



National Updates for RE for November 2020 SACRE Meeting



The central concern for all involved in Religious Education at a National Level at this time is the implementation of the recommendations found in the CoRE report.

Especially a working out of a shared understanding of the term “worldviews” and what that means for the teaching of “Religion and Worldviews” in the classroom.

You can find the report and its summary [here](#)



The Religious Education Council (REC) which commissioned the CoRE report has also commissioned a multidisciplinary academic literature review on the worldview concept it is available [here](#)

A follow-up project to provide guidance for syllabus writers in SACREs has been tendered and RE Today services have been selected to write that guidance.

The REC also reports that GCSE Religious Studies has proven its relevance as entries hold firm in 2020

The A-Level entries compared well against other humanities in 2020

There is a new Welsh RE Curriculum proposed that has finished its consultation and is to be called “Religion Values and Ethics” (RVE) and may become the legal requirement to be taught in all Welsh schools from 2022.

The REC’s response to the proposals can be found [here](#)

Support for teachers and those interested in the teaching of Religious Education (Religion and Worldviews)



Culham St Gabriel are a charitable organisation that funds projects and programmes to support teachers of RE , both in boosting subject knowledge and pedagogical expertise and also in supporting research projects and provides some bursaries details of their projects and programmes can be found [here](#)



Farmington Fellowship Scholarships also offer awards for teachers and headteachers to undertake a research project that will release them from teaching for the equivalent of 30 days and offer them a University tutor to support them in their studies. The closing date for applications is the 31st January 2021 and details of how to apply can be found [here](#)

New Materials for schools from Free Churches and NATRE (National Association of Teachers of RE)



The Free Churches of UK funded NATRE to write materials for all schools to have access to Anti-Racist RE. There are a suite of 6 lessons for Primary Schools (UKS2) and Secondary Schools. All these materials can be found [here](#)



Don't forget to check out the titles of themes for the 2021 Spirited Arts Competition when they go live in January. In the meantime you can check out the quality of the winning entries from previous years [here](#)



Another great resource available from NATRE which has been written through a NASACRE Westhill Project by Newham SACRE is an anti-religious bullying toolkit. This tackles an issue sometimes neglected by schools in their anti-bullying work. That is bullying on the grounds of religion or apparent religion. These materials can be found [here](#)



NASACRE (National association of SACRES) has written a statement about Black Lives Matter and Religious Education which is worth considering for our future support for schools and in our decisions regarding our new agreed syllabus. This can be found [here](#)

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