

Swindon SACRE web-page re-organisation - Some thoughts from the Chair

Objective:

To make Swindon SACRE more visible on the web.

The aims of this website re-organisation are to:

- 1) provide a point of information about the Swindon Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) as well as religious education (RE) and collective worship (CW) within the Borough.
- 2) provide a point of contact with Swindon SACRE
- 3) provide and hold our documents
- 4) provide a link to relevant sites and resources for RE, CW and appropriate organisations, locally and nationally.
- 5) increase the profile of Swindon SACRE.

Background

We currently have a page to access agenda and minutes with the Swindon Local Agreed Syllabus (LAS) held elsewhere. We need to increase this to be a portal to more information and be a single point of access and information for the officers and work of Swindon SACRE.

The shape of the site

I think we could summarise and organise the information into six areas:

- Who are we ?
- What do we do ?
- How can we help ?
- Syllabus, publications and what are we doing ?
- Gallery

Detailed content

Who are we ? A welcome from the Chair, information about the groups and names of the members. A first point for contacting the SACRE Clerk, Chair, Advisor and other key persons.

What do we do ? Information about our legal responsibilities, role and how we fulfil it. A brief history of Swindon SACRE and RE / CW in England.

How can we help ? Information about services offered – withdrawing pupils / students; determinations for collective worship; information and advice for head teachers / teachers / governors / parents / pupils and students; complaining – advice and proforma; visits; professional development and training. Another point for contacting the SACRE Clerk, Chair, Advisor and other key persons.

Syllabus, publications and what are we doing ? Swindon LAS; Swindon Advice on Collective Worship; our Annual Reports; other local guidance; local exemplars – work and comments; our committee dates, next meeting agenda and previous minutes; local dates / noticeboard; key national reports. Information on the use of Swindon materials by Swindon academies and non-Swindon users.

Who else can help ? Links to sending groups; local RE / CW partners; links to RE organisations and professional bodies; links to RE / CW sites; links to key educational information on faith groups and religions.

Gallery Pictures and writing by local pupils and students and photos of visits and events. We could note why these are within good practice models of working. Accessible in dated groups, most recent first. (We can start this by using the images from the annual report, then occasionally adding new material.)

Presentation

Ideally we would like an interesting and arresting presentation but we will need to consider whether we need to have all the information on the council server and site or whether it can be held separately.

The site needs to be user-friendly to a variety of users;

clear, easy to navigate and easy to maintain.

One design idea

**Welcome to the website of the
Swindon Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).
Please use the buttons on the left to navigate and use the site.**

**Who
we are ?**

**What
we do ?**

**How we
help ?**

**LAS and
publications**

**Others
who help**

Gallery

The main section (the box) running a gallery slide show until a button is selected.

Up-keep

Clear responsibilities will need to be understood for the overall design and maintenance of the site and its information once established. Access to add and alter information will need to be available to the Clerk, Chair and Advisor and a very limited number of others.

Websites live and breathe by their currency.

Cost and legal implications

The costs will depend on the quality of the presentation and whether or not we can get voluntary support to build and maintain the content. We could also seek support from local businesses or educational charities.

In my opinion (this will need to be checked by the Council's officers) as long as we have appropriate disclaimers on external content there should not be any major problems. We may need a mechanism with the council for agreeing the original content and any subsequent changes to the type of content.

Any suggestions or further thoughts please contact me at: mark.cawte@btinternet.com or on 01793-493379.

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