

UPDATES

- NATRE Survey on the provision for RE in Primary Schools (Autumn 2024) has identified that fewer schools are meeting their statutory duty to teach RE to all pupils. In 2022, almost all schools (96%) reported that all pupils were being taught religious education but by 2024, this figure had fallen to 87%.
- In contrast, leaders of RE in primary schools are now more likely to be more experienced teachers than in the past and fewer adults other than teacher now deliver RE which is now mainly taught by classroom teachers.
- The greatest concern is that too many primary teachers are not adequately prepared to teach Religious education – either in their initial teacher training or as part of their continuing professional development. Consequently, they report a lack of confidence in delivering some aspects of the curriculum.
- This needs to be addressed urgently by the Department for Education as part of a National Plan for RE.
- NATRE executive member, Greg Parekh makes the case for more opportunities to study Religious Studies at A level in FE News. Teachers of RE who would like to explore a range of arguments for an A level offer in their school, will find this article useful. Greg Parekh is an experienced teacher of A level and shares his experience of pupils' appreciation of the subject. Read the full article on the FE news website.

UPDATES CONTINUED

- Stacey Burman our RE Consultant for Brent has highlighted that Teachers have done a lot of work in line with the current syllabus, and the pupils are engaging superbly with the distinct pedagogical model in it, producing high quality learning which is in line with the latest developments and Ofsted expectations in the subject. Teacher's feedback is that they do not want the syllabus to change, and Stacey is happy to continue to support SACRE/RE Advisor and the teachers/schools, who actually helped develop this syllabus themselves to continue delivering high-quality RE. Stacey has also said that she would be more than happy to support Brent's syllabus review when the need arises.
- Naomi Franks, a Volunteer at Willesden Jewish Cemetery, which is an Orthodox cemetery. Wanted to make SACRE and schools aware that the cemetery offers a range of activities for both Jewish and non-Jewish schools. They would like to make contact and offer twilight sessions to Brent teachers to explain how we can teach about Judaism, as well as offer relevant activities through the RE, English, History and RSHE curricula. They support all Key Stages.
- They have twilight sessions for teachers and education workshops for anyone interested. Further information can be found here:
<https://www.willesdenjewishcemetery.org.uk/schools#:~:text=All%20our%20sessions%20are%20designed,hands%2Don%20workshop%20in%20school>
- Sally Strauss wanted to share a new resource 'Jewish Living Online'. A digital education initiative jointly produced by the Board of Deputies and the Anti Defamation League: <https://jlo.org.uk>
- Anna Silver has shared an invitation from the Faith and Belief Forum to help shape the future of Inter Faith Week! Inter Faith Week has been a cornerstone of interfaith engagement in the UK since 2009. Following the closure of The Inter Faith Network in Spring 2024, The Faith & Belief Forum is now launching a nationwide consultation in England to ensure the future of Inter Faith Week is shaped by the people on the ground. The **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government** intends to fund this nationwide consultation, taking place in January and February 2025. F&BF is inviting **everyone** – interfaith organisations, practitioners, and enthusiasts – to share their views and be part of the process. Further details can be found here:
<https://mailchi.mp/faithbeliefforum.org/interfaith-week-2024-incoming-10977808?e=8931b374d4> To register for a workshop or ask any questions, email Sophie Mitchell at sophie.mitchell@faithbeliefforum.org

