

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

IDEAS for SACREs CELEBRATING RE



This article provides ideas to raise the profile of RE in schools, faith communities and the wider local and national communities.



Make the Celebrating RE website one of your 'Favourites'

and suggest to your RE subject leaders that they do the same so that everyone is able to access the treasure trove of available resources.



Consider setting up your own local SACRE competition

– make this as local as you can and don't forget to include all the schools in the area. This is a chance to forge closer links for example with Academies or local independent schools.



Plan a series of 'Open House' visits to your local places of worship

Working in partnership with faith members of SACRE, their local communities and your local Inter Faith Group. Look at the Interfaith Group article for further ideas.



Devise some religious trails with each host community along each trail sharing their space and hospitality with school groups and with teachers and other adults.

Helping each other to plan these and produce a leaflet to organise the trail is a good way to get to know each other better.



Work with local schools to help them plan Inter faith days.

This could be a chance for students to experience visits to and from their local communities and to find out at first hand why good inter faith relations are important. You may need to CRB check a number of faith members and perhaps to have a training session beforehand to make sure there are a number of willing helpers for these events and that everyone is comfortable speaking with children from different age and ability groups.



Plan a 'Meet the SACRE' event

Host an event where teachers can come along, meet each other and meet SACRE to find out more about SACREs work and to share how the partnership between schools and SACREs can be developed further. You could share food, set up faith exhibits, arrange some entertainment or a talk and perhaps even do a 'speed dating' session where people move around meeting each other very quickly as an ice breaker.



Join with other SACREs for a shared event

You could link together in a big 'spotlighting RE' event perhaps at a local place of worship, RE Centre or school. This could be a chance to showcase some of the good RE that has been going on in your LA.



Work towards establishing something to encourage the wider community to be reflective somewhere in your area.

In partnership with a local school you could take the opportunity to show why you believe knowing about each other's faiths and beliefs is an essential part of education through, for example, a piece of artwork specially commissioned for the event.