

HSACRE

HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

The current HSACRE was inaugurated on 22 February 1989 and this is its 26th Annual Report in accordance with its constitution and statutory obligations.

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1. FOREWORD BY THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, CLLR DAVID SIMMONDS CBE



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 26th Annual Report of Hillingdon's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education [SACRE].

SACRE's ongoing support to teachers in the Borough continues to be appreciated by all, and the new RE Continuing Professional Development training sessions have been well attended by local schools and teachers and positively received.

In addition to the conclusion of the Agreed Syllabus Review, it was also encouraging to see SACRE take an active role in submitting responses to consultations that affect the future of RE in our schools.

As usual, SACRE's representation at the Hayes Carnival was a highlight, particularly the number of school children that engaged on the subject of interfaith.

I would once again like to thank SACRE's members, and those who work with and support it, for all their efforts over the past year, and look forward to the year ahead and its future work.

2. MEMBERSHIP

HSACRE members are from four distinct groups and the Committee is only quorate when representatives from every group are present:

GROUP A – Representatives of all faith groups in Hillingdon, including representatives from the Christian community, but not members of the Church of England. HSACRE works to ensure that along with representatives from all the major world faiths, it works with all communities within the Borough and welcomes their representation so long as they recognise the emphasis placed on inclusion by HSACRE.

GROUP B - Representatives from the Christian Church of England.

GROUP C - Representatives from each of the teachers' professional associations.

GROUP D - London Borough of Hillingdon Councillors.

A list of members of each committee is included as an appendix.

Chairman - Carole Jones, Headteacher, Yeading Junior School

Advisor - Duncan Struthers

Clerk - Luke Taylor (Democratic Services) served as clerk during 2017-18.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Over the course of 2017, the members of Hillingdon SACRE looked to finalise the content of the Agreed Syllabus, following the review that was previously launched. SACRE agreed to the addition of humanism, and we are now working on putting the finishing touches to the new syllabus following the conclusion of the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

The RE Continuing Professional Development training began in June 2017, with over 20 schools engaged, and has been a resounding success. Over the year, five training sessions have taken place, with emphases on creative teaching strategies, interfaith links and cross curricular teaching, among other areas. By the end of the year, 25% of primary schools in the Borough were engaged with the training, and we hope for this to continue in the future.

HSACRE also considered the Commission on Religious Education's consultation, "Religious Education for All", and offered a number of positive and constructive ideas in its detailed response to the document.

Once again, HSACRE supported the Hillingdon Interfaith Network Stall (HifN) at Hayes Carnival. This year, the stall was decorated with messages from local schoolchildren regarding what interfaith meant to them.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Hillingdon SACRE for their contributions throughout the year, and I look forward to working with them all in the future as HSACRE continues its work to support teachers, schools and pupils on religious education across the Borough.

4. MEETINGS OF HSACRE IN 2017 - 18

Full meetings of HSACRE were held on:

- 19 July 2017, Civic Centre
- 30 November 2017, Civic Centre
- 20 March 2018, Civic Centre

In addition to the full meetings of SACRE, Agreed Syllabus Conference meetings were held in July and November 2017.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HSACRE had a budget available of £4,900 for the 2015/16 financial year. NASACRE fees were paid and Democratic Services continued to provide secretarial support.

6. ADVICE GIVEN TO THE AUTHORITY BY SACRE

- i) Advice is given annually to the authority on Religious Education and Worship paragraphs in its information booklets for families entering a particular phase of education.

7. PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

- Agreed Syllabus Conference met in June and November to agree the Hillingdon Agreed Syllabus.
- Presentation at the Hayes Carnival in a faith tent.
- Issued Ramadan Guidance to schools in the Borough.
- Response to the Consultation on RE.
- Multiple RE Continuing Professional Development training sessions.

8. MONITORING AND REVIEW

Comments on this report are welcomed. These should be sent to:

Democratic Services, Phase II, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW, or by emailing democratic@hillingsdon.gov.uk

APPENDIX – Members of HSACRE throughout 2017-18

GROUP A

Bahai	Lil Osborn
	Yasmin Afnan
Baptist	Gail Butler
British Humanist Association	Robert Harwood
Buddhist	Connie Dusek
Hillingdon Area Salvation Army	Heather Steady
Hindu	Umesh Sharma
	Balmukund Prasad Joshi
Jewish	Ruth Freedman
Methodist	Angela Lount
Muslim	Amir Ahmed
	Naseem Bint Amir
	Richard Cawley
Quaker	Nicole Schnackenberg
Roman Catholic	Stephen Horsman
Sikh	Jasvir Singh Rayat
United Reform Church	Vacant

GROUP B

Church of England	Father Desmond Banister
	Mary Coulthurst
	Melanie Dring
	Angela Flux
	Alison Rollin

GROUP C

Association of Secondary School and College Leaders	Vacant
Association of Teachers and Lecturers	Vacant
National Association of Headteachers	Carole Jones
National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers	Debby Mitchell
National Union of Teachers	Anil Bhatt
	Simon Wallace

GROUP D

Local Authority	Councillor Keith Burrows
	Councillor John Hensley
	Councillor Carol Melvin
	Councillor John Morse
	Councillor June Nelson
	Councillor Susan O'Brien
Councillor Jagjit Singh	

OFFICER SUPPORT

London Borough of Hillingdon Committee Services	Luke Taylor Democratic Services 3E/05 Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge Middlesex UB8 1UW
Consultant for Hillingdon SACRE	Duncan Struthers