



DECEMBER 2009 – JANUARY 2010

SACRE elects Chair and Vice-Chair for 2009-11

**THANK YOU FROM
SUSAN AND
DEBORAH**

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education held its Autumn Term meeting at the Redbridge Teachers' Centre on Tuesday, 9th December 2009



Free Church representative Ian Morris (left) and long-serving member of SACRE was elected unopposed as Chair of the Redbridge SACRE at the meeting. Hugo Whately, Head of RE at Valentines High School and member of the teacher group, was elected as Vice-Chair. Both will serve a term of two years in these roles.

Members, especially those from different faith communities, would also like to see some RE in action as part of their own training and to help them to be better informed about the support schools would like from their SACRE.

If any of you would like to host a visit from two SACRE members, please seek your Headteacher's permission and then contact Deborah at deborah@retoday.org.uk



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On behalf of Susan and myself;
I would like to send a big thank you to all of those involved in RE whom we have met this term for making us feel so welcome. We look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months.

Deborah Weston and Susan Thompson (Associate RE Advisers)



SACRE Conference 2010 – 'Religion, Education and Community'

We are pleased to announce that Joyce Miller has accepted our invitation to deliver the key note speech at the annual conference. Joyce Miller is the former as Head of Diversity and Cohesion in Education Bradford, where she had responsibility for promoting race equality and community cohesion in schools. This included RE, SACRE and the Interfaith Education Centre. She is a RE specialist, has worked in schools in Northumberland and Coventry and in initial teacher education at the University of Wolverhampton and also conducted a research project, based at the University of Warwick, on RE and Community Cohesion.

The provisional date for the SACRE conference 2010 is 23rd June 2010; further details to follow.



Bet Tikva Synagogue welcomes the Secondary Network Group

The session also included a session by Daniel Hugill who is Regional Subject Advisor working with NATRE on supporting schools within Greater London on the New Secondary Curriculum.

Daniel currently works as Teacher of RE and Teaching Development Coordinator at the Coopers' Company and Coborn School in Upminster.

Teachers discussed how Learning Outside the Classroom can play a key role in the revised programmes of study for RE as part of the new Secondary Curriculum.

Teachers shared views about a future programme for the LIG group in the coming academic year.

Learn more about the revised Primary and Secondary Curriculum at <http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/>

PHOTOGRAPHS

Top left – Head of RE; Cory Cambridge from Woodbridge High School and Language College studies the silver breast-plate of the Sefer Torah
Bottom right – Rabbi Hulbert explains how the Sefer Torah is used in Jewish worship in the Bet Tikva Synagogue

This special meeting of the secondary LIG was hosted by Rabbi Hulbert and his wife, SACRE member Fiona, at the Bet Tikva Synagogue, Perrymans Farm Road in Newbury Park. Rabbi Hulbert gave teachers a tour of the synagogue and explained how the synagogue welcomes many eager children on visits every year as part of their Religious Education programme.



Dates for your diary

The next Primary Network meeting will be held on

23rd March 2010

Nightingale Primary School,
Ashbourne Avenue,
South Woodford,
London
E18

The focus will be Creative RE



Thank you to everyone at Manford Primary School in Chigwell for hosting the Primary network meeting. This was held on 17th November 2009.

The teachers present had an interesting discussion about the new local agreed syllabus and the resources they were finding most useful.

They also discussed NATRE – subject association membership and some exciting opportunities that are presenting themselves nationally.

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