



Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

This report covers the work of the Cumbria SACRE
for the period September 2011 to August 2012

SACRE Responsibilities

To advise the Local Authority (LA) on matters connected with:

1. Collective Worship in community schools

This year SACRE considered what constitutes Collective Worship with a view to advising schools on ways they might improve their statutory responsibility to deliver it.

2. Religious Education (RE)

This year SACRE has

- Updated and published a new Agreed Syllabus for RE
- Through the LA arranged the annual conference for teachers of RE

3. To allow any exception to the law that Collective Worship be broadly Christian

- SACRE has received no requests for an exemption from the law

4. To hear any complaints

SACRE hears any complaints brought to the LA about RE and collective worship. No complaints from parents were received this year.

5. To publish an annual report on its work

- This paper is the annual report for the academic year 2011-2012.
- Anyone wishing to receive the minutes of termly meetings can contact Sue McGaw by email sue.mcgaw@cumbria.gov.uk or visit SACRE's website <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lis/sacre.asp>

Who is currently on Cumbria SACRE?

Chair: *Wendy Ridley*

Committee A: Christian denominations (other than Church of England) & other faiths

Dai Cowles (Free churches)

Jacqueline Hampson (Catholic)

Richard Teal (Methodist)

David Pitkeathly (Churches Together)

Rabbi David Branauld (Jewish)

Wendy Ridley (Buddhist)

Vacancies:

Baptist; Bahai; Hindu; Muslim; Sikh; Orthodox Churches; Pentecostal Church; Salvation Army; Society of Friends; United Reformed Church

Committee B: Church of England (1 vacancy)

Bert Thomas

Rachel Fleming (now Notman)

Penny Hollander

Committee C: Teacher Associations

Brian Eaton (VOICE)

Irene Roberts-Green Vice Chair (NAHT)

Jane Yates (NASUWT)

Carolyn Reade (NATRE & AULRE)

James Douglas (NUT)

Rob Martin (ATL)

Committee D: Local Authority

Clare Feeney-Johnston (Liberal Democrat)

Joe Holliday (Labour)

Roger Bingham (Conservative)

Ian Stockdale (Labour)

Martin Stephenson (Conservative)

Co-opted Members

Georgia Prescott (University of Cumbria)

LA Support Officers

Richard Cox

Robin Lacey

David Salmon Clerk to SACRE

Sue McGaw – Admin for SACRE

When & where did SACRE meet?

SACRE usually meets once a term. In 2011 -2012 the following meetings took place:

18 October 2011 at the Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

Attendance: 14 members present (Committee A – 4; Committee B –2; Committee C –2; Committee D – 0; Co-opted – 2, LA Officers – 4) This meeting was not quorate.

The main agenda items were:

- Revised Agreed Syllabus
- SACRE Membership
- Cumbria SACRE logo
- Performance of RE in 2011
- Ofsted Long Report on RE
- Review of SACRE Action Plan

13 March 2012 at Kendal Fire Station

Attendance: 12 members present (Committee A – 1; Committee B – 1; Committee C – 4; Committee D – 2; Co-opted – 1; LA Officers - 3). This meeting was quorate.

The main agenda items were:

- Feedback on the new Revised Agreed Syllabus
- Report on AREIAC conference on attainment in RE
- SACRE Membership
- Impact of the E-Bac on RE provision
- SACRE Annual Report
- What can SACRE do to help improve the quality of Collective Worship?

22 June 2012 at the Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

Attendance: 14 members present (Committee A – 3; Committee B - 2; Committee C – 4; Committee D –3; LA Officers – 2) This meeting was quorate.

The main agenda items were:

- SACRE membership
- Cumbria SACRE logo
- SACRE annual report
- SACRE Action Plan
- National Update
- The impact of Government policies on RE provision

During the year SACRE members asked various schools for help in designing a SACRE logo. Two schools submitted pupil artwork for SACRE to consider. These two entries were chosen to be combined into a new Cumbria SACRE logo. (see front cover)

SACRE thanks the children and staff of Armathwaite CE School and Holm Cultram Abbey CE School for their assistance, and congratulates the artists of the following entries.



When are future meetings?

SACRE meetings have been arranged for 2012 – 2013 as follows:

26 October 2012 at The North Lakes School, Penrith

21 March 2013 at The Bishop Harvey Goodwin School, Carlisle

11 June 2013 venue to be decided

The SACRE Action plan identifies that the main areas of focus for 2012-2013 will be:

- Updating SACRE's advice to schools on Collective Worship
- Providing resource materials for schools to support their implementation of the Agreed Syllabus e.g. perhaps a KS2-3 transition unit and an EYFS unit. This is in response to the feedback from teachers received during and after the official launch of the revised Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Non members are welcome to attend, to observe SACRE meetings. Please contact Sue McGaw (email sue.mcgaw@cumbria.gov.uk) to receive advance information about the meetings and confirmation of times and venues.

What is the SACRE Budget?

