

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and**  
**Communities**  
**Update on the Explore-Engage-Reflect legacy Westhill/NASACRE project**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To present SACRE members with reports on

**2 Summary**

2.1 Update on the Explore-Engage-Reflect conference originally supported by Westhill/NASACRE. This report shows how this work now continues in a revised format to support learners in Staffordshire in their exploration of Christianity and Islam.

**3 Recommendation**

3.1 That members of SACRE receive the reports

**4 Background**

4.1 During the year 2017-2018 SACRE received a grant from Westhill/NASACRE to launch the new Staffordshire Agreed Syllabus for RE through a conference entitled Explore-Engage-Reflect. Youth Net in conjunction with the Entrust Minority Ethnic Advisory Service (MEAS) team have taken this forward and are providing support and resources and workshops on Christianity and Islam, for those schools who choose throughout Staffordshire. SACRE have committed funds from the 2018-19 budget to support this work further

**7 Equal Opportunities**

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

**8 Financial implications**

8.1 SACRE has provided funds from its budget to further support the project so that more Staffordshire learners receive the opportunity to engage with this project. Costs that need to be covered is the input from Entrust MEAS team to support the learning on Islam. This would then keep the costs down for Youth Net and therefore the costs for schools. If funds allow SACRE need to consider whether they are willing to provide support for this project going forward.

**Update on the Explore-Engage-Reflect legacy Westhill/NASACRE project**

Mary Gale has facilitated the further exploration of this project and will continue to monitor the impact over the next month.

The release of SACRE funds to support the project has proved more complex than was originally thought.

All this has had to be clarified first through numerous emails with various departments.

Michael Metcalf and Mary have met with Tim Moss from SCC to clarify budget issues regarding this and other future projects.

Mary has encouraged schools to take part in the project and supported the MEAS team and Youth Net, liaising with Alison Way, in sourcing schools that are willing to engage.

Mary has invited the MEAS team to share their expertise at two networking meetings to enable further engagement. At present four schools have expressed an interest.

The next project day is the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> February at Doxey Primary Stafford for KS 1 pupils and then 27<sup>th</sup> February at St Chad's in Newcastle under Lyme- this has been booked for a full day for KS 2 pupils approximately 150 pupils.

It is hoped that the additional projects will take place in the near future.

Watch this space!