

# RE MATTERS

## The RE Adviser Report

### *Autumn Term 2018*

#### RE Networks

##### PRIMARY NETWORK

This took place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Durham Leadership Centre between 1.00 and 4.00 pm. 45 primary RE leaders attended. The programme included:

- practical activities to engage pupils in deep learning in RE e.g. Map from Memory
- Agreed Syllabus update and consultation
- Big Picture planning for units at KS1 and KS2

##### SECONDARY NETWORK

This will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Durham Leadership Centre from 1.15 until 4.30 pm approximately. This network is for leaders of RE in secondary schools and will include presentations about the new GCSE in Religious Studies.

##### RE SPECIAL FOCUS NETWORK

A new network is being held this year across all subjects. This RE network is for any teachers of RE in secondary schools. Three meetings will be held across the year (one each term) and the focus will be on the use of literacy within RE. Reference will be made to the handbook 'The Literacy Journey' produced by Education Durham last year. We will focus on the guidance and advice given in this publication on embedding oracy, writing and reading in RE. It is anticipated that this will lead to some practical classroom-based research, which can be shared widely between schools. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 4.15 until 6.00 pm.

#### NASACRE

NASACRE has requested information from all SACREs about the funding they receive. They are trying to build up a picture of funding across the country and inconsistencies in how different SACREs are supported and are able to fulfil their functions effectively. Data will be published anonymously.

#### Agreed Syllabus Revision

Durham now has contracts to work with three other local authorities to revise their Agreed Syllabus for RE: Hartlepool, North Tyneside, South Tyneside. These Local Authorities will adopt and adopt the newly revised Durham Agreed Syllabus. The contract includes professional advice (from myself as the RE Adviser in Durham), support at the Agreed Syllabus Conference meetings, editing and revising the Syllabus and holding launch/training events for schools.

The latest NASACRE newsletter (Issue 20) requests information from SACREs who may wish to help other Local Authorities revise their Agreed Syllabus for RE – "NASACRE is aware that many Agreed Syllabus Conferences may wish to adopt and adapt to local contexts an Agreed Syllabus from another SACRE area, rather than write their own. Other SACREs may have a syllabus that they are eager to share either for a payment or for free. In order to facilitate this, we are planning on including a list of available Agreed Syllabuses in future SACRE briefings.