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Celebrating 30 years: SACREs for the Future

Date: Monday, 22 May 2023

Time: 10:30-15:30

Venue: Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge LONDON EC4R 9EL

Twitter tag: #NASACRE2023



We are delighted that we are holding our 2023 Conference in London face-to-face this year, giving us again an opportunity to catch up with colleagues and friends – old and new!

The conference will bring together many RE professionals, academics and those who champion RE and support SACREs, to celebrate 30 years of NASACRE - our Pearl Anniversary.

PRICING

Subscribed SACREs:

£120 per delegate. Each delegate may choose 2 virtual workshops delivered in June.

Bonus deal for subscribed SACREs:

For each delegate paying to attend Conference, 2 additional SACRE members may access 2 virtual workshops in June for £50.

Non-subscribed SACREs:

£160 per delegate. Each delegate may choose 2 virtual workshops delivered in June.

ELECTIONS

Every year at the AGM we elect new members to the NASACRE Exec and this year we have 5 vacancies, including for Vice-Chair.

This is a golden opportunity for your SACRE members to offer to contribute their skills and experience to the work of NASACRE. SACREs may nominate up to 2 candidates for election. Further details of the roles and nomination forms may be found [here](#) and submitted

to secretary@nasacre.org.uk by **5pm on Friday, 12 May 2023**.

AWARDS

As we celebrate 30 years, we are going to recognise SACRE members who have played a special part in the life of your SACRE over the last 30 years. This is an opportunity for SACREs to nominate people, with a photo (jpeg) of them and your reasons for their selection.

Kindly nominate your member(s), past and present, under the following categories:

- Most active SACRE member
- A SACRE member who has made a significant impact in your area.

Please ensure you have permission for us to display the image and send any nominations via email to: admin@nasacre.org.uk by **5pm on Friday, 12 May 2023**.

30 YEAR MEMORY TIMELINE

A lot has happened during NASACRE's 30 years and your SACREs will have done much exciting work in that time. We would love to celebrate all the achievements. Your contributions are essential to this, so please send in photo/s in jpeg format so we can create a presentation to play during Conference.

Any SACRE wishing to add their memories should send photos with a short message by **5pm on Friday, 12 May 2023** to: admin@nasacre.org.uk

[BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE HERE](#)

Programme

10:30 Arrival and registration, refreshments and display space

11:00 Welcome and introductions - Linda Rudge (Chair of NASACRE)

11:15 **Keynote Address 1: An education in religion and worldviews - the next 30 years?**

Dr Kathryn Wright

Kathryn is the Chief Executive of [Culham St Gabriel's Trust](#), an endowed charitable foundation whose vision is for a broad-based, critical reflective education in religion and worldviews contributing to a well-informed, respectful and open society. Kathryn leads the strategic direction of the Trust.

11:35 Table discussions on keynote 1

11:50 Break

12:10 **Keynote Address 2: The role of SACREs in the emerging educational landscape**

Our Patron, Rt Hon Charles Clarke

Charles holds Visiting Professorships at Lancaster University and Kings College London. In 2015 he co-wrote, with Professor Linda Woodhead, "A New Settlement, Religion and Belief in Schools".

12:30 Table discussions on keynote 2

12:45 Introduce nominees for elections (notified by 5 pm, Friday 12 May 2023)

13:00 LUNCH - *there is a space available for prayer during lunchtime.*
Voting for elections

13:45 Westhill Awards Winners announcement

13:55 National analysis of SACRE annual reports:
Dr David Hampshire

A former Assistant Director at the Inter Faith Network for the UK and ex-Chair of NASACRE, David is currently the Senior Policy Adviser for Historic Places of Worship at Historic England. This is the second year running that David has analysed the data from the SACRE annual reports and he will be presenting his findings.

14:15 Table discussions and questions to speakers

14:30 30 years Celebration
- SACRE 30 years Quiz
- SACRE Awards

14:55 Business Meeting

15:20 Closing remarks - Chair

15:30 Close

Conference workshops

In addition to table discussions on the day, there will be follow-up workshops delivered online using Zoom. Each member attending conference may choose 2 virtual workshops from the list below.

Note the times of these programmes vary; please see the programme on our [website](#).