SACRE's budget covers the cost of meetings, venue expenses, supply cover costs for teacher members, postage, photocopying, travel expenses, and subscription costs for membership of national organisations for RE. Additional resources are obtained from the County Council when necessary for the review, development and publication of the revised Agreed Syllabus.

In the financial year 2011-2012 the total amount spent was £2294: Supply cover £300; Travel expenses £372; Refreshments £38; Postage £283 (includes posting the Revised Agreed Syllabus to schools), Conference fees £980; Accommodation £55 and Subscriptions £95. An additional amount of £3762 was spent on the printing of the Revised Agreed Syllabus for RE.

What is the RE and Collective Worship support for schools?

For Secondary and Primary Schools:

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Useful Websites

<http://www.nasacre.org.uk/>

<http://www.cumbriagridforlearning.org.uk/>

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lis/sacre.asp>

What Continuing Professional Development Opportunities have there been?

Cumbria Continuous Professional Development Courses (CCPD)

The following one day courses for RE were offered:

Improving Standards in RE – Using the New Cumbria Agreed Syllabus

23 November 2011 (provider Wendy Ridley)

Cumbria Association of RE Teachers (CARET) Conference

27 January 2012 (provider Lat Blaylock)

A total of 72 teachers attended

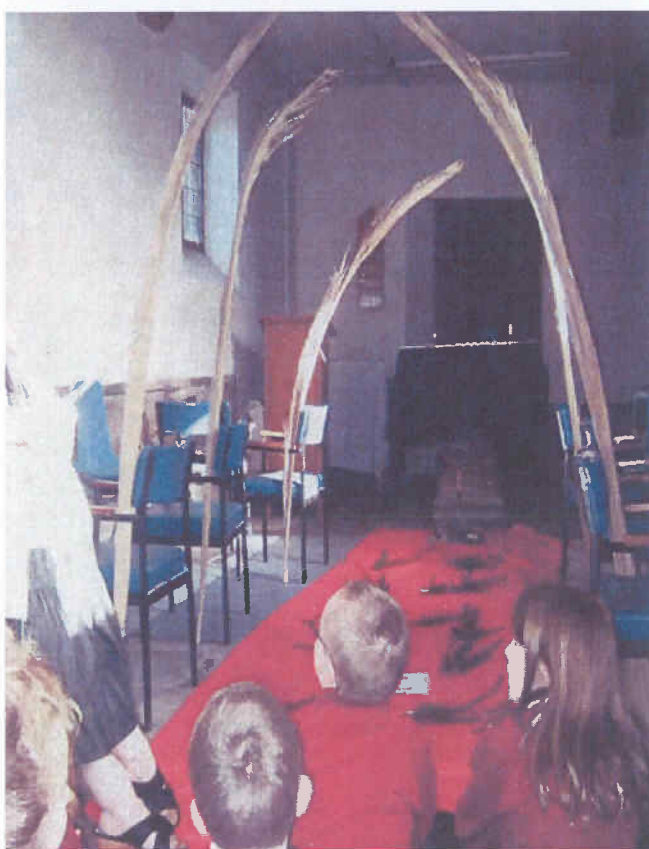
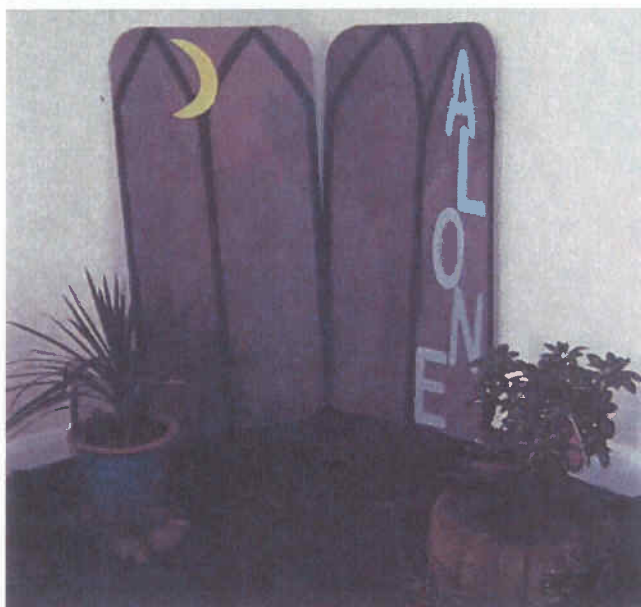
Local Learning Network (LLN) Courses:

Hallelujah – RE and Music Georgia Prescott ran 3 courses at various venues across the county – 17 teachers attended

A number of RE Teacher Network meetings took place each term around the county.

A total of 100 teachers attended

SACRE is pleased to receive photographic, written or anecdotal evidence of good work in RE and Collective Worship in Cumbria's schools. Below are some photographs from Holm Cultram Abbey CE School of their Easter Experience Event.



For more information please visit www.experienceeaster.org. Other Experiences available include Harvest, Christmas and Pentecost

Do you have any comments on this SACRE Report?

Responses to this Annual Report from school governors, elected members, headteachers, teachers or members of the public are welcomed by SACRE. Please write to:
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