

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	SACRE
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Title:	South Central SACRE RE 'hub'.
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1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform SACRE of recent activity of the South Central SACRE RE 'hub' since the last SACRE meeting.

2. Contextual information

2.1. This group came about as one of several developments around the country linked together through an initiative of the Culham St Gabriel's Trust. Several different activities are emerging in the regions to give leadership and support to RE teachers.

2.2. The South Central SACRE RE has not met in the past year in light of the focus on the review, launch and early implementation of the Agreed Syllabus Living Difference III. Soundings from neighbouring SACREs indicate a desire to resume meetings in the autumn term. The hub will continue to work in three broad areas:

(i) Networking various teacher networks across the area covered by the 'hub', linking to the NATRE national RE networks and sharing good practice.

(ii) Promoting high quality continuing professional development (CPD) particularly in relation to subject knowledge for teachers across the region.

(ii) Reading and research group; a joint venture between HIAS and Winchester University raising the level of engagement with research and encouraging more research in RE across the area covered by the SACRE Hub.

3. Reading and Research Group

3.1. The reading and research group began meeting in May 2015 and has met twice each term since then.

- 3.2. Since our last meeting there have been two successful meetings. In March Dr Maya Warrier Head of the Theology, Religion and Philosophy Department gave a presentation and led a lively discussion on the theme of “Hinduism: Religion or Culture?” Dr James Robson attended the meeting in May introducing the Culham st Gabriel’s initiative promoting an on-line RE Research interface aimed at bringing teachers closer to research in RE. There will also be some significant funds made available for research in religious education in a number of key areas. A programme is being put together for the 2017/18 academic year and will continue to be held at Winchester University.
- 3.3. An addition meeting took place in May and was held at the RE Centre. Dr Janet Orchard from Bristol University shared her research project regarding whether religious education supports community cohesion. This meeting was attended by a wide group of interested people across HIAS, including those working in areas related to inclusion and rights education.

Recommendation:

SACRE notes this report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. As a consequence of establishing a regional SACRE hub, equality is advanced through the improvement of religious education in the region.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. No impact on crime and disorder has been identified in this report.

3. Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact on climate change has been identified in this report.