

Celebrating RE Month

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To update the SACRE on Celebrating RE Month taking place in March 2011.

Recommendation

SACRE is requested -

1. To note the national Celebrating RE Month which is taking place in March 2011.
2. To inform schools of the ways in which they can get involved in Celebrating RE Month, through RE Network meetings and placing information on schools online web pages.
3. To consider if any members of the SACRE would be willing to volunteer to be available to go into schools during March 2011 to support them in their Celebrating RE month activities, and any other ways in which the SACRE might wish to support the event.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 Part of the SACRE's role is to advise schools of materials and resources available to support the teaching of RE, in accordance with the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

4. Detail

- 2.1 A national Celebrating RE Month will be held in March 2011. Information on the range of events that schools and community groups can get involved in is available on the website: www.celebratingre.org, which includes a range of competitions which schools can enter. It is recommended that the SACRE include information on Celebrating RE month in schools online web pages, for local schools to get involved.
- 2.2 Attached at Appendix '1' is information provided through the Celebrating RE website on ways in which SACREs might become involved. It is recommended that SACRE members might wish to volunteer to go into local schools during March 2011, and support other local events. The SACRE is asked to consider any other ways in which it wishes to get involved.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Katy Staples on 0117 927 7454 or katy.staples@bristoldiocese.org or from Sarah Lawrence on 01793 463603, Email slawrence@swindon.gov.uk.

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Alternative Options

- The alternative options, where applicable, are set out in the body of this report.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- There are currently no financial implications identified in this report. However, should the SACRE decide to take additional steps to support Celebrating RE Month, any costs would need to be met from the SACRE's Annual Budget of £5k, which is substantially committed.

Legal / Human Rights Implications

- This report has no specific legal or human rights implications.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies

- The work of the SACRE contributes to the Council's aims to improve the opportunities for children and young people, and to support local communities by empowering people to participate in local decision-making and overcoming social exclusion.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.
- Paddy Bradley, Director of Schools and Learning.
- Sarah Foulkes, School Improvement Adviser

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Ideas for SACREs to support Celebrating RE Month.