

Hackney SACRE Draft Minutes of meeting: 19th November 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Name	Notes	Attendance
1. Religious Faith Groups	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	No Apology received
		Jain/Hindu	No Apology received
	Nirmal Hirani	Hindu	No Apology received
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman	Islam	No Apology received
	Rumana Rafique		No Apology received
	Naftali Loewanthal	Judaism	Apology
		Sikhism	No Apology received
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	No Apology received
	Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa	Methodist	No Apology received
	Paul Kaufman	Humanist	Attended
	Ivor Millman	Judaism	Attended
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	Apology
	Linn Thorsen	NASUWT	Attended
4. Local Authority	Lynne Troughton (Cllr)	Councillor	Apology
	Ifraax Samatar	Councillor	No Apology received
	Cllr Simche Steinberger	Councillor	No Apology received
	Cllr Patrick Pinkerton	Councillor	Apology
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor	No Apology received
	Claire Ramalli	Adviser	Attended
Observer	Damien Parrott	Observer	Attended
Potential Member	Hiral Patel	Buddhist	No Apology received
	Louise Vallentin/Ickburgh School	Observer	
	Mayor Caroline Woodley	Observer	

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

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Education

No.	Item
1.	<p>Welcome made to all who met in person at Clapton Girls Acad, thanks given to the school for hosting.</p> <p>1.1 Introduction Louise Vallentin from Ickburgh School attended as an observer</p> <p>1.2 Apologies Cllr Patrick Pinkerton Brenda Humphreys Lynne Troughton (Cllr)</p> <p>1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting Due to all groups not being represented the meeting was no quorate, it was agreed the minutes would be circulated via email for approval.</p>
2.	<p>Mayor Caroline Woodley- the role of SACREs and community cohesion</p> <p>2.1 The Mayor gave a short presentation of her christian upbringing and career in education which led to her relocation to raise children in Hackney.</p> <p>2.2 The Mayor mentioned recent hate crimes in the country and borough and the need to mitigate these situations. The board discussed the anti racist work being carried out in the community and how the council work alongside faith groups, noting how well anti racist values are embedded into the new RE curriculum.</p> <p>2.3 The Mayor highlighted concerns over exclusion in the borough highlighting projects being embedded across Hackney with regards to re-engagement and alternative provisions. It was acknowledged that teachers across the borough are under pressure and should be very proud overall.</p> <p>2.4 CR asked what additions/recommendations she would like to see in the RE curriculum. The Mayor confirmed that Uniting voices and the representation of all faiths equally is essential for the curriculum. The board agreed that the curriculum should provide a safe space for pupil voice to express opinions and aspects of their faith. The SACRE noted that all faiths are represented in the new curriculum and including some case studies into the curriculum may be beneficial.</p> <p>2.5 The SACRE highlighted that the census data is not as accurate as sometimes believed so to cover all local groups is essential. Discussing the Education Act and the importance of having a wide selection of units to provide choice and ensure that every child is represented. It was agreed that Hackney now has a curriculum that can be built on to create world citizens.</p> <p>2.6 DP reported that he had been into schools to discuss the new curriculum and was inspired by discussions with pupils and staff regarding the new curriculum, stating this was due to CR and her work on the new curriculum.</p> <p>2.7 Members asked the Mayor if she thought incidents of anti semitism were higher in Hackney than elsewhere, The Mayor confirmed it was and believed this was due to that due to the high number of residents of Jewish faith in Hackney.</p>

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2.8	<p>SACRE members noted that further representation of all faiths was needed on the board. Members questioned if there was any way to promote SACRE to other groups such as school governors and councillors..</p> <p>ACTION - DP to discuss advertising SACRE to governors with Maggie Kalnins</p> <p>ACTION - Mayor to approach councillors who may wish to join the SACRE</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>Curriculum and Assessment Review-Final Report</p> <p>CR reported on pages 107-111 which relate to RE, it states that RE was proposed to become part of the national curriculum in 2028.</p> <p>The board discussed the process of integrating RE into the statutory curriculum at all key stages and the level of learning in these stages. Noting it would be beneficial if the importance is recognised and lessons are not tokenised.</p> <p>The board noted the up take up of RE in A-Level and then the applications to and courses offered by Universities. Noting the need to encourage all institutions to value these courses and promote them.</p> <p>CR thanks CGA for accepting a religious studies PCGE student into the school, SACRE agreed if RE is to become part of the national curriculum, specialist teachers need to be encouraged. The board discussed how teachers of RE are usually humanities or PE teachers with a strong pedagogy and curriculum.</p> <p>The Chair commented that alongside the RE curriculum should be an anti racism section. The board discussed how this would support community cohesion. School leaders commented that all schools in Hackney are proactive in anti racism teachings.</p> <p>The board considered where the Oak Academy would sit within the national curriculum. Questioning how the Hackney syllabus aligns with this.</p> <p>ACTION - CR to share mapping document of Hackney syllabus/Oak</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>SACRE School visits-update</p> <p>PK/CR attended Jubilee primary school; the visit included meeting with SLT and discussing the implementation of the curriculum, the board members and school staff considered the time available to them and the depth and breadth of the curriculum. Noting a challenge was to ensure representation of the whole school community in a restricted timeframe. Some resources were also recommended by CR to the school. It was noted how conscientious the school was</p> <p>ACTION - Ensure all schools are aware of resources recommendations made to Jubilee.</p> <p>ACTION - CR to attend EY forums to market new curriculum</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Hackney SACRE-Self-Assessment Toolkit- section 4</p> <p>NEXT AGENDA - move toolkit to next agenda</p> <p>ACTION - CR to collate some examples of collective worship to share with teachers</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p>Local and national Updates</p> <p>Sacre have a budget of £25,000 and details have been shared on the shared drive</p>

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<p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p>It covers admin costs and supports the holocaust memorial programme, this is at 10am 27th Jan at picture house. SACRE members can attend. The budget has allowance for members to attend the NASACRE event in Liverpool</p> <p>Calendar costs were discussed and considered expensive despite being lower than past years. The SACRE discussed the possibility of trading the calendar.</p> <p>A local networking event has been held at the London Buddhist center and was attended by representatives across the borough and deemed successful.</p> <p>RE Hubs Training Dates and NASACRE training dates can be found in the shared drive</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>Dates for future meetings confirmed as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18th March 2026-online• 10th June 2026-online