



Widening Inclusion in Religious Education

The WIRE Award: What is it?

This is a free award offered by Sutton Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) to recognise schools and teachers dedicated to ensuring that Religious Education provision is broad and inclusive.

The WIRE award aims to encourage all Sutton schools to be increasingly proactive with Religious Education, to widen their doors, to make an impact and become more inclusive.

The award:

- works on a tri annual basis
- requires schools to complete four simple elements
- is free to schools
- supports British Values

We want all schools to feel they can apply for and achieve this award. All schools should be able to achieve the award and receive a certificate confirming their commitment to **'Widening Inclusivity in Religious Education'**.

This project seeks to encourage and support good practice in Religious Education through rewarding schools which:

- take students / staff on visits to places of worship and ensure they meet members of a variety of faith communities
- encourage members of staff to attend and benefit from further training through Religious Education CPD
- go the extra mile in RE by entering an RE competition or arranging an RE-related event during the school year

Sutton SACRE looks forward to hearing from RE subject leaders or headteachers whose schools meet the criteria.

There are four elements that have to be completed within an academic year and must be supported by the required evidence at time of application (please see page 3 for more details). Schools may apply for an award on an annual basis, and the award would endure for 3 years.

Where possible a SACRE member would like to present award certificates personally in school.

SACRE: Who are we?

The WIRE award is being run by Sutton SACRE – the Standing Advisory Council for RE. This statutory body holds responsibility for advising the Local Authority on matters to do with Religious Education and Collective Worship in Sutton Schools and can offer support to all schools.

SACRE wants to encourage all schools to develop their RE provision in positive and outward-looking ways. The WIRE award is one way in which it hopes to do this.

OFSTED view the provision of quality RE as vital in realising the potential of a child and this award will undoubtedly assist a school in clearly demonstrating the high standard of their delivery.

The Wire Award – How to complete your application and evidence

Please request a word document WIRE Award Application Form and WIRE Award Evidence Table from the Clerk to SACRE – penny.garry.clerk@gmail.com

To register that you intend to complete the award, please send in your application form by email to Claire Ramalli, RE Consultant to Sutton SACRE, clairereconsultancy@gmail.com

When you have completed the four activities listed below, please send in your WIRE Award Evidence Table to Claire Ramalli, RE Consultant.

- 1.** Attend an RE conference / RE course / RE network meeting.
 - 2.** Take a group of pupils to visit a Christian place of worship and meet members of the Christian community who worship there.
 - 3.** Take a group of pupils (or staff) to visit a place of worship belonging to a faith other than Christianity and meet at least one community member.
- Or** Arrange for pupils to welcome someone belonging to a faith other than Christianity to school as part of a series of lessons on that faith.
- 4.** Arrange an RE event in school, or locally, which includes aspects of more than one faith, or focuses on a religion or worldview not held by most of the school.
- Or** Enter a Competition to do with RE.

Note: signatures can be handwritten onto the word document and it then scanned and saved before sending to the RE consultant.

SACRE meets once a term and final submissions from a school will be looked at during the next SACRE meeting after they are sent.

Criteria/evidence for the WIRE Award:

