**SACRE Hub meeting**

An initial meeting of a number of SACREs in the Northern part of the North West Region was held on 14th July 2014. Representatives from the following Local Authorities were present:

* Bolton
* Cumbria
* Rochdale
* Bury
* Wigan
* Lancashire

Apologies were given by Blackpool SACRE

The meeting highlighted the different ways in which SACREs operate across the North West and the many strengths that exist across the group. A number of issues were raised where it was felt that working together would be helpful including:

* Resourcing
* Promoting diversity / Community Cohesion
* Monitoring RE and Collective Worship
* Sharing good practice
* Support for teachers
* Support for Initial Teacher Training
* Training for SACRE members
* Pupil participation in SACRE work

The following actions were agreed:

1. The group will meet again at Woodlands Conference Centre on 23rd September (JH)
2. There will be a presentation on the RE Quality Mark at the meeting on 23rd September 2014
3. Contact details will be shared (JH)
4. Possibility of a "website/chat room" to be explored to enable SACREs to share good practice, links to resources , news etc (JH)