: 01282 682275

Conditions of Agreement

- We will provide a specialist member of staff and will endeavour wherever possible to accommodate a school/Establishment request.
- Session times will be arranged to suit the needs of schools and will be agreed between a member of staff from Building Bridges in Burnley and the school.
- Charges will be calculated as agreed and will be processed in line with this agreement. Collections will be arranged through invoice.

Purpose of the Agreement

The School (the Commissioner) wishes to engage Building Bridges in Burnley (the Service Provider) in the provision of the Services in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

The Service Provider shall provide the Services as set out in the specification of work of this agreement.

Length of Agreement

Provision of the services shall take place during the period September 2018 to August 2019.

Variations

It may be possible to jointly agree some variation to the agreed service.

Monitoring & Evaluation

The Service Provider will monitor and report on their activity each term or on a different schedule by agreement, providing information on the activities carried out to Lancashire SACRE.

School/ Establishment name

Address

Contact Name School Number

Telephone Number Email

Cost Code
(applies to schools)

Signature **Designation in School**

Signature **Designation (Building Bridges in Burnley)**

Date **Review date**

Headteachers of Schools in Lancashire

Phone: 01257 516166

Email: Advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: LSIS/AL/MF/01112018

Date: 5 November 2018

Dear Colleague

**Faith Centre
Service Level Agreement 2018-19**

Thank you for contacting the Faith Centre to enquire about the services available for primary schools. Building respect, tolerance and understanding between different faiths and cultures remains a key priority for Lancashire County Council. However due to changes in the role and responsibilities of the Faith Coordinator, schools who are looking to arrange **faith visitors or visits to places of worship** will now be signposted to **Building Bridges in Burnley** (a local interfaith charity).

The service offered by Building Bridges will be similar to that provided through the Faith Coordinator via Lancashire County Council. Support will be provided to:

- Promote community cohesion by fostering tolerance, respect and understanding between different faiths and cultures
- Organising faith trails and visits to places of worship
- Arranging encounters with other faiths and interfaith weeks
- Signposting schools to resources to support the delivery of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus e.g. organising visits from fully vetted faith leaders
- Leading worship and assemblies
- Developing community and parental involvement

This area of work is a valued resource, frequently praised by Ofsted, as being instrumental in promoting community cohesion. To buy into a package of support please complete and return the attached SLA document to:

Aisha Shakir – Admin Support

Building Bridges in Burnley

C/o Faith Centre

Burnley Campus

Barden Lane

Burnley

BB10 1JD

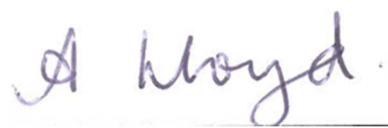
Advisory Support Team
LSIS, Education Support Centre, Union Street, Chorley PR7 1EB

Alternatively, you can sign and scan the SLA document and email to:

interfaithbookings@outlook.com

One off bespoke sessions are also on offer as well as tailored and adapted packages of support for secondary schools.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Lloyd." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Alison Lloyd
SACRE Lead Officer/School Special Support Adviser