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Dyma amgau'r dogfennau perthnasol ar gyfer cyfarfod CCYSAGauC ar 19 Mehefin 2013. Cychwynir y cyfarfod am 10.30yb gyda coffi ar gael o 10yb ymlaen. Rydym yn anelu i orffen erbyn 3yp.

Cynhelir y cyfarfod yn y Cyngor Chamber, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor Caernarfon, Stryd Shirehall , Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1SH. (amgeir cyfarwyddiadau).

Yn ddiffuant,

Libby Jones
Ysgrifennydd CCYSAGauC

5 June 2013

Dear Member

I enclose the relevant documents for the WASACRE meeting on 19 June 2013. The meeting begins at 10.30am with coffee available from 10am, and will finish around 3pm.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Caernarfon Council Offices, Shirehall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1SH. Travel directions are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Libby Jones
Secretary to WASACRE



**Cyfarfod CCYSAGauC, Newport, 22 Mawrth 2013 /
Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Newport, 22 March
2013**

<p>Ynys Môn / Anglesey Rheinallt Thomas Eurfryn Davies Bethan James</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent Gill Vaisey</p> <p>Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr / Bridgend Edward Evans Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Caerffili/ Caerphilly Vicky Thomas Michael Gray Enfys Hawthorn Martyn Western</p> <p>Caerdydd / Cardiff Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire Mary Parry Helen Gibbon Gwyneth Thomas</p> <p>Ceredigion</p> <p>Conwy Phil Lord Nicholas Richter</p>	<p>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire Phil Lord Gavin Craigen</p> <p>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire Phil Lord</p> <p>Gwynedd W M Meredith Bethan James</p> <p>Merthyr Tudful / Merthyr Tydfil Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire Gill Vaisey Susan Cave Sharon Perry-Phillips</p> <p>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot Janice Dudley</p> <p>Casnewydd / Newport Vicky Thomas Sally Northcott David Williams Huw Stephen Heather Vaughan Soam Sharma A Davidson Neata Baicher JP Val Delahaye Sally Mlewa</p> <p>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire</p>	<p>Powys John Mitson</p> <p>Rhondda Cynon Taf Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Abertawe / Swansea Vicky Thomas</p> <p>Torfaen Vicky Thomas Margaret Oelmann</p> <p>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan Carys Pritchard Dafydd Treharne Ramez Delpak</p> <p>Wrecsam / Wrexham Libby Jones Tania ap Siôn</p> <p>Sylwedyddion / Observers Leslie Francis (Canolfan y Santes Fair / St Mary's Centre) Ben Wigley (REMW) Tudor Thomas (WJEC)</p>
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Cofnodion/Minutes