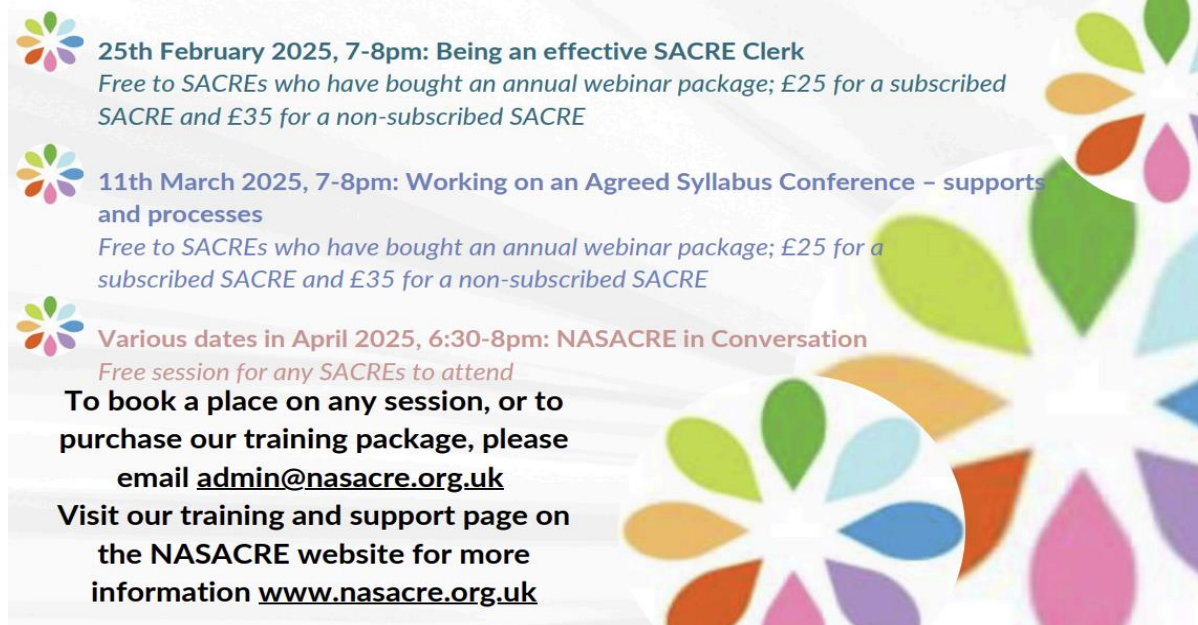
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES


- 1. Places of Interest / School Speaker Training 2024-25 This is our third year of POI/SS training offered once again for free to participants. The comprehensive training is held online and lasts for 1.5 hours. It is an opportunity to develop knowledge about hosting schools in a place of worship/interest or going into a school to speak to pupils. It is also a time to meet other people who offer a similar service and share their ideas, practice and experience. The training is valid for two years, and participants who complete the online training receive the RE Hubs Kitemark. This is a recognised kitemark in the education community. It also allows the participant or their organisation to be registered on the RE Hubs directory for schools to contact them. You can


take a look using the links below: <https://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/places-of-interest/>
<https://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/school-speakers/> Sessions run monthly from September to July each year. They are timed to help participants find a convenient slot to suit them. Over the year, there will be several morning, afternoon or early evening dates. To find out more click on the link – <https://www.re-hubs.uk/about/re-hubs-kitemark-training/> Or to book a place use the link: <https://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/register-as-a-place-of-interest/>


- 2. NATRE run ECT webinars for free for subject knowledge monthly. For more details: <https://www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teachers/ect-free-monthly-webinar/>

NASACRE Training Events:



 **25th February 2025, 7-8pm: Being an effective SACRE Clerk**
Free to SACREs who have bought an annual webinar package; £25 for a subscribed SACRE and £35 for a non-subscribed SACRE

 **11th March 2025, 7-8pm: Working on an Agreed Syllabus Conference – supports and processes**
Free to SACREs who have bought an annual webinar package; £25 for a subscribed SACRE and £35 for a non-subscribed SACRE

 **Various dates in April 2025, 6:30-8pm: NASACRE in Conversation**
Free session for any SACREs to attend

To book a place on any session, or to purchase our training package, please email admin@nasacre.org.uk

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NASACRE Training Programme

<https://nasacre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Virtual-training-programme-24-25.pdf>

NASACRE In conversation Event 20th March 2025 6:30 – 8pm: Further Details -

<https://nasacre.org.uk/training-and-support/>