

Welcome to the Hackney Agreed Syllabus

A note from the Hackney SACRE Chair

During the drafting process there was extensive consultation with the principal stakeholders, who included representatives from the local religion and belief communities, Hackney teachers, local Councillors and the Local (Education) Authority. All are supportive of the central principal of this syllabus: that Religious Education in schools using the syllabus should not advocate any particular religion or belief but should extend pupils' knowledge and understanding of religions and beliefs. Religious Education taught in accordance with this syllabus contributes strongly to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, whether or not they are from a religious background.

The process of syllabus development has made significant contribution to religious and racial harmony and promoting a better understanding of our community, as well the nature of Religious Education. It has also been purposefully designed to celebrate the effective teaching and learning of Religious Education in our Hackney schools, as well as the cultural and religious and worldview diversity in Hackney, and the terminology used has been carefully selected to be respectful and inclusive of all and in accordance with Section 10 Equality Act 2010.

The syllabus was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted by the Agreed Syllabus Conference, in accordance with the Hackney SACRE's vision statement:

“The members of Hackney SACRE seek to ensure that all pupils in our schools are educated to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally and morally in a way that enables them to understand and value themselves and others and to better cope with the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of living in a rapidly changing, multicultural world.”

It is the responsibility of the Local (Education) Authority and Hackney Learning Trust to convene and support the Hackney Agreed Syllabus Conference and Hackney SACRE. SACRE and the Hackney Agreed Syllabus Conference have established effective working relationships with the Hackney Learning Trust and look forward to continuing to work together in partnership for the benefit of Hackney children and young people.

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