<p>1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso /Introduction and welcome.</p> <p>Cyflwynodd y Cadeirydd, Edward Evans, Faer Casnewydd, y Cynghorydd John Guy, a groesawodd bawb i'r cyfarfod yng Nghasnewydd. Disgrifiodd Gasnewydd fel dinas â chyfoeth o amrywiaeth, ac aeth yn ei flaen i ddweud bod sawl gwahanol ffydd yn cael ei chynrychioli ar GYSAG Casnewydd. Nododd fod CCYSAGauC wedi bod yn gefnogol i fentrau Cydlyniant Cymunedol, a'i bod yn helpu i sicrhau bod AG yn cael ei haddysgu'n dda yn yr holl ysgolion. Yr oedd darpariaeth dda hefyd ar gyfer Addoli ar y Cyd. Yn 2011 yr oedd Casnewydd wedi trefnu cyfres o ddigwyddiadau ar gyfer yr Ŵyl AG genedlaethol. Yr oedd llawer o ysgolion wedi cymryd rhan, ac yr oedd y gwaith hwnnw'n parhau. Yr oedd CCYSAGauC yn bwysig oherwydd ei bod yn darparu'r fforwm a'r llais ar gyfer AG ledled Cymru. Wrth gloi ei anerchiad, cynigiodd y Maer ei ddymuniadau gorau ar gyfer y cyfarfod.</p> <p>Wedi hyn cafwyd cyflwyniad gan Wasanaeth Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig Awdurdod Addysg Gwent (GEMS), a oedd yn darparu cymorth i blant o Leiafrifoedd Ethnig yn ardal Casnewydd. Yr oedd 94 o wahanol ieithoedd, gan gynnwys tafodieithoedd, yn cael eu siarad yn ardal Casnewydd, ac yr oedd y tîm yn darparu cymorth iaith a chymorth hyfforddiant ar eu cyfer. Yr oeddynt hefyd yn gweithio gydag ymgyrch 'Dangos y Cerdyn Coch i Hiliaeth' ac Ymddiriedolaeth Diwrnod Cofio'r Holocaust. Yr oedd y gwasanaeth wedi trefnu amrywiaeth o weithgareddau ar gyfer eu prosiect 'Gweld y Byd drwy Ein Llygaid Ni', a oedd yn canolbwyntio ar wahanol wledydd gan gynnwys Tsieina a'r India. Cyflwynodd cynrychiolwyr y gwasanaeth wybodaeth am Lwybr Ffydd GEMS (rhannwyd taflen yn y cyfarfod) a Mis Hanes GRT, a fyddai'n destun dathliad yng Nghaerdydd eleni ar Fehefin</p>	<p>1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso /Introduction and welcome.</p> <p>Chair, Edward Evans introduced the Mayor of Newport, Cllr John Guy who then welcomed everyone to the meeting in Newport. He described Newport as a city with a wealth of diversity and went on to say that Newport SACRE has many different faiths represented. He noted that WASACRE has been supportive of Community Cohesion initiatives and helps to ensure that RE is taught well in all schools. There is also good provision for Collective Worship. In 2011 Newport organised a series of events for the National RE festival. Many schools took part and that work is on-going. WASACRE is important because it provides the forum and the voice for RE across wales. The Mayor concluded his address by offering well wishes for the meeting.</p> <p>This was followed by a presentation by the Gwent Education Minority-ethnic Service who provides support for children who are from Minority Ethnic groups in the Newport area. There are 94 different languages spoken in the Newport area including dialects, for which the team develop language and tuition support. They also work with Show Racism the Red Card and the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. The service has organised a variety of activities for their 'See the World through Ours Eyes' project focussing on different countries including China and India. They informed members of the GEMS Faith Trail (leaflet shared in the meeting) and GRT History month for which there will be a celebration in Cardiff this year on June 5th. There website address was shared www.newportlearn.net/inclusion/ and members were invited to login as 'guest' to</p>
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<p>5ed. Rhannwyd cyfeiriad eu gwefan, www.newportlearn.net/inclusion/ a gwahodddwyd yr aelodau i fewngofnodi fel 'gwestai' er mwyn cael rhagor o wybodaeth am unrhyw rai o'r gwasanaethau yr oedd GEMS yn eu darparu.</p> <p>2. Adfyfrio tawel / Quiet reflection Darllenodd y Cadeirydd, Edward Evans, ddwy gerdd, un ohonynt o'r enw 'The Donkey', gan G. K. Chesterton, a gofynnodd i'r aelodau fyfrio ar ddigwyddiadau Wythnos y Pasg.</p> <p>3. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies Lynda Maddock, Jen Malcolm, Christine Abbas, y Cynghorydd Bob Poole, Claire Lane, Meinir Loader.</p> <p>4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ym Merthyr Tudful, Tachwedd 23ain 2012 / Minutes of meeting held in Merthyr Tydfil, 23 November 2012 Derbyniwyd cofnodion y cyfarfod fel rhai cywir.</p> <p>5. Materion yn codi / Matters arising Eitem 6, 3ydd pwynt: rhoddwyd yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ynglŷn â lansiad y Grŵp Seneddol Hollbleidiol y bu Tania ap Siôn yn bresennol ynddo ym Mehefin 2012. Yr oedd yr ymchwiliad wedi ei gwblhau, ac yr oedd copiâu o'r adroddiad ar gael ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Yr oedd yn cyflwyno darlun a oedd yn peri gofid ynglŷn â'r sefyllfa yn Lloegr o ran y cyflenwad o athrawon AG a'r cymorth a oedd ar gael i athrawon AG. Er enghraifft, yr oedd AG yn cael ei haddysgu gan gynorthwywyr addysgu; yr oedd tua hanner yr athrawon cynradd yn teimlo diffyg hyder wrth addysgu AG; ac yr oedd dros 50% o athrawon AG yn y sector uwchradd heb unrhyw gymhwyster mewn AG. Yr oedd cynnwys athrawon anarbenigol yn y ffigurau'n creu argraff gamarweiniol fod gan Loegr ddigon o athrawon AG. Yr oedd y canfyddiadau'n</p>	<p>find out more information about any of the services GEMS provide.</p> <p>2. Adfyfrio tawel / Quiet reflection Chair Edward Evans read two poems, one entitled 'The Donkey' by E A Chesterton and asked members to reflect on the events of Holy Week.</p> <p>3. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies Lynda Maddock, Jen Malcolm, Christine Abbas, Cllr Bob Poole, Claire Lane, Meinir Loader.</p> <p>4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yn Merthyr Tudful, 23 Tachwedd 2012 / Minutes of meeting held in Merthyr Tydfil, 23 November 2012 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>5. Materion sy'n codi / Matters arising Item 6, 3rd point. Update on the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group attended by Tania ap Sion in June 2012. The enquiry has been completed and copies of report are available from the WASACRE website. It presents a worrying picture in England in regard to supply of RE teachers and support for RE teachers. E.g. RE taught by teaching assistants; about half of primary teachers lacked confidence in teaching RE; over 50% of secondary RE teachers have no qualification in RE. The inclusion of non-specialists gave a false impression of England having enough RE teachers. The findings also show that applications for RE teacher training courses are down by 140, with the loss of bursaries for RE. With regard to support, 40% of schools found that RE teachers have limited access to</p>
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dangos yn ogystal fod gostyngiad o 140 yn y ceisiadau am leodd ar gyrsiau hyfforddi athrawon AG, oherwydd colli bwrsariaethau ar gyfer AG. Ynglŷn â chymorth, yr oedd 40% o ysgolion wedi canfod mai mynediad cyfyngedig yn unig oedd gan athrawon AG i DPP. Yr oedd amrywiaeth o bolisiau llywodraeth yn Lloegr, e.e. yr EBacc, yn gostwng statws AG mewn ysgolion yn Lloegr. Mewn perthynas â chanlyniadau ymchwiliad APPG yn Lloegr, mynegodd Tudor Thomas (CBAC) bryderon ynglŷn â'r cwmp yn nifer yr ymgeiswyr yn Lloegr ar gyfer yr arholiad CBAC mewn Astudiaethau Crefyddol, oherwydd yr EBacc, a nododd fod hyn yn destun pryder mawr. Nid oedd cyrsiau byrion yn cael eu cydnabod yn Lloegr, ac yr oedd statws cymwysterau mewn AG yn gyffredinol wedi lleihau. Gofynnodd Rheinallt Thomas a allai CCYSAGauC gynnal prosiect ymchwil yn canolbwyntio ar y sefyllfa yng Nghymru, ac o bosib cynnal 'adolygiad' yng Nghymru. Mewn ymateb, atgoffodd Vicky Thomas yr aelodau y byddai canlyniadau adolygiad thematig Estyn ar gael cyn hir, a dywedodd y gallai'r rhain fod o gymorth. Awgrymodd y dylai CCYSAGauC aros i weld beth fyddai cynnwys adroddiad Estyn ar Fehefin 18fed. Cytunodd Leslie Francis fod ymchwil yn ddefnyddiol, a chynigiodd Rheinallt Thomas y dylem aros, a thrafod hyn yn nes ymlaen. Cytunodd yr aelodau.

