

Hackney SACRE APPROVED Minutes of meeting: Summer Term 11/06/25

MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Name	Notes	Attendance
1. Religious Faith Groups	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	No Apology received
		Jain/Hindu	No Apology received
		Hindu	No Apology received
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman	Islam	No Apology received
			Apology
	Naftali Loewanthall	Judaism	Apology
		Sikhism	No Apology received
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	Apology
	Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa	Methodist	No Apology received
	Paul Kaufman	Humanist	Attended
	Ivor Millman	Judaism	No Apology received
2. Church of England	Louise Ritchie	Church of England	Attended
3. Teachers	Sandra Hall	NEU	Attended
	Sheena Merchant	NEU	Attended
	Michelle Byrne	NEU	No Apology received
	Mariam Oriola	NEU	No Apology received
	Brenda Humphreys	NASUWT	Attended
	Linn Thorsen	NASUWT	Attended
4. Local Authority	Lynne Troughton (Cllr)	Councillor	No Apology received
	Ifraax Samatar	Councillor	No Apology received
	Cllr Simche Steinberger	Councillor	No Apology received
	Cllr Patrick Pinkerton	Councillor	Apology
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor	Attended
	Claire Ramalli	Adviser	Attended
Observer	Damien Parrott	Observer	Apology
Potential Member	Hiral Patel	Buddhist	No Apology received

Chair: Sandra Hall **Advisor:** Claire Ramalli, Hackney Education **Clerk:** Jo Murray, Hackney Education

No.	Item
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies
1.1	No introductions needed
1.2	The board received two resignations from Rumana Rafique (CR to email) and Nirmal Hirani (SH to email)
1.3	ACTION - CR/SH to email members who have resigned and ask for replacements.
1.4	Minutes of the previous meeting (12.03.25) Approved with no amendments
1.5	Actions and Matters outstanding (see action item list (updated)) 3.6 - CR followed up with an email to the school and is yet to receive a response. 5.3 - Report confirmed as sent 10.1 - Funding for stories circle has not yet been confirmed
2.	Member Presentation 'My World View'
2.1	Paul Kaufman who is the Chairperson of East London Humanists and a member of Humanist UK presented on Humanism with a presentation named Understanding Humanism. The presentation included stats on different beliefs with people identifying as no religion being the most common and what no religion means. Highlighting that Humanism is a very old view giving examples of Confucius and Greek philosophers. The presentation detailed values/golden rules of Humanism such as behaving nicely and acknowledging others and appreciating the natural world. These values are created using evidence and reason on a scientific basis. The presentation highlighted that these values are often shared amongst faiths even if the basis differs. The presentation highlighted that a Humanist can not be identified easily via clothing or places of worship, Humanist life events such as weddings and funerals are common practices. The presentation also detailed Humanists who are well known in our society.
2.2	The board gave thanks to PK and questioned if Hackney schools had asked him to present to pupils - Yes, schools have approached East London Humanists which is positive
2.3	Linn Thorsen confirmed she would like Paul to visit Clapton, PK confirmed this was possible reporting his discussion in schools is very pupil led.
2.4	The board asked PK what directed him to become a Humanist , PK confirmed that world events and the irrational reactions to them had directed his thoughts, confirming it was highly personal to him.
2.5	The board asked if there were sufficient resources for schools to teach Humanism in school - PK confirmed Humanist UK provides CPD courses for

2.6	<p>teachers and provides resources. CR confirmed the resources were of high quality and confirmed Hackney teachers have access to resources via the shared drive.</p> <p>The Board thanked Paul for his informative presentation.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>Sharing Good Practice on the new local agreed syllabus-pupil voice-Linn Thorsen, SACRE member and RE Lead from Clapton Girls Academy to present</p> <p>The presentation can be found here</p> <p>Linn Thorsen presented to the board an evaluation of the new Hackney Agreed Syllabus, the evaluation was completed using year 7 and 8 pupils providing a pupil voice. The evaluation was based around focused units taught in the one lesson a week. The evaluation asked for feedback around how to make the units more engaging and if any topics were not copied.</p> <p>Y7 60 pupils completed the evaluation with The Nature of God being favoured, also covered was Religions in Hackney/The Abrahamic Prophets the board were provided with quotes from the students which were positive. Y7 students also suggested pupils bring in celebration foods</p> <p>Y8 80 pupils completed the evaluation with Death the End being favoured, also covered was Humanism. The units had a strong focus on the Dharmic faiths. The board was provided with quotes from the students which were positive.</p> <p>Overall the new units have been successful and received well by pupils and staff</p> <p>Pupils would like to have covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Religion • More Philosophy • Ying and Yang and other religions • The supernatural <p>The board discussed what pupils had meant by supernatural.</p> <p>Pupils requested more videos and documentaries and computer work. Pupils also mention celebration food.</p> <p>The board asked how long lessons were - 1hr</p> <p>The board asked if whole documentaries were shown such as the Boy that lived before - Yes the full documentary is shown due to the content of the documentary.</p> <p>The board asked if external speakers had been invited - We would like to but have not to date. Focus has been on implementing this year.</p> <p>LT confirmed the syllabus was received well and thanked CR.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>SACRE School visits-update</p> <p>CR confirmed she had met with Damien Parrot around school visits and the approach that should be taken by the LA.</p> <p>As a result CR has contacted schools to say thank you for their support and requested feedback around how schools had implemented the syllabus and also requested schools to confirm if they would be happy for SACRE to visit and obtain pupil voice for the purpose of SACRE being informed, this visit is optional.</p> <p>ACTION - members to confirm to Clerk if they wish to attend a visit</p>

5.	Hackney SACRE-Self-Assessment Toolkit-key
5.1	CR questioned if the document could be slimmed down and refined
5.2	CR discussed updates to areas 2A/2b, questioning if they should remain established. The board discussed pupils results in this year's group agreeing it should remain.
5.3	2C CR suggested moving from established to advanced due to the new local agreed syllabus having planning/knowledge organiser/vocab available. The board discussed the content and agreed the move to advance was acceptable. - APPROVED
5.4	2D CR suggested moving from established to advanced due to a high level of work with schools liaising with them around planning and support being provided directly to schools. The board discussed that engagement with local schools was positive and agreed the move to advance was acceptable. - APPROVED
5.5	2E CR suggested remaining as established as was difficult to monitor and confirm this statement. LT questioned this suggesting it should move to advance due to the support CR had provided, stating this was from a schools point of view. SH questioned if this was SACRE being proactive or was this LA? LR suggested CR share details of liaisons with schools to assist with the decision. ACTION - CR to report on 2E and liaisons to provide clarity at next meetings
5.6	The board discussed the criteria in sections 5A/5B/5C confirming they had remained at established or advanced as work had remained steady.
5.7	The board noted there was a need to fill the vacancies on the board
5.8	NEXT AGENDA - Discuss Section 4 Hackney SACRE-Self-Assessment Toolkit
6.	Local and national Updates Hackney calendar
6.1	CR reported the response was overwhelming with really high standards. CR reported the calendar is now available to print and winners have been informed.
6.2	NEXT AGENDA - Due to lack of attendance the following items will be carried to the next meeting 1. Local network meetings 3. RE Hubs Training Dates: https://www.re-hubs.uk/get-involved/register-as-a-school-speaker/ 4. NASACRE 'In conversation'-feedback 5. NASACRE AGM and virtual workshops-feedback
7.	Any Other Business 1. Including future meeting dates and Agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th November 2025 - In person/venue TBC • 18th March 2026 • 10th June 2026

