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South West Conference for SACREs

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Monday 4th March, 2019: 9.45am (for a 10.15 start) to 4.00pm

DILLINGTON HOUSE, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9DT

Cost: £55

A National Plan for RE: Opportunities and implications for SACREs?

The Commission on RE has now published its recommendations on the future of RE. That report has been accepted by the REC in full. We are delighted that Rudi Lockhart Eliot (Chief Executive Officer of REC), Joyce Miller (one of the CoRE Commissioners), Paul Smalley (Chairman of NA-SACRE), will visit the region to discuss the report and its implications. One of which is that SACREs should become Local Advisory Networks for Religion and Worldviews. Why did they reach this conclusion and what are its implications? Will this enhance or diminish the roles of SACREs.

We also have 3 very important workshops from which delegates can choose. We think delegates are going to want to visit more than one of these workshops, so will be running them twice.

Workshops include:

- **Claire Clinton: 'Making your SACRE work for you'.** This workshop will provide plenty of case studies and ideas for how a SACRE can support RE in schools in their areas, whether you have a budget to use or none
- **Deborah Weston: 'How can SACREs fulfil their monitoring role effectively?'** In this workshop Deborah will discuss some of the common misconceptions about the authority of SACREs in relation to monitoring RE. She will share some examples of how SACREs can identify and respond to both good practice and non-compliance in schools including academies.
- **Katy Staples: 'Increasing religious prejudice post Brexit: widening participation'.** This workshop will report on the rise in parents objecting and withdrawing their pupils to visits to places of worship. Using case studies from the Bristol Muslim Cultural Society and Bannerman Rd Progressive Synagogue; we will consider the responses of SACREs and their advice to schools.

To book your place please inform your **SACRE Clerk**, with any dietary requirements; or for further information please contact: Andy Midwinter, Associate Adviser for RE in Somerset at: apmidwin@gmail.com