Mynegodd Mary Parry bryderon ynglŷn â'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yng Nghymru, gan nad oedd AG yn rhan ohono, ac awgrymodd y dylai CCYSAGauC ofyn bod AG yn cael ei gwneud yn rhan o'r adolygiad. Yr oedd hi'n pryderu na fyddai'r Fframwaith Enghreifftiol yn berthnasol mwyach, yn wyneb dyfodiad y Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd newydd a newidiadau eraill posibl yn y cwricwlwm. Anogodd Gavin Craigen bwyll, gan ddweud mai'r rheswm nad oedd AG wedi

CPD. A range of government policies in England, e.g. the EBacc, is lowering the status of RE in schools in England. In relation to the results of the APPG enquiry in England, Tudor Thomas (WJEC) raised concerns about the drop in WJEC RS exam entries in England due to the EBacc and noted that this was very worrying. Short courses are not recognised in England and the status of RE qualifications in general has diminished. Rheinallt Thomas asked whether WASACRE could do a research project focusing on the situation in Wales, and perhaps conduct a Wales 'review'. In response, Vicky Thomas reminded members that we will have the results of the Estyn thematic review shortly and said that this may be helpful and suggested that WASACRE waits to see what Estyn reports on 18 June. Leslie Francis agreed that research is helpful and Rheinallt Thomas proposed that we wait but discuss this at a later date. Members agreed.

