

Dear SACRE Members

Following our September Work Shops, thank you for all the very useful feedback on the proposals for Religious Education contained within the Humanities Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE).

Work is now progressing on drafting the new Supporting Framework for Religious Education with the aim that this will be published in January 2020.

Building upon the success of the current National Exemplar Framework for Religious Education the new framework will provide further detail about how the What Matters statements included in the Humanities AoLE could be achieved in relation to Religious Education. This new guidance will be developed nationally with the aim that it will be adopted or further developed to form a locally agreed syllabus for Religious Education.

The purpose of this new framework guidance (like the current National Exemplar Framework) will be to support local authorities and ASC's when they are reviewing their locally agreed syllabi. It will be this new framework that will then be put forward for consideration by the ASC's for them to make their recommendations to their local authority.

Welsh Government have secured the services of Libby Jones and Paula Webber to assist with the development of this new supporting framework. The working group of participants to support this work has been drawn up from:

- Practising teachers of Religious Education
- Pioneer Schools
- Religious Education bodies in Wales, other relevant bodies (from England and Wales)
- Religious Education experts, academics and professional associated all of whom bring a wide range of expertise to the commission of this new supporting framework. This also includes practitioners from Welsh and English medium schools, and from across the four Consortia regions.

The draft work of the Humanities group will be published on the 30th of April for ongoing co-construction and comments which will be shared with the group before the final version is published in January 2020.

The Curriculum for Wales 2022 has been designed by teachers for teachers and shaped by experts from Wales and across the world. The period from 30th April is the opportunity for all schools and every teacher to test, refine and contribute to the next stage of curriculum development.

There will be an extensive period of engagement with the profession and wider civic society between 30 April and 19 July in order to refine the draft to get it ready for national roll out from September 2022.

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Kind regards

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