

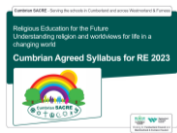


## January 2024

Welcome to the first edition of our new style newsletter. This will be much shorter with the aim to circulate each half term.

**Recruitment, retention and training for RE in secondary schools.** Please can all heads of RE departments complete the [online survey](#) Deadline 31 Jan 2024.

**Is your school aware of the new Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education?**



Nearly 100 teachers attended free online CPD sessions to introduce the new Agreed Syllabus for RE (2023). If you were unable to attend a session, you can watch the recording [here](#). Copies of the slides are available on the Cumbrian SACRE website. See page 2 for links.

## Upcoming CPD

**FREE online governor training** on 30<sup>th</sup> April (6-8pm): *Is your school ready to implement the new Cumbria RE syllabus?* Book via Cumberland School Development

**Disciplinary Approach to RE:** a series of three practical afternoons (1-4pm) for teachers from EYFS to KS3 to support the implementation of the new syllabus. Each session will focus on a different disciplinary approach: *Theology, Philosophy and Human Sciences*. Each series of 3 CPD sessions will be held in Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness. Book via School Development. Cost £50 per session.

**SAPERE Philosophy for Children (P4C) Level 1 course.** This popular 2-day course will be held at Robert Ferguson Primary School on 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February. Book via the [SAPERE website](#) Course ID 6355

## Cumbrian SACRE RE Conference 2024

The main focus of the June conference will be to:

- prepare teachers for implementing the new Cumbrian Agreed Syllabus as a planning tool, exploring supportive resources and assessment practice
- gain fresh insights, strategies and subject knowledge to take away and implement in your own school setting
- understand how RE subject leaders can best monitor standards in RE
- understand how FoRB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) principles can contribute to excellent RE

Key note speaker: RE Today National Adviser, [Julie Diamond-Conway](#).

## Diary Dates 2024

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Theology) *J36 Rural Action Centre*

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Cumbria RE Teachers Group Online Topic - [Strictly RE Conference](#)

**7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** SAPERE P4C Level 1

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Theology) *Greenhill Hotel*

**19<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Philosophy) *J36 Rural Action Centre*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Philosophy) *Greenhill Hotel*

**14<sup>th</sup> March:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Human Sciences) *Greenhill*

**18<sup>th</sup> March:** Disciplinary Approach to RE (Human Sciences) *J36 Rural Action Centre*

**28<sup>th</sup> April:** National MAT Leads RE Network Meeting - download flier [here](#)

**30<sup>th</sup> April:** FREE School Governor CPD. Book via Cumberland School Development

**4<sup>th</sup> June:** Cumbria SACRE RE Conference North Lakes Hotel. Book via W&F School Development.

## #CumbriaSharingRE

**Global Days Calendar for 2024.** Have you checked which religious festivals and celebrations you can link to your RE planning this year? Download the free calendar and use the extensive [website](#). A key date for this month is [World Religion Day](#) on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The [Shap Calendar](#) also provides a detailed selection of religious dates and resources.

**The Jewish Living Exhibition with Holocaust Testimonies** was hosted by Richard Rose Morton Academy in November. Article in the News and Star [here](#). The [exhibition](#) can be hosted at secondary schools in Cumbria. Please contact Abigail Mann [info@jleecumbria.org](mailto:info@jleecumbria.org) to find out more.

**Ambassadors for Faith and Belief (AfABs)** met virtually with KS2 pupils from Ghyllside, Ormsgill and Rockcliffe schools in December. The four Jewish [AfABs](#) are sixth formers from King Solomon's High School in Redbridge. Future events are planned with Muslim and Hindu AfABs for primary schools. Please email [reteacherscumbria@outlook.com](mailto:reteacherscumbria@outlook.com) to be kept informed of future events.

**Hinduism Education Services** visited Grayrigg C of E and Asby Endowed schools last term to support curriculum planning and provide classroom experiences. More information [here](#).

**Congratulations to the RE and Philosophy Department** at William Howard School for being the first secondary school to achieve the SAPERE Philosophy for Children (P4C) departmental Bronze award. Information about SAPERE P4C Awards [here](#).

**Young Ambassadors for Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)** started last term with Queen Katherine and Grayrigg as lead schools in the [North West](#). Exciting plans underway to connect with the [Quaker Tapestry Museum](#) in Kendal.



**Cumbria RE Teachers local group online** - as part of Inter Faith Week 2023, [Cumbria RE teachers](#) met virtually with local Baha'i, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox Christian, and Humanist school speakers. This was an excellent way to build relationships between speakers and teachers to enable visits to schools as a legacy to the CDEC/Cumbria SACRE [VVRE Project](#). All school speakers are [RE Hubs Accredited](#). The next meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm.



The RE Hubs is the new 'one-stop shop' for all things RE. See the [North West section](#) of the website to **upskill** yourself through CPD, news, blogs, research, grants or find opportunities to **enrich** RE in your classroom through accredited school speakers, places of interest and local groups.

**The Life Exhibition** - the story of Jesus, kids style is coming to Cumbria in March 2024 (Barrow & Ulverston). More information about the exhibition [here](#).

**Cumbrian SACRE websites** with statutory and non-statutory guidance for RE and Collective Worship.

### Cumberland Council

<https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/childrens-services/schoolsandlearning/lis/sacre.asp>

### Westmorland & Furness Council

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lis/sacre.asp>

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