

NASACRE Updates Since July 2025

Key NASACRE Updates & Initiatives

1. Charitable Status & Governance

- On 11 March 2025, NASACRE was registered as a charity (Charity No. 1212494).
- A new constitution was adopted in the process.

2. SACRE Handbook Update (July 2025)

- NASACRE released an updated SACRE Handbook in July 2025.
- Clarifies distinction between statutory obligations and advisory guidance.
- Incorporates guidance on inclusion of non-religious worldview representation (e.g., Humanists).

3. DfE / Non-religious Worldviews Guidance

- NASACRE engaged in debates on representation of non-religious worldviews in SACREs.
- DfE guidance (August 2025) clarified Humanist representation in Group A.

4. NASACRE 2025 Conference & Workshops

- Theme: 'SACREs taking a stand: positive responses to controversial issues.'
- Workshops on RE Quality Mark (REQM), controversial issues, interfaith dialogue.
- Analysis of annual SACRE reports by Dr David Hampshire (2025).

5. Support & Training for SACREs / Members

- Training sessions offered (e.g., 'So, you've joined your local SACRE...').
- Resources and model documents available via 'Managing SACREs'.

6. Subscriber / Member Communications & Briefings

- SACRE Briefings (e.g., Briefing 42, April 2025) continue to be published.
- Subscription encouraged to access resources beyond basic membership.

7. Emphasis on Monitoring, Quality, & Controversial Issues

- Focus on evaluation of SACRE functions via REQM.
- Encouraging SACREs to engage with contentious issues and equitable membership.

8. Engagement with Local SACRE Work

- Local SACRE agendas (e.g., Luton, Kingston) reference NASACRE materials and feedback.
- Model codes of conduct and constitutions circulated by NASACRE.

What to Watch / Potential Future Moves by NASACRE

- Possible advocacy for statutory changes or elevation of RE's status.
- More guidance on non-religious worldview inclusion and equity.
- Toolkits for monitoring/evaluating RE quality.
- Expanded professional development for SACREs.
- Dissemination of case studies on community engagement and curriculum innovation.