



North Yorkshire
County Council

School Improvement Service

North Yorkshire SACRE Newsletter

Welcome to the second 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



NYCC online RE networks this term

This year NYCC is offering termly online 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.

Primary This term the Primary RE networks will look at

- Resources to support home learning and blended learning in RE
- RE and Literacy – strategies for reading and engaging with text in the RE classroom

There will be 3 opportunities to attend the spring term online network

Wed, 20 Jan 2021 09:30 - 11:30 - <https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/130762>

Tue, 02 Feb 2021 13:30 - 15:30 - <https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/130750>

Thu, 25 Feb 2021 16:00 - 18:00 - <https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/130744>

Secondary This term the secondary RE network will look at

- Intent and implementation of an effective RE curriculum (with a particular focus on curriculum progression and Ofsted expectations)

Thursday 18th March 4 - 6pm - <https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/130633>

Developing Primary RE leadership Course

This practical one day course is suitable for new or developing primary RE subject leads

The course focuses on

- developing an effective RE curriculum using the locally Agreed Syllabus
- developing an understanding of the role of Primary RE lead
- developing meaningful and manageable monitoring and evaluation

As a result of attending, delegates should:

- have a good understanding of planning an effective curriculum the NYCC Agreed Syllabus
- gained confidence in leading RE in their school
- have increased confidence in subject knowledge for the Primary RE classroom
- have increased confidence in monitoring and evaluating RE in their school

To book a place;

Day 1 - Thu, 11 Mar 2021 09:30 - 11:30 - Day 2 - Thu, 22 Apr 2021 13:30 - 15:30
<https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/130638>

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place each year on 27 January.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 is *Be the Light in the Darkness*. This theme is explored on the HMD trust website at <https://www.het.org.uk/hmd-2021> where you can find guidance and resources for primary and secondary school teachers and information about how to sign up for the Holocaust Memorial Day webcast.

The HMD trust are also offering free **online teacher training sessions** which model how this theme can be discussed in the classroom. The 'Introduction to the Holocaust Educational Trust' seminar takes place twice a month and will next run on:

Thursday 14 January (15.30 - 17.00)

Monday 1 February (11.00 - 12.30)

Wednesday 3 February (16.00 - 17.30)

And there are further training opportunities all listed on <https://www.het.org.uk/education/teacher-training/online-training-sessions>

Participation in the online training programme is free of charge. To sign up to one or more of the online training sessions please email TeacherCPD@het.org.uk.

Support for home learning

Resources from NATRE



NATRE have made available a range of free resources you can use and share with parents to support with home learning, as well as resources to support socially distanced learning. These are broken down by Key stage 1-4 <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

Also available are lists of useful links for teachers, parents, carers and pupils:

- RE home learning from a variety of providers.
<https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Additional%20Documents/RE%20home%20learning%20resources%20v2.pdf> List of video clip resources to aid independent learning.
<https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/List%20of%20video%20clips%20of%20aid%20independent%20learning%20FINAL.pdf>

We know that some parents and carers might want to know more about why we teach RE, so NATRE have also produced a short information leaflet that they hope will be of use.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Parents%20leaflet%20FINAL.pdf>

Voices from Religious and Worldviews



Over the last few years RE:Online have collated responses to questions about religion and worldviews from different perspectives. This resource provides personal answers to questions from lived experience and were written directly by believers.

Find the resource here: <https://www.reonline.org.uk/resources/voices-from-religion-and-worldviews/>

Teach:RE free self-study courses



Teach:RE offer two free self-study courses:

- Teach:RE Primary – an introduction: This short self-study course is for those currently undertaking primary initial teaching training or for those in their NQT year or working as an HLTA in a primary school or academy. The course helps those entering the teaching profession to understand the purpose of RE and how to teach it effectively.
- Teach:RE Religion and Worldviews – subject knowledge for teaching: This self-study course is designed for anyone who wishes to develop their subject knowledge of one or two religious or non-religious worldviews

Find out more on the Teach:RE website <https://www.teachre.co.uk/free-self-study-courses/>