



REach

Denbighshire and Conwy SAC/RE Newsletter

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HELLO

and welcome to REach, the newsletter supporting the work of Denbighshire and Conwy's SAC/REs. This is our third edition. The first edition explained the role of purpose of SACRE and need for a newsletter, you can access the first edition [here](#). The Welsh Association of SACREs published 'Handbook for SACRE members in Wales' is a helpful guide providing details about the purpose and role of a local SAC/RE.

Our second edition provided key information about the new Locally Agreed Syllabus written to align with the introduction of a new Curriculum for Wales. [Click here](#) to access the 2nd edition. This edition also included information on the Agored Exploring Worldviews qualification, the St Giles Centre and a post 16 resource called Challenging Religious Issues.

For information about the RVE and the Curriculum for Wales 2022 please watch this 35 minute [training session](#) organised by Denbighshire Local Authority.

Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE): what's new?

The Welsh Association of SACREs worked in partnership with Welsh Government to produce a suite of Professional Learning modules on RVE in the new curriculum. There are 5 modules:

- [Module 1: early years](#)
- [Module 2: primary](#)
- [Module 3: secondary](#)
- [Module 4: additional learning needs](#)
- [Module 5: headteachers](#)



All the modules are designed to develop an understanding of the changes to RVE in the Curriculum for Wales as they relate to the relevant settings. They will help teachers feel confident, inspired and motivated to approach these changes within their specific schools or settings.

The modules support teachers to interpret the RVE guidance in a purposeful and practical way and they will allow practioners to identify opportunities to translate the

RVE guidance in a suitable way for learners.

All the modules have been written by people working within the relevant settings. They contain clear information about:

- the changes in the curriculum;
- the key aspects of the new curriculum;
- a definition of 'non-religious philosophical convictions';
- case studies.



Right to Withdraw

There is no right to withdraw a pupil from Religion, Values and Ethics, but parents with children receiving the current Religious Education (e.g. 10 and 11 in Sept 2024) will continue to have the right to withdraw their child from RE. This may result in parents withdrawing a year 10 learner but not withdrawing a child in year 7. Denbighshire SACRE have created guidance to support schools with changes regarding this legislation. [Click here](#) to access this guidance.

National and Regional Training Resources

National and Regional Professional Learning is available for all aspects of the Curriculum for Wales 2022. To access national sessions focusing on progression in the Areas of Learning and Experience can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



To access the GwE training materials click below:



- 1) Considerations of the Mandatory elements, principles of planning and designing your curriculum. [Video Slides](#)
- 2) Developing a shared understanding of the learning continuum, planning and assessment and pedagogical approaches to humanities. [Video Slides](#)



Denbighshire and Conwy SAC/REs are members of the Welsh Associations of Standing Advisory Councils/ for Religious Education. The purpose of WASACRE is to provide a forum for the exchange of good practice and to represent the aims, work, and views of its member SACs / SACREs.

Established in 1995, WASACRE provides member SAC/REs with the following support:

- Advocacy and Representation**
 - Putting the views of SACs forward
 - Working for the interests of SACs
 - Raising the profile of SACs
- Advice and Support**
 - Listening to the needs of member SACs
 - Offering trusted advice from experts in Wales
 - Identifying and engaging with opportunities and challenges
- Networks**
 - Enabling the sharing of experiences and practise
 - Building bridges across Wales and beyond
- Relationships and Partnerships**
 - Engaging with national and international organisations
 - Facilitating national initiatives and projects
- Empowering Voices**
 - Supporting SACs with consultation responses
 - Keeping SACs updated on relevant developments
 - Encouraging participations in national conversations
- Trusted Resources**
 - Statutory RVE guidance
 - National professional learning resources
 - Advisory documents
 - WASACRE conferences
- On the Pulse**
 - Well-informed and experienced Officers
 - A broad and dedicated Executive Committee
 - Up to speed with latest developments

To access the current Agreed Syllabus and resources supporting RE and collective worship please join our North Wales Religious Education Hwb Network... <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/d8tfh3> and/or our the Conwy or Denbighshire Microsoft TEAMS. Please email lordp2@hwbcymru.net for more information.

The WASACRE conference 2024 included an in-person conference day held on 13th June and a series of online seminars. The conference day, held at Wrexham University, provided delegates with keynote talks from Graham Donaldson, Lynne Neagle MS (Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Bishop of Llandaff, Rt Revd Mary Stallard. Attendees were able to choose from a selection of workshops from teachers and RVE professionals celebrating good practise in the Curriculum for Wales.



All the keynote sessions were recorded and can be accessed from the WASACRE website.

Schools belonging to WASACRE member SAC/REs can access the following webinars for free. [Click here](#) for access details

Pre-conference online seminars

Seminar 1 (23.04.24) An introduction to SAC / SACRE: What do you need to know? Donna Graves and Hayley Jones

Seminar 2 (30.04.24) What does RVE look like in the early years setting? Sue Hughes and Libby Jones

Seminar 3 (07.05.24) Developing empathy through story in the nursery setting Phil Lord

Seminar 4 (14.05.24) Approaching RVE planning: Having regard to the RVE Guidance Libby Jones

Post-conference online seminars will be available soon.

Future Newsletters We would like to include articles showcasing good practice for RE and Collective Worship across North Wales. If you like to contribute to REach please contact LordP2@hwbcymru.net

