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Circulation of this newsletter is continuing to increase and reach more RE teachers across Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness. You can still read our previous newsletters from [January](#) and [March](#) on the SACRE page of each council website.

Cumbrian SACRE Development Plan 2024-2029: Over the past year, a SACRE working group has carried out a self-evaluation and a new development plan for 2024-2029 is nearing completion. The new plan has five aims and will be available on the SACRE website pages. As well as an aim around evaluating the implementation and impact of the new Cumbrian Agreed Syllabus, another aim is for SACRE to promote improvement in the provision of **Collective Worship**. We will soon be contacting headteachers to complete an online survey to inform our planned programme of CPD and development activities for Collective Worship.

Cumbria RE Teachers Group: The next focus of this free online group will be on **assessment** starting at 4pm on 18th April. There will be an opportunity to share best practice and to consider new models for assessing substantive and disciplinary knowledge. Please [sign up](#) to this group to ensure you receive associated resources.

There will be a meeting for RE teachers in very small primary schools on Tuesday 2nd May at 4pm. The focus of this session will be on long term planning of RE with three or more year groups. Sign up [here](#).

Disciplinary Approach to RE: We concluded our series of CPD on Theology, Philosophy and Human Sciences organised last term. In Spring 2025, we will be running a repeat of these sessions covering all three disciplines in one day.

Secondary School Survey: Last term we carried out an online survey with secondary schools across both Councils. The survey gathered data about the proportion of specialist and non-specialist RE teachers across different key stages. You can read a summary of the survey [here](#). You might consider using this summary as a starting point for discussion in your RE Departments.

Spotlight on upcoming CPD

FREE online governor training on 30th April (6-8pm): *Is your school ready to implement the new Cumbria RE syllabus?* Information and [booking](#) here.

Cumbrian SACRE RE Conference on 4th June 9-4pm with RE Today National Advisor, Julia Diamond-Conway. Detailed programme [here](#) and booking [here](#).

Diary Dates 2024 (*Book via School Development unless otherwise specified*)

18th April Cumbria RE Teacher Group 4pm. Focus: Assessment

28th April: National MAT RE Leads Network Meeting - download flier [here](#)

30th April: FREE School Governor CPD. *Is your school ready to implement the new Cumbria RE syllabus?*

2nd May: Cumbrian RE Teacher Group 4pm Focus: Long term planning for classes with 3 or more year groups

21st May: FREE SAPERE Consider P4C and RE. Book [here](#)

22nd May: Spirituality, RE and Good Learning in Secondary School with Lat Blaylock (Chorley) More information [here](#).

4th June: Cumbria SACRE RE Conference 9-4pm North Lakes Hotel, Penrith

3-7 June [Life Exhibition](#), Carlisle Cathedral

Use #CumbriaSharingRE

How does your school share your RE learning with the wider community? Do you use social media, school newsletters, website or local news?

Congratulations to the Jewish Living Exhibition organised by **Richard Rose Morton Academy** for winning the best event of the year at the **Diverse Cumbria Awards 2024** in March. Cumbrian SACRE held their last meeting at the school and it was a privilege for members to hear from students about the powerful impact of the exhibition on them. United Learning Trust shared a [news report](#) on their website.

Long Marton School shared their recent visit to the Sikh Gurdwara Siri Guru Singh Sabha in Newcastle on [Facebook](#) and in their [school newsletter](#). You can book a visit to the gurdwara and other places of interest via the RE Hubs North East via RE Hubs North East [here](#) and North West [here](#).

Grayrigg CE Primary and **The Queen Katherine** schools featured in their [local newspaper](#) after a visit to the Quaker Tapestry Museum in Kendal. This visit is part of a wider project for Young Ambassadors for RE with a focus on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) and is featured on the AREIAC [website](#).

Fairfield Primary School shared their visit by Baha'i speaker, Karen O'Donoghue for World Religion Day in January on [Facebook](#).

Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary shared their visit by Jewish speaker Shelia Gewolb on their [school website](#) and were also visited by Baha'i member, Karen O'Donoghue.

Keswick School shared their recent panel of faith and belief panel for sixth formers on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Please **share your RE school news** links with reteacherscumbria@outlook.com

Opportunities and resources

Meet Hindu Ambassadors for Faith and Belief (AfAB): Following the success of 10 Cumbrian KS2 classes virtually meeting with Muslim AfFAB sixth formers in March, there will be an opportunity to meet with Hindu AfABs this term. Details will be shared via the Cumbria Teachers RE Group. Please sign up to the group [here](#).

SAPERRE Thinking Together in Science and RE: Free resources and webinar recordings available [here](#).

Cumbria Virtual Voices in Religious Education (VVRE) [Sign up](#) to access free resources with 100+ 'talking heads' from religions and worldviews in Cumbria.

Edge Hill University RE Summer School. Application deadline 13th May at 12pm. More information [here](#).

Brand new **virtual tour of Conway Hall** by Humanist Heritage. Full of people, objects and stories. Access the tour [here](#).

See the [North West section](#) of the RE Hubs website to **upskill** yourself through CPD, news, blogs, resources, exhibitions, research, grants or find opportunities to **enrich** RE in your classroom through accredited school speakers, places of interest and local groups. Download the new **Overcoming Religious and Worldviews stereotypes Toolkit** in the [free resources](#) section.

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

Cumberland Council [website](#)
Westmorland & Furness [website](#)

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