1. Attend an RE conference/ RE course/ RE network meeting.	<p>This could be an RE conference run in Sutton, or London, or a national one, such as those run by NATRE.</p> <p>It could be a locally run RE course but if it takes place in your own school it should not be within a staff meeting.</p>
2. Take a group of pupils to visit a Christian place of worship and meet members of the Christian community who worship there.	<p>This visit could be to a local parish church or chapel but a visit to name parts of the church, or hunt for historical items, is not sufficient, neither is a visit for a service e.g. Harvest or Christmas Carols.</p> <p>The visit must involve meeting a Christian minister or member of the community using the place for worship. It should involve engagement with the key beliefs and practices of Christians.</p>
3. Take a group of pupils (or staff) to visit a place of worship belonging to a faith other than Christianity and meet at least one community member <i>OR Arrange for pupils to welcome someone belonging to a faith other than Christianity to school as part of a series of lessons on that faith</i>	<p>This visit could be to any place of worship from another faith e.g. Sikh Gurdwara, Hindu Temple, Jewish Synagogue, Muslim Mosque, Buddhist Temple. The visit could involve taking pupils but could also be a staff trip to improve teacher background knowledge. It must involve interaction with one or more community members and conversation about key beliefs and practices.</p> <p>An alternative is to invite a member of a faith community to come and share a lesson with pupils. This should involve pupils sharing their learning about the visitor's faith so far and asking questions which take their learning further. A 'flying' visit with no preparation or follow-up will not count as we are looking for impact</p> <p>Schools are recommended to use the services of Sutton SACRE and any local Interfaith group contacts to assist them in identifying suitable places of worship in their area.</p>
4. Arrange an RE event in school, or locally, which includes aspects of more than one faith, <u>or</u> focuses on a religion or worldview not held by most of the school <i>OR</i> <i>Enter a Competition to do with RE and submit a brief report to SACRE</i>	<p>This could be any RE focused event in which the pupils are invited to explore aspects of faith as expressed locally and nationally.</p> <p>Alternatively, schools might design and report on their own RE competition provided it draws on more than one religion.</p> <p>A member of SACRE may be available to attend any award ceremony the school hosts that recognises pupil involvement and achievement.</p>



The Wire Award – Application Form

To register for this award, please complete all sections on this application form and submit it by email to Claire Ramalli, RE Consultant to Sutton SACRE:

clairereconsultancy@gmail.com

When you have completed all of the required four elements, please then save/scan in your document and submit the WIRE Award Evidence Form to Claire in the same way.

The award will be considered at the next termly SACRE meeting.

Name and full postal address of school:	
Name of Headteacher:	
Name and role of staff member applying for the WIRE award:	
Contact e-mail address of above:	
This application is for the 12 months period between:	and
Date of Registration of Intention:	

The Wire Award - Evidence Form

Please note: SACRE is looking for evidence not essays.

Name of School			
Contact Name		Contact Email	
Date of Submission			

Element	Evidence required
1. Attend an RE conference/ RE course/ RE network meeting.	<p>Title and venue of course / conference/network meeting:</p> <p>Date of course:</p> <p>Copy of course certificate with appropriate name shown OR signature of course leader OR headteacher.</p> <p>I certify that _____ attended the above conference / course / meeting.</p> <p>Name: _____ Signature: _____</p>
2. Take a group of pupils to visit a Christian place of worship and meet members of the Christian community which worships there	<p>Name of Christian Place of Worship visited:</p> <p>Date of visit: _____ Class details – year group and numbers: _____</p> <p>Brief details of what took place i.e. RE context of visit, impact on pupils / link to report on school website:</p>

<p><i>pupils to welcome someone belonging to a faith other than Christianity as part of a series of lessons on that faith</i></p> <p><i>Useful website for RE Speakers here:</i></p> <p><u>School Speakers</u></p>	<p>Name of visitor: _____ Date of visit: _____</p> <p>Class details – year group and numbers:</p> <p>Brief details of what took place i.e. RE context of visit, the impact it has had/link to details on school website:</p> <p>Brief comment (or extract from email) and signature from member of the community present or head's signature</p> <p>Name/Position: _____ Signature: _____</p> <p><i>Additional information e.g. photo or brief report or copy of thank you letter from a child is welcome. Photos of children's follow-up work or sharing of children's questions also welcomed.</i></p>
<p>4. Arrange an RE event in school, or locally, which includes aspects of more than one faith, or focuses on a religion or worldview not held by most of the school</p>	<p>Brief description of the event: _____ Date of Event: _____</p> <p>Please attach a short report on the event, preferably written by pupils or recorded in pictures, a scrapbook or as a video / or provide website link to such details:</p> <p>You could also invite a member of SACRE to attend, if so ask them to comment/sign below:</p>

