

Celebrating RE Month – Further Update

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To provide a final update to the SACRE on the range of events being held for Celebrating RE Month.

Recommendation

- SACRE is requested to welcome any further feedback on events held locally in March 2011 as part of the national Celebrating RE Month, and consider any follow up events.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 To support the teaching of RE through Celebrating RE Month.

1. Detail

- 2.1 The SACRE received a report back at the last meeting on a range of events held as part of a national Celebrating RE Month in and around March 2011. However, a few events were scheduled at the end of the month or beyond after the last meeting. SACRE Members who have not yet reported back on events that they attended are invited to do so. This includes the following events:

School / Date	Title of Event / Teacher	SACRE Member Attending:
St Francis C of E VA Primary 6 th April	Stations of The Cross and celebrating Easter Day Steph Mundin	David Burbidge / Steph Mundin
Swindon Academy 16 th March	Quizzing Bishop Lee about Medical Ethics and Faith Helen Green	Mark Cawte
Ridgeway School 16 th May	Video Conference with a School in New Delhi to discuss faith, community and global priorities. Lottie Rowe	Lottie Rowe

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- 2.2 The range of activities undertaken this year has been very successful at enabling Members of the SACRE to see RE in action in schools and to increase links into schools from the SACRE. The success of the month was highlighted at the last Swindon Council meeting and it was asked if this can become an annual event for the SACRE.
- 2.3 The SACRE is asked to consider how it would wish to build on the success of the Celebrating RE Month, whether by encouraging a month of school events early in 2012 or by encouraging different events throughout the year, which SACRE members could attend and support.

Alternative Options

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

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- Any costs of supporting a further Celebrating RE Month would be met from within the SACRE's Annual Budget of £5k. £300 has currently been identified from within the budget for the administrative support of any such activity in 2011/12

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

- None