

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report for Information

Title:	The National RE Celebrations
Presented to:	SACRE
Presented by:	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 meeting of the SACRE sub group established to address Hampshire's contribution to the National RE Celebrations in March 2011.

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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 meeting was held in the county RE Centre on 8 October.

3) The RE Celebrations:

- 3.1 Several members of the group have volunteered to seek suitable display locations for showcasing children's and young people's RE work, such as Winchester Guildhall, Andover Library, the Discovery Centre in Winchester, Winchester University, QE11 Court Building and the United Reform Church in Winchester.
- 3.2 The group produced a letter with the recommendation to SACRE that it is sent to all Hampshire school head teachers and chairs of governors. (Appendix 1)
- 3.3 The group recommends that Hampshire Press Office are informed about the forthcoming RE Celebration month.
- 3.4 The group seeks to develop some collaboration/networking with other SACREs or organisations and departments such as SCOFF, Hampshire Independent Equality Forum, Department for culture, community and rural affairs and local Universities.

4) Recommendations:

- i) That SACRE notes the report.

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

Proposed letter for head teachers and chairs of governors.

For over thirty years Hampshire has been recognised, both nationally and internationally, as offering some of the most innovative and inspirational Religious Education in the country. Hampshire has been an influential voice in the national discussion about the importance and development of RE and in the recent OFSTED subject report 'Transforming RE' published June 2010, Hampshire was noted as ensuring exceptional and outstanding provision for Religious Education.

We have a great opportunity to show case Hampshire RE in the National 'Celebrating RE Month' during March 2011. For details of the National 'Celebrating RE Month' and information about competitions and suggestions of activities please link to www.celebratingre.org. See also Primary RE News Autumn 2010 page 5 – 13.

In the run up to March 2011 we encourage schools, communities and faith groups to fully participate and collaborate in this celebration. This can form part of your school's ongoing review of RE and will benefit the whole school and its engagement with the wider community.

We hope you have already started planning and we look forward to receiving your ideas by sending them to the RE centre so that they can be shared and disseminated via the RE Moodle/website..

It would be wonderful to see displays from Hampshire children and young people in schools and public places such as Libraries, supermarkets and village halls and also places of worship. This is an opportunity to invite the local press to help in raising awareness of RE in your local community.

We thank you for your continued support and development of RE which has contributed to its good reputation at a national level. We look forward to celebrating your success with the subject throughout the month of March.