

North Yorkshire SACRE Newsletter

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PLEASE PASS ON TO YOUR RE SUBJECT LEADER

Welcome to the spring term SACRE newsletter for North Yorkshire schools. This termly newsletter will keep you up to date on what SACRE is doing and the support it offers to North Yorkshire schools alongside national and regional updates and news on RE resources and training.

What is SACRE?

The acronym SACRE stands for: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Why is there a SACRE?

Every local authority (LA) has to have a SACRE by law. The Children's Services division of the LA that takes responsibility for making sure SACRE works well and SACRE's work is related to schools and their curriculum.

What does a SACRE do?

The law says that RE must be taught in all schools and a SACRE's role is to advise its local authority on what needs to be done to improve religious education (RE) and collective worship for schools in its area. This is because RE is not part of the National Curriculum; it is a local responsibility. Through the SACRE, local communities and teachers have the opportunity to influence and support what pupils learn in RE.

The SACRE's main function is to advise the local authority on matters related to the religious education, which follows the locally agreed syllabus, and on collective worship in schools.

Where do I go for advice relating to RE or Collective Worship in my school?

Olivia Seymour, is the Professional RE Adviser for maintained schools in North Yorkshire over the coming academic year. (Please note for church schools Olivia can provide advice relating to the Agreed Syllabus but we encourage church schools to seek wider RE advice from their home diocese)

Olivia also provides advice to community schools on matters relating to collective worship (church schools should again seek advice from their home diocese)

Enquires into the Local Authority can be directed to schoolimprovementservice@northyorks.gov.uk and the service will provide a conduit to the specialist advice.

You can find out more about RE in North Yorkshire schools here:

<https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/religious-education-re>

You can find out more about collective worship in North Yorkshire schools here:

<https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/collective-worship>



RE Subject Networks and training for Primary and Secondary RE Leads

This year NYCC is again offering termly online professional practice networks for all schools. These networks will include support for subject knowledge, curriculum-planning using the North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus, national and local updates, resources to support RE and an opportunity to ask questions and share good practice. There will also be a subject leadership course for new and developing RE leads in Primary Schools. Details of all the upcoming networks and courses are below



Title of event	Date	Online Code	Start	End
Primary Religious Education (RE) Spring Network Subject knowledge focus: Hinduism and Judaism	21/02/2023	SI-0223-T001	09:30:00	11:30:00
Secondary Religious Education (RE) Spring Network Engaging with text and developing writing in the RE classroom	21/02/2023	SI-0223-T002	16:00:00	18:00:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Spring Network Subject knowledge focus: Hinduism and Judaism	01/03/2023	SI-0323-T001	13:30:00	15:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Subject leadership course	09/03/2023 & 20/03/2023	SI-0323-T002	Day 1: 09:30:00 Day 2: 13:30:00	Day 1: 11:30:00 Day 2: 15:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Summer Network Subject knowledge focus: Christianity and Sikhism	26/04/2023	SI-0423-T001	09:30:00	11:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Summer Network Subject knowledge focus: Christianity and Sikhism	02/05/2023	SI-0523-T001	13:30:00	15:30:00

Bookings can be made through [NYES Info](#) .

If any assistance with this is required you can contact nyes@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 533 222. If you have any further questions or queries relating to the courses you can contact Schoolimprovementservice@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 79 88 64.

Important News from SACRE

SACRE is beginning the process of reviewing the Locally Agreed Syllabus in time for a new or revised syllabus to be launched in Spring 2024 for implementation in all schools from Autumn 2024. SACRE wants to ensure that schools are consulted on the effectiveness of the current syllabus and want to hear what schools want and need in any syllabus review.

We would be grateful if you could look out for the forthcoming SACRE survey.

World Religion Day 2023

World Religion Day 2023 takes place on **Sunday, 15 January**.

BBC Teach has put together collection of classroom resources for primary and secondary schools to support teaching around World Religion Day. World Religion Day takes place each January, aiming to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between peoples from different backgrounds.



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You can find the resources here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/world-religion-day-teaching-resources/zs6fsk7>

News from Culham St Gabriels



2023 competition for Children and Young People. Calling all budding film makers!

Theme: A View on the World

Closing Date: Friday 31st March at 5pm

How have religious and non-religious worldviews changed over time where you live?

How would you describe the mix of worldviews in your community today?

What might it look like in 50 years' time?

The winning entry will have their film professionally made!

We are inviting **children and young people** to create a **90 second film script, storyboard or recorded film**. Celebrating 50 Years of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales in partnership with Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

The competition is open to all children and young people aged 5-18 whether educated at school or at home. Entries from children and young people with special educational needs or from pupil referral units are welcome. Please use the following links to find out more including suggested resources, judging criteria and how to submit entries.

For further details go to <https://www.reonline.org.uk/information-for-teachers/>

Culham St Gabriel's Trust new Primary Course – Introduction for Primary Beginner Teachers

Calling all Primary mentors, Beginner Teachers, ITE providers or trainers! We are delighted to announce the launch of our new, free, courses.

THREE courses introduce Beginner Teachers in the Primary phase to Religion and Worldviews, teaching and learning and subject knowledge. Use as self-study, with others or as part of a wider programme.

For further details go to <https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>

The value of an education in Religion and Worldviews – promotional Films

Take a look at these wonderful films featuring a wide range of people and professions celebrating the value of an education in Religion and Worldviews. Use them for a staff meetings, with pupils, at an open evening or to raise awareness.

You can find the collection here:
<https://www.cstg.org.uk/campaigns/promoting-an-education-in-rwv/promotional-film-collection/>



News from NATRE – Membership offers


In response to schools' current needs, NATRE have re-vamped their membership offer, allowing budgets to stretch further. Now schools and teachers can choose the membership that suits them best. Benefits include:

- Whole staff teams now have **unlimited multi-login to the members area** with NATRE if they are a **School or School Enhanced membership** at no additional cost.
- For those who just want a taster of NATRE, a **Basic level membership** has been introduced for only **£15 a year!**



2021 Census Data

The results of the religion questions from the 2021 Census were released at the end of November and you can find a summary of all of the results in this news article by NATRE.

 If you want to find out even more about the census data you could also **listen** to this RE podcast <https://www.therepodcast.co.uk/post/s7-e14-the-one-about-the-2021-census>

or **read more** and **watch** this religion and media centre briefing here:
<https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/rmc-briefings/briefing-impact-of-census-results-on-religion-and-belief-2/>



If you watch one thing this week....

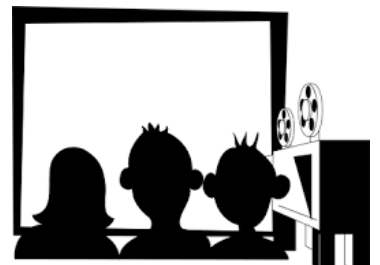
World's Apart by Emily Downe

How different are science and religion? Is it a matter of how we see the world?

Theos Think Tank have released a new short animation by Emily Downe, that travels through a whirlwind of questions surrounding the science and religion debate. The film invites the viewer into the details of the conversations, where there is less conflict than it seems from far off.

For any teacher exploring science and religion or different worldviews and interpretations, this video will spark conversation.

You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXXj_YB--g



Festival Calendar

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Search for religious festivals by religion and/or month here: <https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/>

