

HSACRE

HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019

The current HSACRE was inaugurated on 22 February 1989 and this is its 27th Annual Report, in accordance with its constitution and statutory obligations.

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1. DRAFT 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 27th Annual Report of Hillingdon's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education [SACRE].

I am very pleased to note that this year saw further RE Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training sessions, which attracted many delegates from nearly fifty schools. These well-attended sessions were very positively received and have allowed HSACRE to reach a broad audience, and teachers and schools to share best practice and teaching techniques. My thanks go out to all those who took the time to attend these training sessions, and to those who helped arrange the training and make them such a resounding success.

Religious Education continues to make a huge contribution to the Council's commitment to developing community cohesion, and the "Respect for All" pupil conference was another opportunity to engage the Borough's young people, and promote diversity and the plurality of religions and beliefs that are prevalent in our societies.

In addition to the CPD training, SACRE's continued efforts to represent Hillingdon through submissions to national consultations that affect the future of Religious Education are very welcome, and the continued Hillingdon SACRE representation at Hayes Carnival through the Hillingdon Interfaith Network stall remains very welcome and appreciated.

I would like to conclude by, once again, thanking the whole membership of the SACRE, and those who work with and support it, for all their efforts over the past year. Particular thanks go to Carole Jones, who continues to chair SACRE, and Elenor Paul, Hillingdon SACRE's advisor, who has driven forward the CPD training sessions. I look forward to the year ahead, and Hillingdon SACRE's 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.

Chair - Carole Jones, Headteacher, Yeading Junior School

Advisor - Elenor Paul

Clerk - Luke Taylor (Democratic Services) served as clerk during 2018 – 19.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Over the course of the 2018-19 academic year, Hillingdon SACRE held further RE Continuing Professional Development training sessions, which began in June 2017. Over 45 schools engaged within these training sessions over the past two years, and the training has proved to be a huge success. Over the year, sessions focused on creative methods to teach RE, as well as the inclusion of non-religious world views. HSACRE agreed to continue with these training sessions, and agreed to fund the training through 2019-20 at least.

The "Respect for All" Pupil Conference also took place at Brunel University in November 2018, to promote equality, diversity and tolerance in our communities, and the conference coincided nicely with Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week, to allow for the discussions held at the conference to continue outside the school environment.

HSACRE also agreed a response to the Commission on Religious Education's report into "Religion and Worldviews: The Way Forward – A National Plan for RE", responding to a number of recommendations in an open and measured fashion, with the hopes of taking both RE and SACREs forward in the future.

Once again, HSACRE also supported the Hillingdon Interfaith Network Stall (HIfN) at Hayes Carnival, which has become an annual event that allows HSACRE to promote education and tolerance of all faiths in the community.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Hillingdon SACRE for their contributions throughout the year, and the Advisor to HSACRE for all her hard work in preparing and delivering the CPD Training sessions. 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 2018 - 19

Full meetings of HSACRE were held on:

- 5 June 2018, Civic Centre
- 8 November 2018, Civic Centre
- 28 March 2019, Civic Centre

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HSACRE had a budget available of £4,900 for the 2018/19 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

- Hillingdon SACRE's "Respect for All" Pupil Conference took place in November 2018.
- Presentation at the Hayes Carnival in a faith tent.
- Issued Ramadan Guidance to schools in the Borough.
- Multiple RE Continuing Professional Development training sessions.
- HSACRE sent a representative to attend the 2019 NASACRE Conference.
- The HSACRE Advisor attended a conference held by the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education.

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@hillingdon.gov.uk

APPENDIX – Members of HSACRE throughout 2018-19

GROUP A

Bahai	Yasmin Afnan
	Sina Rohani
Baptist	Gail Butler
British Humanist Association	Robert Harwood
	Alavari Jeevathol
Buddhist	Vacant
Hillingdon Area Salvation Army	Vacant
Hindu	Balmukund Prasad Joshi
Jewish	Ruth Freedman
Methodist	Angela Lount
Muslim	Amir Ahmed
Quaker	Vacant
Roman Catholic	Vacant
Sikh	Jasvir Singh Rayat
United Reform Church	Vacant

GROUP B

Church of England	Father Desmond Banister
	Joan Beavington
	Mary Coulthurst
	Melanie Dring
	Keith Lunn
	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	Vacant
National Union of Teachers	Simon Wallace

GROUP D

Local Authority	Councillor Shehryar Ahmed-Wallana
	Councillor John Hensley
	Councillor Carol Melvin
	Councillor June Nelson
	Councillor Jagjit Singh

OFFICER SUPPORT

London Borough of Hillingdon Committee Services	Steve Clarke Democratic Services, Phase II, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW
Consultant for Hillingdon SACRE	Elenor Paul