

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report for Information

<b>Title:</b>	The National RE Celebrations
<b>Presented to:</b>	SACRE
<b>Presented by:</b>	The Director of Children's Services
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**1) Purpose of Report:**

- 1.1 This report provides SACRE with a summary of the meetings of the SACRE sub group established to address Hampshire's contribution to the National RE Celebrations in March 2011 and a report about some of the contributions Hampshire schools are making to the celebrations month.

**2) Contextual Issues:**

- 2.1 This paper supports the Corporate Strategy (maximising well being) by ensuring children's provision in religious education is secure.
- 2.2 The sub group has met on three occasions.

**3) The RE Celebrations:**

- 3.1 A letter of encouragement and support, approved by and on behalf of SACRE, was sent to all head teachers, chairs of governors and RE subject leaders in all Hampshire schools at the start of the spring term. Schools are encouraged to share their ideas and activities through their local press and via the County RE learning platform (RE Moodle). See <http://hias.hants.gov.uk/re>
- 3.2 • An afternoon inset is planned at Connaught School for heads of History and RE and Senior Leadership Teams in the Rushmoor area to explore the historical, cultural and religious complexity of the Nepalese communities in relation to Hampshire. This event is called "Meet the Gurkhas" and will take place on 29 March .

- The Head of RE at Fernhill school has developed work with his students about issues relating to radical Islam using drama as a medium.  
As a result of this successful approach a workshop has been organised for GCSE students and their teachers from other schools to explore these issues. This is taking place at Fernhill School on 7 April and up to 70 students are anticipated to take part .
- An Interfaith Youth Conference for students aged 14 – 17 is planned to take place at the University of Winchester on 5 April.
- A virtual display of primary pupils' RE work is planned for the reception area in Elizabeth II Court.
- A number of Primary schools are planning to produce displays of pupils' work within the local community, such as local Church or village hall. A number of Secondary schools have confirmed plans to celebrate RE month.
- A "Question Time" event is planned in Portchester Community College involving key members of the local community and members of faiths to answer students' questions. This idea is being promoted in other secondary schools in the county with the intention that SACRE members might be able to sit on the question panels for some of those events.

3.3 The Hampshire Press Office has been informed about the RE Celebrations month.

**4) Recommendations:**

**That SACRE notes the report and SACRE members consider contacting their local schools to offer support during RE Celebrations month .**

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location