Mary Parry raised concerns about the curriculum review in Wales, with RE not being a part of this review, and suggested that WASACRE should request that RE be made part of the review. She was concerned that the Exemplar Framework would no longer be relevant with the new Literacy and Numeracy Framework and other possible curriculum changes. Gavin Craigen urged caution, saying that the reason RE has not been included is because Welsh Government is satisfied with it. Therefore, he suggested that

ei chynnwys oedd bod Llywodraeth Cymru'n fodlon arni. Awgrymodd, felly, y dylai CCYSAGauC atgoffa Llywodraeth Cymru o bwysigrwydd AG a bod AG yn ofyniad statudol. Rhannodd Rheinallt Thomas yr ohebiaeth yr oedd wedi ei derbyn yn Rhagfyr 2012 oddi wrth Leighton Andrews, mewn ymateb i lythyr yr oedd wedi ei ysgrifennu ato; tynnodd sylw arbennig at yr adran ganlynol: Bydd AG yn aros yn ofyniad statudol yn yr holl ysgolion a gynhelir yng Nghymru a Lloegr (Deddf Diwygio Addysg 1988 a.2(1)(a)). Rhaid i'r addysg grefyddol sy'n cael ei chyflwyno mewn ysgolion barhau i gydymffurfio â gofynion y maes llafur sydd wedi ei gytuno'n lleol gan bob awdurdod lleol drwy ei Gyngor Ymgynghorol Sefydlog ar Addysg Grefyddol (CYSAG). Buasem yn disgwyl i'r trefniadau hyn barhau oddi mewn i'r strwythur consortia rhanbarthol, ond yn amlwg byddai'r manylion yn amrywio o un consortiwm i'r llall...

Dywedodd Gill Vaisey fod CYSAG'au Blaenau Gwent a Sir Fynwy wedi trafod yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm, a'i bod yn well ganddynt beidio â gwneud diwygiadau i'w meysydd llafur cytûn eto, gan y byddai'n rhaid iddynt wneud diwygiadau yn unol â'r newidiadau y byddai'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yn eu cynnig ar ôl Medi 2014. Cododd Vicky Thomas y pwynt ein bod wedi meddu ar feysydd llafur cytûn cyffredin yng Nghymru ers 2008, ac i hyn fod yn gamp sylweddol. Yr oedd perygl bellach o golli'r cyffredinrwydd hwnnw ar draws Cymru pe bai Awdurdodau Lleol yn gwneud eu newidiadau eu hunain er mwyn adlewyrchu'r newidiadau cenedlaethol. Nododd Carys Pritchard mai ym Medi 2014 y byddai'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yn cael ei gwblhau, a bod yr arfarniad o'r Cyfnod Sylfaen yn parhau. Dylai CCYSAGauC gymryd i ystyriaeth weithrediad ac effaith yr arfarniad hwn, a'i effaith i'r dyfodol hefyd.

WASACRE should remind Welsh Government of the importance of RE and that RE is a statutory requirement. Rheinallt Thomas shared the correspondence he had received in December 2012 from Leighton Andrews, written in response to a letter he had written, highlighting the following section: RE will remain a statutory requirement in all maintained schools in Wales and England (Education Reform Act 1988 s.2 (1) (a)). The religious education taught in schools must continue to comply with the requirements of the locally agreed syllabus produced by each local authority via its Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). We would expect these arrangements to continue within the regional consortia structure but exact details would obviously vary from one consortia to another...

Gill Vaisey said that Blaenau Gwent and Monmouthshire SACREs have discussed the curriculum review and felt they would rather not make any change to their agreed syllabi yet as they would have to make amendments in line with the curriculum review proposed changes after September 2014. Vicky Thomas raised the point that since 2008 we have commonality of agreed syllabi in Wales and this has been a significant achievement. There was now a danger of losing commonality across Wales if Local Authorities make their own changes to reflect the national changes. Carys Pritchard noted that September 2014 is when the curriculum review will have been finalised and that the evaluation of the Foundation Phase is on-going. WASACRE should take account of the implementation, impact and future impact of this evaluation also.

