

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
17 November 2010
Report of the Director of Children's Services
Interfaith week November 21-27th

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To brief members of SACRE on the planned events for Interfaith week November 21-27th

2 Summary

2.1 Staffordshire Education Transformation Division in association with partners will be offering opportunities for Staffordshire schools throughout interfaith week.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the summary and note its contents.

4 Background

4.1 Members will be briefed on all events which are taking place. A summary is attached to this paper.

5 Equal Opportunities

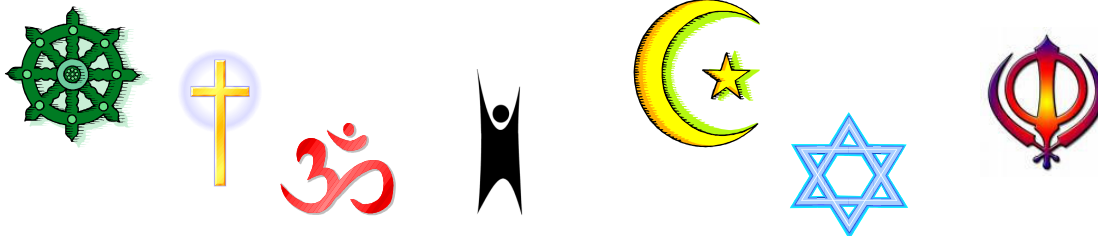
5.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Council's policies on equal opportunities.

6 Financial implications

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications

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Inter faith week 21st – 27th November 2010

How can my school get involved?

This year we are pleased to offer a range of exciting opportunities for Staffordshire schools. Schools can invite a person of faith to come and speak to students in school, take their pupils to visit a faith building or visit the 'Explore Islam' exhibition.

People of faith:

The following people have offered to visit Staffordshire schools during this year's Inter faith week to contribute to lessons and/or lead assemblies:

Baha'i- Frankie Durairatnam: Contact Frankie by e-mail on frankietdr@hotmail.com

Christianity- Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf Contact Michael by e-mail on prebmetcalf@hotmail.com

Judaism- Paul Lewis: Contact Paul on 01782 214352

Christian- Sam Phillips: (Tuesday – Friday) Contact Sam on 01785 242631
Email sam@msyn.org.uk

Buddhist- Dr Laow Panyasir: Contact D. Laow on 01543 472315 or ajahn@watthaiuk.com

Places of faith:

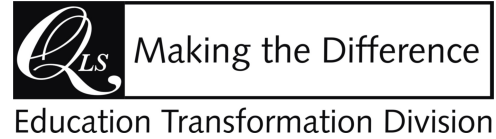
Paul Lewis will be opening the Stoke on Trent **Synagogue** for pre-arranged visits during Inter faith week. Contact Paul on 01782 214352

Stafford's Sikh **Gurdwara** on Tithe Barn Road will be opening its doors to schools on the 23rd and 25th of November. If you would like to arrange a visit please see the attached flyer.

Explore Islam will be taking place at Staffordshire University during Inter faith week. If you would like to arrange a visit please see the attached flyer.

For further information on these and many more available opportunities see the '**visiting speakers**' and '**places to visit**' sections of the Staffordshire RE website:

<http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/Curriculum/Subjectareas/ReligiousEducation/>



Staffordshire University, Stafford Muslim Community Centre and Staffordshire Education Transformation Division

Invite Staffordshire schools
to

Explore Islam

Staffordshire police buildings, Cannock road, Stafford ST17 0QG
22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th November 2010

Members of Stafford Muslim Community Centre will lead this opportunity to explore Islam and to answer any questions.

- Learn about Muslim beliefs and values
- Follow the route of the pilgrimage
- Find out about life in a Muslim home

The exhibition is especially suitable for pupils in Key Stages 2 and 3
With notice, special arrangements can be made for students in Key Stage 4 and Post-16

Allow approximately 90 minutes per visit

Places are limited. Please use the slip below to book
Time slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

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I would like to book a time slot for the 'Explore Islam' exhibition at Staffordshire police buildings, November 2010

Name:

School:DCSF no:

Contact no:

Preferred date:

22 nd Nov		23 rd Nov		24 th Nov		25 th Nov		26 th Nov	
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Preferred time:

10.00		1.15	
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Number of pupils/students: Year Groups:

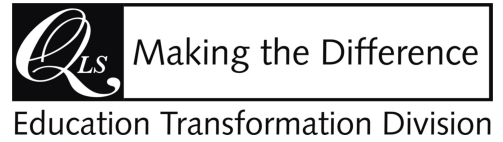
Signed:

Schools will be contacted following the closing date whether or not their application has been successful.

Please return by fax (01785 256193), email (emma.senior@staffordshire.gov.uk) or post to:
Emma Senior, The Kingston Centre, Fairway, Stafford ST16 3TW
by Friday 5th November 2010



**Stafford's Nanaksar Gurdwara and
Staffordshire Education
Transformation Division**



Invite Staffordshire schools
to

Discover Sikhism

Nanaksar Gurdwara, 90 Tithe Barn Road, Stafford, ST16 3PQ

23rd and 25th November 2010

Members of Sikh Gurdwara will lead this opportunity to discover Sikhism
and to answer any questions.

**Take a tour around the Gurdwara
Learn about Sikh belief and practice
Share in the langar**

The exhibition is especially suitable for pupils in Key Stages 1, 2 and 3
With notice, special arrangements can be made for students in Key Stage 4 and Post-16

Points to note: In keeping with Sikh practice, all visitors will be offered a drink and food (usually a biscuit). Appropriate permissions will need to be arranged. Girls and boys will need to cover their heads. Head coverings will be available for all at the Gurdwara. If visitors prefer to bring their own, then a scarf is appropriate. Shoes must be removed just inside the main door. Adults should dress respectfully. Sikh women would cover their arms and legs, but modest clothing (trousers or a long skirt) is appropriate for visiting women. There is no problem if children's arms and legs are not covered however this could be a good learning point to discuss. It is likely that visitors will need to sit on the floor, so loose, comfortable clothing is helpful. The Gurdwara can accommodate 60 people. A donation to the Gurdwara is not required. However if schools wish to make a contribution, it is suggested that 50p per pupil up to a maximum of £25 would be acceptable.

Allow approximately 60 minutes per visit

Places are limited. Please use the slip below to book
Time slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

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I would like to book a time slot for '**Discover Sikhism**' at the Nanaksar Gurdwara, Tithe Barn Road, Stafford, November 2010

Name:.....

School:.....DCSF no:.....

Contact no:.....

Preferred date:

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