



January 2025

Cumbrian SACRE Conference 2025: we are looking forward to welcoming RE Today Adviser, [Ian Nicholson](#) to our next conference on Tuesday 17th June at North Lakes Hotel. The full programme is now available [here](#).

Cumbrian SACRE annual survey: as part of our new [development plan](#) for 2024-2029, we are formalising when we carry out an annual RE and Collective Worship Survey. This will be sent out to all primary and secondary schools each spring term. The link will also be included in the March newsletter.

North West RE Ambassadors: In November, RE Ambassadors from Grayrigg C of E Primary and The Queen Katherine School took part in an interfaith discussion event as part of [UK Parliament Week](#). They posed questions to a panel which included [Daniel Greenberg](#) who is the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and [Josh Cash](#) who is the Lead Consultant for Advocacy for Culham St Gabriel's.

In December, pairs of Year 10 pupils from 10 secondary schools from across the North West took part in an event organised by the North West SACRE Hub. Schools from Cumbria included: Cartmel C of E, Netherhall and The Queen Katherine. Discussion groups were facilitated by trainee RE teachers from Edge Hill University. The RE Ambassadors from The Queen Katherine made a presentation about how they are championing RE in their school and more widely. More detailed information and photos about both of these events can be found on the [AREIAC Project page](#). If you are interested in setting up an RE Ambassador group in your school please contact northwest@re-hubs.uk Plans are being made to host a similar event for Year 5 pupils with ITT students in the Spring term.

Collective Worship CPD: Forty-eight headteachers and teachers attended the free online CPD on improving the quality and provision of Collective Worship in October and November. If you missed this training, you can view the recording, access the slides and SMSC toolkit [here](#). The next free online CPD date for Collective Worship/Inclusive Assemblies will be for school governors on 29th April at 6-8pm. Book [here](#) (W&F)

Inter Faith Week 2024: classes from All Saints, Orgill and Silloth primary schools met virtually with three Y12 Sikh Ambassadors for Faith and Belief (AfAB). A session was also held for RE Hubs school speakers to interact with the RE Teachers in Cumbria group. You can access the recording of this event [here](#). (Meeting 6)

CPD & events 2025 (*Book via School Development or use link stated*)

20 Jan: Online crash course in Philosophy with John Semmens Book [here](#) (W&F)

23 Jan: Fixing RE in Key Stage 1 with Sarah Dennis and Gill Vaisey Book [here](#).

4 Feb: SAPERE Consider P4C and RE(free & online) 2-3pm Book [here](#).

6 March 2025: Disciplinary Approaches to RE, Kendal Book [here](#) (W&F)

13th & 14th March 2025: SAPERE Level 1 Foundation Course at the Quaker Tapestry Museum, Kendal. Book [here](#) (W&F)

21 March 2025: Disciplinary Approaches to RE (Cumberland), Wigton. Book [here](#).

29th April 2025: FREE School Governor CPD Improving the Provision and Quality of Collective Worship/Inclusive Assemblies Book [here](#) (W&F)

17th June 2025: Cumbrian SACRE Conference. Info [here](#). (Cumberland)

RE Teachers in Cumbria (online) group: the next meeting focus is **RE and Literacy**. Date to be arranged. Join the group [here](#).

Religious festivals and global days: can be a meaningful and inclusive part of collective worship or assemblies. Resources on the hyperlinks.

- 6 Jan [Epiphany](#) (Christian)
- 18 Jan [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)
- 19 Jan [World Religion Day](#) (Baha'i)
- 20 Jan [Martin Luther King Day](#) and [here](#)
- 27 Jan [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)
- 29 Jan [Chinese New Year](#) (festival)
- 1 Feb [World Hijab Day](#) and [here](#)
- 12 Feb [Darwin Day](#) (Humanist)
- 1-7 Feb [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#)

See the **RE Hubs Calendars** [page](#) or book an accredited RE Hubs [school speaker](#).

ARC Summit Creator Lab: calling Black and Brown 12-25 year olds. New Youth Project Manager, Pragma will be hosting a meet-up on 1st Feb in Keswick (30 places). More information to share with pupils [here](#).

#CumbriaSharingRE: SACRE actively encourage schools to showcase examples of RE & Collective Worship/assemblies on social media, press, school newsletter or website. Please [email](#) Jane Yates for inclusion in future newsletters or share on the closed [Facebook RE group](#).

Heron Hill School have updated their [RE page](#) on their school website in line with the Cumbrian Agreed Syllabus for RE (2023).

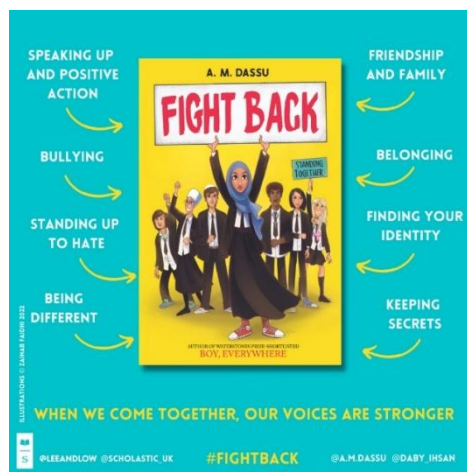
Netherhall School Y10/11 GCSE students visited St Thomas' Church and Newcastle Central Mosque and shared on [Facebook](#).

Morland C of E School Year 3 pupils welcomed Shelia Gewolb who [shared](#) her lived experience as an Orthodox Jew.

William Howard School welcomed Buddhist nun [Gen Khalsang Lhachog](#) from the Uma Kadampa Buddhist Centre in Carlisle to Year 11 GCSE RS and Year 7 RE lessons.

Beacon Hill Community School also welcomed Gen Khalsang Lachog to RE lessons and shared on [Facebook](#).

The Queen Katherine School welcomed author A.M. Dassu of '[Fightback](#)' – a novel exploring what it means to be a Muslim today. The school shared this joint initiative by the English and Religious Studies Department on [Facebook](#).



RE Hubs North West: view the [website](#) to **upskill** yourself through CPD, blogs, exhibitions, grants or the termly [newsletter](#). Find opportunities to **enrich** RE in your classroom through accredited [school speakers](#), places of interest & teacher groups. Explore the new [RE films](#) section which not only includes the Cumbria VVRE Project but also the new **Tower Hamlets School Speaker Resource**.

Community cohesion and interfaith: SACRE Chair, Karen O'Donoghue (Baha'i) gave a presentation about SACRE at an event organised by AWAZ and the Cumbria and Westmorland and Furness Diversity Equity and Inclusion Partnership (WFDEIP). SACRE members have been taking part in activities organised as part of Carlisle One World Centre's (COWC) Bridging Faith Communities Year. Jane Yates (SACRE RE Adviser) and Mohammed Dhalech (Muslim) joined the [Carlisle Faith Community Walk](#) and Rashmi Ranemi (Hindu) joined the [community meal](#). Mohammed also attended the celebration of [Mitzvah Day](#) at Rose Castle.

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

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

Facebook: [RE Teachers in Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness](#) 177 members

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