

## Hackney SACRE Draft Minutes of meeting: 04/06/24

### MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Name	Notes	Attendance
1. Religious Faith Groups	Hasan Bolucek	Alevi	No Apologies
	Priya Reid	Jain/Hindu	No Apologies
	Nirmal Hirani	Hindu	No Apologies
	Sheikh Yasar Zaman	Islam	Apologies
	Rumana Rafique		Apologies
	Naftali Loewanthall	Judaism	In Attendance
	Raj Dharma	Sikhism	No Apologies
	Justin Madubuko	Catholic	In Attendance
	Pastor Joycelyn Dankwa	Methodist	In Attendance
	Paul Kaufman	Humanist	In Attendance
	Ivor Millman	Judaism	In Attendance
2. Church of England	Louise Ritchie	Church of England	In Attendance
3. Teachers	Sandra Hall	NEU, Chair	In Attendance
	Sheena Merchant	NEU	In Attendance
	Michelle Byrne	NEU	No Apologies
	Nasima Ephraim	NEU	In Attendance
	Brenda Humphreys	NASUWT	In Attendance
	Linn Thorsen	NASUWT	In Attendance
4. Local Authority	Lynne Troughton (Cllr)	Councillor	In Attendance
	Ifraax Samatar	Councillor	No Apologies
	Kam Adams (Cllr)	Councillor	In Attendance
	Lee Laudat-Scott (Cllr)	Councillor	Apologies
	Sade Etti (Cllr)	Councillor	No Apologies
	Claire Ramalli	Adviser	In Attendance
Observer	Anton Francic	Observer	In Attendance
Potential Member	Hiral Patel	Buddhist	Apologies

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

No.	Item
1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b> Apologies accepted
2.	<b>Minutes of the 31st January 2024 approved with no amendments</b>
2.1	<b>Actions/Matters Arising</b> It was confirmed that the annual report was submitted with acknowledgement received.
2.3	SACRE members confirmed that providing further training for schools around the syllabus would now incur a cost, LA (AF) confirmed that they had not had any requests for further training but agreed it was necessary to ask schools.  <b>ACTION - CR to contact schools</b> <b>ACTION - AF to signpost schools at Heads meeting</b>
3.	<b>Local Agreed Syllabus update</b>
3.1	CR shared some images from the syllabus launch and gave an overview of the speakers/Panel. It was noted Hackney LA are the 2nd LA to include Alevi section in our curriculum.
3.2	<b>Members discussed the Hackney student who spoke noting she has been offered a place at Oxford University to study religion/philosophy and theology. Members agreed it was a positive event and the speakers confirmed including the Alevism section was necessary and extremely positive.</b>
3.3	It was reported that the two training events since March 2024 had been attended by over 20 schools with attendees feeling reassured of the curriculum content. The board noted 22/39 maintained primary schools have attended along with 4 non maintained schools.
3.4	The Chair reported that training was positive and commented that she was inspired by the questions raised by attendees. It was confirmed that two training events/network meetings remain, CR has provided these free of charge in order to engage as many schools as possible.  <b>ACTION - CR to reach out to those schools have not attended</b>
3.5	<b>PK enquired if the sessions had received feedback, CR/SH confirmed feedback was positive and attendees left inspired and keen to move forward. CR confirmed an evaluation was sent to attendees.</b>  <b>ACTION - CR to consider evaluations and report next meeting.</b>
3.6	LT gave thanks to the SACRE advisor on behalf of all the Hackney teachers. This was echoed by other members of the SACRE board.

3.7	<p>CR raised the RE calendar competition confirming the theme was 'unity' with 100 entries, CR shared the winning images with the board. All schools that entered had at least one winner.</p> <p><b>ACTION - Faith members to check dates by end of week</b></p>
3.8	<p>CR provided details of how to become a local speaker. More qualified local speakers would enable schools to attend local places of worship. The place of interest with the local speaker also receives accreditation.</p>
3.9	<p><b>BH reported on the local faith forum and provided an overview of the forum</b> and the positive work being done in Hackney, including work to reduce poverty/deprivation and support those with mental health. Reporting that many faiths from across Hackney were represented to exchange knowledge and ideas. Brenda reported that members of SACRE are welcome to attend meetings, members confirmed this would be a useful tool.</p> <p><b>ACTION - CR to circulate dates of the meetings</b></p>
3.10	<p>CR raised roles and responsibilities previously shared with members to discuss. <b>Members approved the description to be included into the constitution.</b></p>
3.11	<p>CR presented the SACRE self assessment toolkit section 3 and highlighted key points raised during the rating process. CR noted this is not a legal document but guidance. <b>Members discussed the positive rise in the rating and questioned if in coming years Y7 teachers could be included in the rating.</b> CR confirmed she intends to survey teachers in order to monitor the effectiveness of the syllabus.</p>
4.	<p><b>National Updates</b></p>
4.1	<p>CR reported that in April a report named the Deep and Meaningful -The RE Subject Report was published and noted some areas that LA's could improve the teaching of RE within schools. CR reported that she believed Hackney be progressive in most of the points. <b>Members noted that through the new syllabus most of the points are covered.</b></p>
4.2	<p><b>NASACRE AGM updates</b></p> <p>CR informed members of the content of the AGM and shared a video for members to view. The video covered the importance of <a href="#">RE education to future employers</a>. CR shared the <a href="#">call to action link with members</a> who discussed the validity of the video agreeing the evidence provided in the video was not being explicit enough to encourage students to study RE. CR thanked members for feedback.</p>
5.	<p><b>Review constitution (2020 version on shared drive)</b></p>
5.1	<p>CR raised roles and responsibilities previously shared with members to discuss. <b>Members approved the description to be included into the constitution.</b></p>
5.2	<p><b>Members discussed overall attendance of meetings with the current constitution and how to approach members who regularly non attend.</b></p> <p>Members discussed recruitment of new members and how members should find a replacement from the faith group of which they are a member. If the member is</p>

5.3	<p>unable to find a replacement the Chair should then reach out.  <b>Members agreed for the Chair to email members asking if they wish to remain with the aim to retain members.</b></p> <p>Members discussed the conviction of those who have been members since 1980</p> <p><b>Action - Chair to contact individuals copy clerk and advisor to discuss attendance</b></p>
6.  6.1	<p><b>Hackney's guidance on the right to withdraw from RE</b></p> <p>CR questioned if the guidance on the agreed syllabus P87 was detailed enough, reporting that SACRE guidance points to the LB Newham guidance as best practice. <b>Members discussed examples of situations where guidance is needed and various approaches. Members discussed the need to consider this in detail agreeing it should be on the next agenda.</b></p> <p><b>NEXT AGENDA - Hackney's guidance on the right to withdraw from RE</b>  <b>ACTION - LR/CR to share examples of guidance available.</b></p>
7.	<p>Presentation by Nirmal Hirani on Hindu faith (Carried over)</p>
8.	<p><b>Dates for future meetings</b>  20.11.24- In person meeting at William Patten Primary  12.3.25 - online  11.6.25 - online</p> <p><b>ACTION - Chair to confirm if in person meeting can be hybrid</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Any other business.</b>  <b>None</b></p>