

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2018

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS: UPDATE

At the last Newport SACRE meeting there was discussion about the lack of opportunities for professional development. A letter was sent from SACRE asking schools if they would be willing to form networks as an opportunity for discussion on RE curriculum matters and also to share materials and resources.

As regards **secondary education** the primary concern of schools was with matters related to delivery and resourcing the new GCSE specification and some schools are ready to share resources.

Recommendation

That SACRE contact the secondary schools with a view to setting up a meeting at Caerleon Comprehensive in the Summer term 2018 during the examination period to provide the opportunity to develop and share resources and materials. Those schools who have offered to share materials be asked to take a lead for this initial meeting.

As regards **primary education** the response was very low and there was no particular offered to share materials. The RE Consultant, Mrs V Thomas, has made enquiries and been informed of grants that could be accessed for curriculum development for RE both primary and secondary.

There is a Learn, Teach. Lead RE initiative in England (supported and funded by the Culham St Gabriel Trust and the Jerusalem Trust) and a bid can be made for a Network Group. This can also apply to Wales. Colleagues working within EAS (Gill Vaisey and Paula Webber) are willing to explore the facilitating of arrangements, make a bid and arrange Professional Development sessions for schools in the EAS Consortia. The monies can be used over two year period and could include the development and /or purchase of resources as well as training.

In addition Monmouth SACRE faith representatives are looking to develop their transition sessions with schools with the intention of organising an event soon on a Consortia basis. This will need to be organised in co-ordination with EAS CPD

Recommendation

To pursue talks with EAS colleagues on the organisation of CPD in RE for schools.

RESPONSE FOLLOWING LETTER TO SCHOOLS RE NETWORKING SESSIONS

SCHOOL	SLIP RETURNED	YES/NO
Bassaleg		
Caerleon Comp	22/11/17	Interested in teaching and learning resources for new GCSE spec
John Frost		
Llanwern High	15/1/18	Head of RE (Wendy Edwards) – interesting in attending networking sessions
Lliswerry High		
Newport High	14/11/17	Head of RE - interested. Has bank of resources & assessment for sharing. Has been examiner for last 13 years.
St Julians	28/11/17	Head of RE – Interested. Currently working on Islam in new GCSE
Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed		
Total responses	4	

SCHOOL	SLIP RETURNED	YES/NO
Alway	24/1/18	Rev Batt (teacher assistant) – parents invited regularly to assemblies. Classes leading worship. Pupil engagements, liaise with local church
Caerleon Lodge Hill	18/11/17	Joint RE Coordinator - interested
Charles Williams		
Clytha		
Crindau		
Eveswell		
Fairoak		
Gaer		
GlanUsk		
Glasllwch		
High Cross	23/11/17	Interested in sharing any good practice
Kimberley		
Langstone		
Llanmartin		
Lliswerry	6/2/17	Weekly assemblies linked to SEAL themes & religious festivals. Multi cultural & Christian assemblies included weekly basis. Cultural Diversity week celebrated. (Helen Wood)
Maes Ebbw	16/11/17	RE Coordinator interested
Maesglas		
Maindee		
Malpas Court		
Malpas Park		
Marshfield		
Millbrook		
Milton Inf		
Milton Jnr		
Monnow		
Mt Pleasant		
Pentrepoeth		
Pillgwenlly	29/11/17	Currently developing curric to align with Humanities as outlined in successful Futures document.
Ringland	14/11/17	Head of RE interested
Rogerstone		
Somerton		
St Andrews		
St Julians		
St Woolos		
Tredegar Park Primary	22/1/17	RE Coordinator very interested
Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd		
Ysgol Gymraeg Ifor Hael	13/11/17	RE teacher on maternity leave but interested in sharing sessions
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon		
Total responses	9	