

North Yorkshire SACRE Newsletter

**School Improvement and Early Years' Service
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PLEASE PASS ON TO YOUR RE SUBJECT LEAD AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP LEAD

Welcome to the Autumn term SACRE newsletter for all 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, collective worship 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 NYC 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.

Termly Primary RE Networks	Date	Online Code	Start	End
Primary Religious Education (RE) Autumn Network	13/11/2024	SI-1124-T003	13:30:00	15:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Autumn Network	21/11/2024	SI-1124-T004	09:30:00	11:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Spring Network	06/03/2025	SI-0325-T001	09:30:00	11:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Spring Network	19/03/2025	SI-0325-T002	13:30:00	15:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Summer Network	05/06/2025	SI-0625-T003	09:30:00	11:30:00
Primary Religious Education (RE) Summer Network	09/06/2025	SI-0625-T004	13:30:00	15:30:00
Primary RE Leadership Course	Date	Online Code	Start	End
Session 1	06/02/2025	SI-0225-T003	09:30	12.00
Session 2	26/02/2025	SI-0225-T003	13:00	15:30

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




If any assistance with bookings 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

The updated Locally Agreed Syllabus

It was fantastic to see over 150 teachers at the launch of our North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus 2024-2029. A reminder that the syllabus came into effect at the beginning of term and schools should now be reviewing their curriculum and implementing any changes.

The Syllabus can be accessed on NYES and there are a number of additional support documents including sample knowledge organisers, a building progression document, sample long term plans and updated visits and visitors' guidance. We will be adding religion and worldview resource booklets throughout the year.

Instructions on how to access the North Yorkshire SACRE Agreed Syllabus 2024-2029

1	The syllabus can be accessed from this web page NYES Info
2	Select 'Resources' from the options at the top of the page. 
3	Type 'North Yorkshire SACRE Agreed Syllabus 2024-2029' into the quick search box and click 'Go' (you do not need to type in the whole text – you could choose a word like syllabus and the option will become available to select) 
4	The North Yorkshire SACRE Agreed Syllabus 2024-2029 should now be available to view. <h3>North Yorkshire SACRE Agreed Syllabus 2024-2029</h3>  <p>On this page you will find documents associated with the new Religious Education North Yorkshire SACRE agreed syllabus for 2024-2029.</p>

Interfaith Week 2024

Interfaith week is from **10th-17th November 2024**. The week is a great opportunity for pupils to explore inter faith issues and for schools to build relationships with faith, belief and inter faith groups in their community. The interfaith week website includes ideas for in-person classroom and whole-school activities as well as ones with a virtual dimension, for example with outside speakers joining online. You can access school materials here:

<https://www.interfaithweek.org/resources/schools>.

SACRE would love to hear from schools about Interfaith week events or projects they are planning. Email: edward.maxwell@northyorks.gov.uk

Jerusalem Trust Grants for Schools



The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme supports the teaching of Christianity within Religious Education. The scheme operates by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase resources for use in RE lessons.

Applications for the Autumn term are now open. The scheme is open to state funded schools in England and Wales.

Further information is here: <https://www.regrants.org.uk/faqs/>

And you can apply here: <https://www.regrants.org.uk/apply/>

New CBeebies Resource for EYFS

CBeebies have just commissioned a follow-up to 'What's on your head'? It is called '**What's in your bag?**'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00115fm/whats-in-your-bag>


What's in Your Bag? explores the things that people might carry in their bags and why. They meet with people from different backgrounds and jobs to find out more about them. Four of the 30 programmes are on an Imam, a Christian organist, A Rabbannit and a Hindu Dharmic lady.



FREE Online CPD for Teachers

Culham St Gabriels offer FREE, short, online courses to enhance your understanding, update your thinking, for mentees or ECTs, or for your own development. For teachers in all school types and all age ranges.

<https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>



Available courses

Introduction to Religion and Worldviews
Short Courses. Number of topics: 10
What is Religion and Worldviews, approach? Maybe you have heard the phrase and are unsure what it means. In this short course you will find the answer. This course provides an introduction to what is happening in Religion. It is a great first step covering the vast world report into the subject and the thinking behind it now.

Digging Deeper: Religion and Worldviews
Short Courses. Number of topics: 10
Welcome to the Digging Deeper Religion and Worldviews course. You have options in this course of the thinking behind the new Religion and Worldviews approach and how you are ready to take it further. In this course you will be able to move about the thinking behind Religion and Worldviews through publications by.

RE Hubs Website

RE Hubs has a new [Controversial Issues pod](#) in the Upskill section of the website.

