



PAN-BERKSHIRE SACRE HUB

MINUTES 13-12-2021

Attendance: David Rees, Stephen Vegh, Madeline Diver, Angela Hill, Gareth Barnard, Christine Isles, Sue Elbrow, Karen Butler, Anne Andrews

Apologies: David Taylor, Beth Rowland

The meeting opened at 4pm

Item 1: Update on filming

- The notes on the Catholic films have just been completed and will be reviewed.
- Two more filming sessions have happened: one at the Sunni Mosque in Reading and the other at the Reading Hebrew Congregation
- Both organisations have asked to view the films prior to public release and the synagogue have requested that no individual names should be shared. This is in line with current practice, where the name of the community, but no individuals, is published in the acknowledgements document on the NATRE website.
- Mark Laynesmith and Barbara Meaney attended the filming sessions. SACRE hub voted to give Barbara £50 for the extra help she has given, and the distances travelled in supporting the project.
- Angela Hill to check with NATRE that they are happy to add the extra films as they are available

Item 2: Further films

- Suggestions for further films were discussed and it was proposed that humanist, Baha'i and Buddhist communities be contacted in the first instance.
- A question about whether to include a humanist perspective was raised and the conclusion was that it was appropriate as unlike many other atheists, humanists have an organisational structure that gives them a voice. Most local SACREs have a humanist representative who can be approached to assist.
- ML to contact Baha'i, AA to contact humanists and DR to approach Buddhists.

Item 3: Syllabus survey results

- The survey has received about 50 replies, when the test answers are removed. The results have revealed a wide range of opinions and experience among the teachers that have answered. This includes confusion between the syllabus and a scheme of work and a lot of new RE leaders who are not familiar with the syllabus.



- The link for hub members to access the syllabus is included in the accompanying email to these notes.
- As some LAs were seriously underrepresented in the survey, the decision was taken to continue the survey after Christmas, sending a fresh email around the 2nd or 3rd week of January
- ML is going to add a link to the syllabus into the survey

Item 4: Syllabus review next steps

- The next step therefore is to reissue the survey in January, including a fresh covering email that sets out some of the key findings from the survey so far. This will also include a link to the syllabus, and to the Ofsted RE Research Review and Ofsted Education Inspection Framework.
- DR, AH and AA will write an article for all SACRE newsletters setting out the difference between a syllabus and a scheme of work.
- This will be shared with SACREs at the beginning of January for all to send out in their newsletters.
- The survey will run until February half-term, giving people sufficient time to respond.
- The next steps will be decided after this, as the situation remains unstable, not rushing to begin work on the review.

Item 5: AOB

- AH asked if the film of the launch of the Real People, Real Faith video series was in the public domain. The suggestion was made to host it on the Pan-Berkshire SACRE BlogSpot and the film has been sent to ML to upload.
- There were no further issues raised

The meeting closed at 5pm.