

Lincolnshire SACRE

Meeting – 14 November 2017

Report of the Diocesan RE Adviser on matters taking place in the Diocese

RE support in schools and academies around the Diocese of Lincoln continues to focus on the nationally-accredited training for the Understanding Christianity resource. Around 65% of all church schools in the Diocese and a small number of non-church schools are now using the resource and report that it is having significant impact on pupils' religious literacy.

The Diocesan RE Adviser recently led workshops at the North Lincolnshire SACRE conference on religious literacy and continues to work with both the North and North East Lincolnshire SACREs to encourage all schools and academies to meet their legal and funding obligations in relation to RE.

The Diocesan RE Adviser has recently co-authored a chapter in a new book, *We Need to Talk about Religious Education*, which was published on the 18th October 2017. This book contains a number of manifestos for the future of RE; the chapter co-authored by the Diocesan RE Adviser focuses on the practical application of a balanced RE curriculum to help teachers develop pupils' religious literacy.

The Diocesan RE Adviser was quoted in the Commission on RE's interim report, *Religious Education for All*. She continues to make submissions to the Commission and is actively encouraging RE teachers and subject leaders in this region to submit their own thoughts about and experiences of RE to the work of the Commission.

The Diocesan RE Adviser is in the process of seeking funding for two major RE-related projects: the first is the continuation of the successful *REConnecting Lincolnshire* project, which boosted school and community religious literacy through interfaith community theatre; the second is a proposal for action research focused on the transition from KS2 to KS3 in RE - this project will be run jointly with the RE Hub based at Bishop Grosseteste University.

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