On the page you will find links to a

number of resources and websites that seek to help teachers navigate

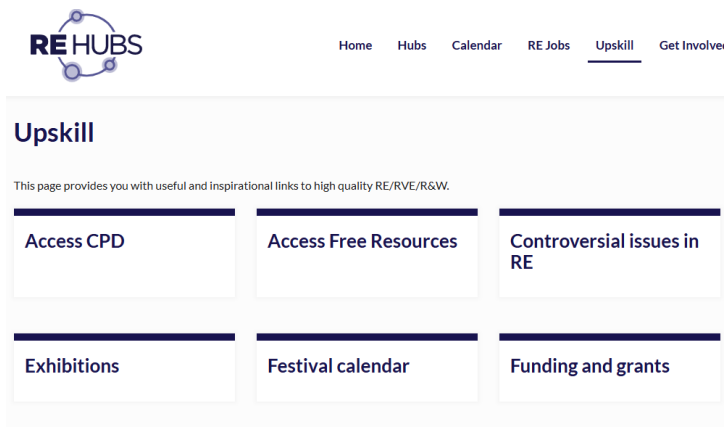
controversial and sensitive issues in the classroom. A controversial issue is often

that might cause children and young people to get upset and argue, so this pod centres around advice from a range of

different places and people around how to deal well with potential disagreements and arguments in

the classroom. These resources support teachers in finding and using research evidenced based approaches to help our pupils learn about difference and diversity.

Visit the [RE Hubs website](#) to explore what is on offer locally and nationally. Our regional RE Hubs lead is [Olivia Seymour](#) (Yorkshire and Humber)



New Resources from Humanists UK

Humanists UK have unveiled their [brand new interactive virtual tour](#) of London's Conway Hall, one of the UK's only two surviving buildings dedicated to the non-religious thinking and action. The virtual tour has been designed specifically for schools and is available to take right now. Immerse yourself and your pupils in this beautiful building, steeped in nearly a century of humanist history. While pupils often explore religious places of worship, they seldom experience the significance of

humanist spaces. The [virtual tour of Conway Hall](#) changes that. It was created in partnership with Conway Hall Ethical Society and made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

CONWAY HALL VIRTUAL TOUR



New Resource: Read the stories of eight remarkable people from history who, inspired by their humanist values, helped change the world for the better. Ideal for primary schools and parents looking for something to start a conversation. <https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/stories-of-historic-humanists/>

REChatUK

NATRE's monthly Twitter forum, #REChatUK takes place on the first Monday of the month, from 8-9pm. These fast-paced, fun and informative discussions are a great way to discover new ideas, resources and conversations. The forum is also an effective place to network and meet new people on Twitter. Follow [@NATREupdate](#) on Twitter, and the hashtag #REChatUK.



Northern Holocaust Education Group



**NORTHERN HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION GROUP**

Looking for enrichment to support learning about the Holocaust in order to learn the lessons from the Holocaust? The Northern Holocaust Education Group [NHEG] provides a unique enrichment resource for schools. NHEG's accredited speakers share their family Holocaust story and experiences - encouraging audiences to stand up against hatred, discrimination, identity and persecution of any kind. www.nheg.org.uk

UK Jewish Film Changing Perspectives Workshops



UK Jewish Film offer fully funded film-based workshops to secondary school students, covering topics around antisemitism, racism and identity. Having run multiple successful workshops in London, they are very keen to offer our services in other areas of the UK. These will be run by a team with both education and filmmaking backgrounds. The workshops ideally fit Religious Education curricula, but can also contribute to Humanities, Citizenship and more. You can find out more about the offer [here](#)

Festival Calendar

Search for religious festivals by religion and/or month here:

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival-calendar/>



Ever wondered if you are pronouncing a word correctly? [Check out this audio resource from the Shap Calendar Group](#), who collate a calendar of religious festivals.

There is also NEW Shap offer the eBook Glossary of key religious terms that you can embed into your website or use on the interactive display. A sample of this can be found at:

<https://read.bookcreator.com/h16fUMXsAIMWcXSB3wJ2v5ZxUrk1/H4dAHa5aQfuUkThnyWH-rQ>

And the full version is available for only £2.00

Collective Worship Resources

From Picture News

Black History Month – Live Primary Assembly

Tuesday, 15th October, 9.30-10am

Join us for a 30-min live assembly where we'll be exploring Black History Month and this year's theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives' and we'll be joined by BBC Presenter Swarzy Macaly.

Suitable for: Children in KS1 and KS2

[Full details and registration here](#)