Awgrymodd rhai aelodau y dylai CCYSAGauC gysylltu â'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau i ofyn bod AG yn cael ei chynnwys yn yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm a/neu i dynnu ei sylw at y Fframwaith Enghreifftiol ar gyfer AG (2008) a gofyn beth fyddai effaith debygol yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm arno o Fedi 2014 ymlaen. Mewn pleidlais ar fater anfon llythyr at y Gweinidog, cefnogodd mwyafrif o'r aelodau gynnig y dylai CCYSAGauC ysgrifennu llythyr ac y dylid gadael i swyddogion y Gymdeithas wneud hyn ar eu rhan.

6. Hyfforddiant CA3/ KS3 Training. Diolchodd Gavin Craigen i GCYSAGauC am y cyfle i gynnig yr hyfforddiant CA3, a rhannodd yr adborth cadarnhaol iawn a gafwyd gan gyfranogion i'r arfarniad o'r digwyddiadau hyfforddi a gynhaliwyd ar draws Cymru. Byddai copi o'i gyflwyniad ar gael ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Yr oedd yr arfarniadau'n dangos negeseuon cadarnhaol gan athrawon. Hwn oedd yr hyfforddiant cenedlaethol cyntaf, ac yr oedd wedi profi'n brosiect buddiol iawn.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Gavin am ei waith caled, ac adleisiwyd hyn gan Vicky Thomas a Gill Vaisey, a dynnodd sylw at y ffaith fod CCYSAGauC wedi ymateb yn gadarnhaol i fater cymedroli yn CA3 drwy ariannu a threfnu'r hyfforddiant; cydnabuasant hefyd waith caled yr ymgynghorwyr o bob rhan o Gymru a fu'n rhan o hyn. Awgrymodd Gill Vaisey y dylai CCYSAGauC ystyried a oedd angen i'r Gymdeithas gefnogi DPP pellach ar gyfer athrawon AG yn yr hinsawdd a oedd ohoni (hynny yw, oddi mewn i'r trefniadau ar gyfer consortia, a'r lleihad mewn gwasanaethau ymgynghorol). Cytunodd Phil Lord y dylid ymchwilio i hyn, gan fod posibilrwydd y byddai ysgolion yn cael eu gorfodi i ddefnyddio adnoddau neu hyfforddiant o Loegr na fyddai'n adlewyrchu cwricwlwm AG Cymru. Adleisiodd y Cadeirydd y pryderon hyn,

Some members suggested that WASACRE contact the Minister of Education and Skills to request that RE is included in the curriculum review and /or to draw his attention to the Exemplar Framework for RE (2008) and ask what likely impact the curriculum review will have on it from September 2014. In response to a vote on the question of sending a letter to the Minister, a majority of members voted for WASACRE to write a letter and to leave the officers of the Association to do this on their behalf.

6. Hyfforddiant CA3/ KS3 Training. Gavin Craigen thanked WASACRE for the opportunity to offer the KS3 training, and shared the very positive participant evaluation feedback from the training events held across Wales. A copy of his presentation will be available on the WASACRE website. Evaluations showed positive messages from teachers. This was the first national training and proved a very worthwhile project.

The Chair thanked Gavin for his hard work and this was echoed by Vicky Thomas and Gill Vaisey who pointed out that WASACRE responded positively to the KS3 moderation issue by funding and organising the training and acknowledged the hard work of the advisors from all areas of Wales who had been part of this. Gill Vaisey suggested that WASACRE should look at whether there is a need for the Association to support further CPD for RE teachers in the current climate (that is within the consortia arrangements, and reduced advisory services). Phil Lord agreed that this should be explored because schools may be forced to use resources or training from England which would not reflect the Welsh RE curriculum. Chair echoed these concerns and suggested that we keep an eye on the situation.

ac awgrymodd y dylem gadw llygad ar y sefyllfa.

Gwnaeth aelodau eraill y sylw fod mawr angen am gefnogaeth CCYSAGauC yn y maes hwn, a gwerthfawrogiad mawr ohoni hefyd, gan na allai ysgolion fforddio anfon athrawon allan ar gyfer DPP; a bod gorfod talu cost athrawon llanw'n unig yn help. Dywedodd Vicky Thomas fod cost yr hyfforddiant, sef oddeutu £40 am bob athro, yn cynnig gwerth am arian, a bod hyn yn bosibl oherwydd bod awdurdodau lleol neu gonsortia'n cydweithio i gadw'r costau'n isel. Estynnwyd diolch i gonsortia ac awdurdodau lleol a oedd yn cymryd rhan ac yn talu am y manau cyfarfod a chinio canol dydd etc.

