

MERTHYR COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: NOVEMBER 4th 2014

SUBJECT: RE NEWS WEBSITE

The Welsh National Centre for RE had previously administered the RE website

<http://www.religious-education-wales.org>

RE News was supported by donations from Local Authorities, Bangor University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. However, from **September 1st 2014** the website will be funded by the two universities and it is no longer necessary for LAs to financially support the website.

The website will now be available free of charge to anyone who wishes to use it.

It is suitable for both primary and secondary schools and is fully bi-lingual.

SACRE has been asked to ensure that all members of SACRE and teachers in the LA are aware of this exciting new development.

Schools and SACREs are asked to continue to support the website by contributing articles, both large and small, about what is going on in the RE world in Wales and beyond.

Rachel Bendall, RE tutor of the PGCE Secondary Course at Swansea Metropolitan/ Trinity St David University will now take responsibility for the website by her email address rachel.bendall@sm.uwtsd.ac.uk

All articles to be submitted to **Sali Roberts**, editor at Sali@patshyn.fsnet.co.uk

The last day of the month is the deadline for articles/ pictures/ reviews/ examples of good practice and if possible to be sent bilingually. (Bangor University can translate but this will result in a delay in the article reaching the website)

RECOMMENDATION

For SACRE to inform all schools of the website and encourage schools to submit articles.