

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
13th February 2013

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of People

The SACRE Awards and the SACRE Lecture

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To report on the SACRE Awards and the SACRE Lecture 2012.

2 Summary

2.1 The SACRE Awards are held annually to celebrate achievement in RE.

2.2 The SACRE Lecture is held annually as an opportunity to discuss an issue of relevance to teachers of RE.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the report and make any recommendations regarding these two SACRE initiatives

4 Background

4.1 At the last meeting members were alerted to the dwindling numbers of schools being involved in these two initiatives. With the current educational backdrop and the changing nature of schools, education and Emma Jardine's role at QLS decisions regarding these initiatives need to be agreed.

4.2 Members are reminded that the core aim of the SACRE is to support RE and the teachers delivering it so in order to attract our key audience we will need to plan a programme that they will find relevant and useful.

4.3 The Kingston Centre has been booked as a venue for the SACRE Awards on Monday 8th July 2013. Alternatives can be considered. If members are happy with this as a venue in principle then a further decision will need to be made regarding timings e.g. an afternoon or an evening event. These decisions can then be taken to representatives of Friends of Faith at their next meeting to discuss the workings of a joint celebration.

4.4 Members are asked to put forward names for a speaker at the SACRE lecture. Members are also asked to discuss issues concerning timings (4-6pm is a typical QLS twilight slot) and a suitable venue. The 17th September has been provisionally booked at Kingston. A possible name is Gill Vaisey who is an Early Years RE specialist, owns her own publishing company and will be a huge attraction for our primary schools (our biggest market by far with over 300 schools!). If Gill was available to speak then she could also offer some CPD at the same time.

5 Equal Opportunities

5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 The cost of the Awards have previously been jointly funded by SACRE and Friends of Faith and the cost of the Lecture was met from the SACRE budget.

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