

Pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub

Notes and recommendations following this meeting

The pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub met on January 10th and the notes from that meeting are attached.

In order that all 6 SACREs are aware of the actions agreed, progress made, and the discussions needed at the separate SACRE meetings this term, as a result of the Hub meeting, please consider the following at the Spring Term round of SACRE meetings and feed back to Jan Lever as below.

Actions and progress

1. Induction and Training

The Hub members raised the need for induction training for new members as they join SACREs and also for refresher training for any current SACRE members who may like to attend.

The first such session will take place...

In the Council Chamber at Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham
RG40 1 BN (Park in The Paddocks pay and display car park RG40 2AA)

5.45-7pm Tuesday 25th April

Led by Anne Andrews (RE Adviser Oxford Diocese and advisor to Bracknell Forest and RBWM SACREs)

All SACRE members are welcome.

Training materials and documents will be made available to all SACREs.

Could each SACRE please ensure all its members have the opportunity to attend?

Could each SACRE please collate its attendance list and send the complete list to sue@janlevergroup.com who will administer this event on behalf of Jan Lever (Hub manager)

If this event is well-received it may well be possible to hold a similar session each term after the Hub meetings.

PLEASE DISCUSS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SACRE AND FEED BACK AT
NEXT HUB MEETING

2. Annual pan-Berkshire SACREs conference

The Hub discussed the success of the September 2016 SACREs conference. This conference was designed to launch Phase 2 of the Hub 'Crossing the Bridges' Project since receiving funding for this from the Westhill/NASACRE Award.

The Hub was unanimous that another conference at the same venue would be beneficial and this could be to celebrate and report on the success and achievements

of the Project, as well as to outline the progress and process for the agreed syllabus review which will have just started in the Summer Term.

I am pleased to report that the Holiday Inn, Winnersh Triangle, has been booked for the evening of Thursday 28th September, as this venue proved easy regarding transport and provided excellent refreshments etc

The programme will be decided nearer the time but please do encourage all SACRE members to reserve this date in their diaries so we have an even better turn out this year.

PLEASE FEED BACK ANY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE EVENING TO THE NEXT HUB MEETING.

3. Crossing the Bridges Project progress

- **The Directory**

Thanks to SACRE input and the work committed to this by Catherine Jinkerson (Wokingham SACRE), as of 12/2/17 we have 20+ places of worship included in the Directory and more on the way.

This will help schools enormously when the Directory is published online and disseminated in of the Summer Term.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE BEST WAYS TO DISSEMINATE THIS AND OTHER SACRE WORK TO YOUR SCHOOLS.

The Directory Information pages that Places of Worship are asked to complete as their entries into the Directory have been made simpler to fill in. These are now available as Word documents and Catherine has been sending these to prospective hosts with more success.

(attached..PLEASE FORWARD TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED)

- **HOSTS' TRAINING**

The first training session in November 2016 for hosts at places of worship was attended by 15 people and received excellent feedback.

The second of these training afternoons was postponed to:

Thursday 23rd February 2017, 1-4pm at Wokingham Baptist Church, Milton Road, Wokingham RG40 1DE, to give more time for people to come on board after Catherine's communications.

This will be led by Anne Andrews.

(Thanks to Wokingham Baptist Church)

ALL SACRE MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING

Sue@janlevergroup.com

Sue is administering the event on behalf of Jan Lever (Hub Manager)

- **Crossing the Bridges Project 'on location' day**

You will be aware that the Westhill/NASACRE Award has enabled us to run another training day for teachers, taking them to x4 places of worship to learn more about:

- a) those religions
- b) the benefits and practicalities of taking pupils to visit those places of worship
- c) using the Crossing the Bridges teaching/learning materials (each teacher on the trip will be expected to submit an example to the Hub of how they have used these materials with pupils, and these will then be disseminated as examples for other teachers)
- d) the teachers in the area also delivering RE and thereby network effectively.

Photographs will be taken during the day and powerpoint presentations made as teaching tools, and these will be distributed to schools whether they were on the trip or not.

The response has been fantastic, so much so that we have booked a bigger coach. We can now take 33 people to:

Maidenhead Synagogue Slough Baptist Church Slough Gurdwara Stoke Poges Mosque

And we have a waiting list of more people wanting to go.

The plan is to review the Westhill/NASACREard budget and if possible to run a second trip later in the year.

The response shows how needed RE training is and if made accessible (free?) teachers will willingly attend.

- **Westhill/NASACRE website**

We are keeping the Westhill/NASACRE Board informed of our progress with the Crossing the Bridges Project by

- a) **Inviting our Westhill mentor to attend any/all of our events** (I am pleased to say he is able to come on the March 8th CPD day visit to places of worship which will enable him to meet teachers and see the teaching materials being used)
- b) **Sending progress reports to Westhill to post on their website,**
so please see
www.westhillendowment.org
and look under 'Projects that spark', then look under 'Multi-faith projects'
and you will find our pan-Berkshire work.

- **Agreed syllabus review process**

The process will begin later in the Summer Term 2017.

Schools will be offered a questionnaire to give their feedback and this will be discussed at the Summer Term network meetings where possible.

All 6 SACREs have agreed to fund the review process by giving £1700 and invoices will be sent out shortly from Wokingham Borough Council which will hold and manage this funding.

The review proper will begin September 2017 and the 28th September conference will launch this.

I hope this summary shares with all 6 SACREs the work being initiated and progressed through the pan-Berkshire SACRE Hub.

Please feel free to feed back any thoughts, comments and ideas to me directly

I look forward to the next Hub meeting and to continuing to take this work forward with you.

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