Don't forget to look online at the bonus deal for subscribed SACREs.

Mon 5 June, 4-5 pm

Title: *How Culham St Gabriel's Trust (CStG) can support your SACRE*

From: CStG and REOnline

Presenter: Dr Kathryn Wright, CEO, CStG

Tues 6 June, 7-8 pm

NASACRE & Westhill grants: winners 2021-2022

Title: *Exploring how faith contributes to the local community*

Presenter: Nottinghamshire SACRE

Pupils from five different schools visited various social justice programmes organised by faith communities. Excerpts from films will be presented, creating compelling learning experiences that are relevant to issues in our complex society and which came to the fore through the pandemic experience.

Wed 7 June, 4-5 pm

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Title: *The Synagogue: nine modules covering different aspects of KS2 and KS3 curriculum on Judaism.*

Presenter: Leeds SACRE, with Calderdale & Kirklees SACRE

Each module is approximately 5 to 7 minutes long and consists of interviews with 3 Rabbis from the Orthodox community and a female representative from the Reform Synagogue covering different aspects of what goes on in a Synagogue, with both points of view covered.

Thurs 8 June, 4-5 pm

NASACRE & Westhill grants: winners 2021-2022

Title: *Multi-faith approaches to diversity and racial equality*

Presenter: Wolverhampton SACRE

This student-led project aims to develop pupil and teacher understanding of the approaches to diversity and racial equality across different religions and worldviews. One key aim was strengthening RE in Secondary schools, particularly within the Post-14 curriculum.

Mon 12 June, 4-5 pm

Title: *What have we learnt from the NASACRE FOI request?*

Presenter: Dr Paul Smalley

Paul will explain what we have learnt about SACREs and their funding and what this means for the future. How can SACREs work with their LA to gain funding from CSSB funds?

Tues 13 June, 5-6 pm

NASACRE & Westhill grants: winners 2021-2022

Title: *The Tameside Schools Welcome project*

Presenter: Tameside SACRE

The project, a partnership between schools and faith communities, was designed to deepen Tameside pupils' understanding of faiths and beliefs through educational, first-hand encounters with communities and people of faith in places of worship, online, or through visits to schools.

Wed 14 June, 7-8 pm

Title: *How can sacred texts support RE learning?*

From: British Library

Presenters: Claire Clinton and Katie Adams

Following the release of some new KS2 RE materials for teaching about sacred texts from the British Library, this workshop seeks to help SACRE members understand how the resources can support their agreed syllabus and high standards in RE practice.

Thurs 15 June, 5-6 pm

NASACRE & Westhill grants: winners 2021-2022

Title: *REal Resources: Interfaith Dialogue Conference*

Presenter: Bromley SACRE

Through two Interfaith Dialogue Conferences, this project looked at understanding religious diversity in the local area and in the community.

Recordings of these have been formatted into REal video resources of real people talking about lived experiences in the real world.

Conference survey

We should be really grateful if your SACRE members would help us by filling in a very short (2-minute) survey, to enable us to plan future Annual Conferences that suit as many members as possible:

<https://forms.gle/14rSoS88fFLqdaB38>

Member updates

NASACRE Exec is pleased to announce that the cost of **subscriptions** and our training package will remain the same for the academic year 2023-2024.

The appointment of an **Executive Officer** is postponed until the new Executive Committee is in place following our 2023 AGM in London.

Immediate actions for your SACRE

- **Decide who takes your conference places and choose their workshops**
- **Carefully consider which of your skilled SACRE members you can nominate for the Exec – to help us secure the future of NASACRE!**
- **Ask for your SACRE's photographic memories from the last 30 years**
- **Nominate for 30th Awards, those who have played a special part in supporting your SACRE since 1993**
- **Checkout the new [2023 NASACRE Constitution](#) which will be ratified at the AGM**
- **Ask members to gather local information about teacher recruitment and retention in response to NASACRE email**
- **New Inquiry / Parliamentary committee on teacher recruitment/retention - gather local data on teacher recruitment/retention and urgently return to [Marie](#) for forwarding by 21**

April:<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/203/education-committee/news/194283/education-committee-launches-new-inquiry-into-teacher-recruitment-training-and-retention/>