7. Cyflwyniadau gan PYCAG ar y Cyfnod Sylfaen / NAPfRE presentations on the Foundation Phase

Cyflwynodd Bethan James 'People, Beliefs and Questions: Our interpretation'. Diolchodd Anne Williams a Helen Evans, o ysgolion yn Nolgellau, Gwynedd, i Bethan am ei chymorth a'i harweiniad, cyn cyflwyno 'Llyfr stori fel man cychwyn: "Salamatu and Kandoni Go Missing" gan Steve Bruce'. Trwy gyfrwng y llyfr hwn yr oedd y disgyblion yn dysgu mwy am y byd o'u cwmpas, a dangoswyd sut yr oedd hyn yn cysylltu â'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd Cenedlaethol, e.e. yr oedd y disgyblion yn ysgrifennu llythyrau at Salamatu ac yn gweithio allan gost gafr, yn pwysu reis, ac yn amcangyfrif pwysau babi. Diolchodd Bethan i'w chydweithwyr am ddangos sut yr oedd ysgol wledig fechan yng Ngogledd Cymru'n ymateb i'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd, ac am eu henhraifft o blentyn yn cyflawni deiliant 6 gan ddefnyddio AG.

Cyflwynodd Phil Lord 'AG yn y Ddogfen Cyfnod Sylfaen', a ddatblygwyd ganddo gyda chymorth athrawon yn Sir Conwy, Sir Ddinbych a Sir y Fflint.

Cyflwynodd Gill Vaisey becynnau pwnc a

Other members commented that WASACRE support in this area is much needed and appreciated as schools cannot afford to send teachers out for CPD and that it helped only having to pay for supply cover. Vicky Thomas said the training was value for money at around £40 for each teacher and this was possible due to Local authorities or consortia working together to keep the costs low. Thanks were extended to consortia and LAs that were involved and who paid for venues and lunches etc.

7. Cyflwyniadau gan PYCAG ar y Cyfnod Sylfaen / NAPfRE presentations on the Foundation Phase

Bethan James presented 'People, Beliefs and Questions. Our interpretation'. Anne Williams and Helen Evans from schools in Dolgellau, Gwynedd, thanked Bethan for her support and leadership before presenting 'A story book as a starting point, 'Salamatu and Kandoni go missing' by Steve Bruce' Through this book the pupils were learning more about the world around them, and it was shown how this was related to the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework e.g. The children wrote letters to Salamatu and worked out the costing of goat, weighed rice and estimated the weight of a baby. Bethan thanked her colleagues for their demonstration of how a small rural school in North Wales was responding to the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and their example of a child achieving an outcome 6 using RE.

Phil Lord presented 'RE in the Foundation Phase document' which he developed with help from teachers in Conwy, Denbigh and Flintshire.

Gill Vasey presented topic packs

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Bwriedid gosod yr holl adnoddau hyn mewn un lleoliad canolog, i'w defnyddio gan holl ymarferwyr Cymru.

8. Gohebiaeth /Correspondence

- Llythyr a dderbyniwyd oddi wrth Vaughan Salisbury mewn perthynas â Newyddion AG, yn hysbysu'r aelodau mai ar lein yn unig y byddai'r cyhoeddiad hwn ar gael o hyn ymlaen. Darllenodd y Cadeirydd y llythyr i'r cyfarfod, ac awgrymodd dri phwynt yr oedd angen i GCYSAGauC eu hystyried. Cytunodd yr aelodau y dylai CCYSAGauC ysgrifennu at Vaughan Salisbury i ofyn a ellid cyhoeddi Newyddion AG mewn diwyg rhatach, ac i ofyn am i gostiadau llawn gael eu darparu er mwyn i'r cais gael ei gloriannu'n iawn.
- Anogwyd yr aelodau gan Neeta Baicher, o Gymdeithas Sikhiaid De Cymru, i gofrestru ar gyfer cynhadledd flynyddol y gymdeithas. Yr oedd y manylion cofrestru ar gael gan Neeta a Libby Jones drwy e-bost, ac yr oedd copïau caled ar gael yn y cyfarfod.
- Yr oedd dymuniadau gorau am y Flwyddyn Newydd wedi eu hestyn gan Christine Abbas o gymuned y Ba' hai.

9. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 6 Chwefror 2013 / Report from the Executive Committee held on 6 February 2013

Cyflwynwyd hwn i'r aelodau yn y cyfarfod, ac yr oedd copïau ar gael ymhlith eu papurau.

10. Newyddion diweddar / Update:

(a) Gynhadledd CCYSAGauC / WASACRE Conference

developed with help from teachers in Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Monmouthshire.

It is the intention to place all of these resources in one central location for all practitioners in Wales to use.

8. Gohebiaeth /Correspondence

- Letter received from Vaughan Salisbury in relation to RE News advising members that the publication will now only be available online. The Chair read out the letter and suggested three points that WASACRE need to consider. Members agreed that WASACRE should write to Vaughan Salisbury to ask if RE News can be published in a cheaper format and for full costings to be provided so that the request could be properly evaluated .
- Neeta Baicher from Sikh Association South Wales encouraged members to register for their national conference, details for registration are available from Neeta and Libby Jones via email and hard copies were available at the meeting.
- Happy New Year greeting have been extended from Christine Abbas from the Ba' hai community.

9. Aroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 6 Chwefror 2013 / Report from the Executive Committee held on 6 February 2013

This was presented to members at the meeting and copies were available in their papers.

10. Newyddion diweddar/Update:

(a) Gynhadledd CCYSAGauC / WASACRE Conference

Rhodddwyd y cefndir i gynhadledd CCYSAGauC, a fyddai'n cael ei chynnal ddydd Iau Hydref 10fed 2013, i'r aelodau. Anogodd Tania ap Siôn yr aelodau i fynd â'r wybodaeth yn ôl i'w CYSAG'au ac i roi'r dyddiad yn eu dyddiaduron eu hunain.

Amcanion Cyffredinol: Digwyddiad hyfforddi cenedlaethol, a fyddai'n codi proffil AG a'r cyfraniad y gallai AG ei wneud i gyflawniad blaenoriaethau cenedlaethol.

Thema: Codi safonau mewn AG.

Cynnwys: Amlygu deilliannau adolygiad thematig Estyn, a chynnal gweithdai.

Y gynulleidfa: Byddai'r gynhadledd yn berthnasol i gynrychiolwyr CYSAG'au, Cynghorwyr, ac athrawon o'r Cyfnod Sylfaen i addysg ôl-16.

(b) Yr Adolygiad o'r Cwricwlwm a meysydd llafur cytûn / The Curriculum Review and agreed syllabuses.

Cytunwyd ar y datganiad a ganlyn: "Mae CCYSAGauC yn argymhell bod CYSAG'au yn cychwyn proses o adolygu'r maes llafur cytûn, i'w pharhau dros y blynyddoedd nesaf, ac y dylent weithredu newidiadau i'w maes llafur cytûn mewn ymateb i'r trefniadau adolygu cwricwlwm ar ôl Medi 2014."

Byddai hwn yn mynd allan mewn llythyr at yr holl glercod CYSAG'au (LJ). Eglurhaodd Gill Vaisey y datganiad drwy ddweud y gallai'r broses adolygu gychwyn oddi mewn i bob CYSAG, ond na fyddai angen gwneud newidiadau i bob maes llafur cytûn tan ar ôl Medi 2014, pan fyddem yn gwybod canlyniadau'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm; bryd hynny, gellid gwneud diwygiadau priodol yn unol â'r rhai a fyddai'n cael eu gwneud i'r cwricwlwm newydd.

Cafwyd trafodaeth wedi hynny ynglŷn ag agweddau cyfreithiol ar yr adolygiad o'r maes llafur cytûn (a'r gynhadledd) oddi mewn i GYSAG'au unigol, ac ynglŷn ag

Members were given the background for the WASACRE conference taking place on Thursday 10 October 2013. Tania ap Sion urged members to take the information back to their SACREs and to put the date in their own diaries.

Aims: National training event, raising the profile of RE and the contribution RE can make to national priorities.

Theme: Raising standards in RE

Content: Highlighting the outcomes of the Estyn thematic review, workshops

Audience: Relevant for SACRE representatives, Councilors and teachers from Foundation Phase to post 16.

(b) Yr Adolygiad Cwricwlwm a meysydd llafur cytûn / The Curriculum Review and agreed syllabuses.

The following statement was agreed: "WASACRE recommends that SACREs start an agreed syllabus review process that is on-going for the next few years and should implement changes to their agreed syllabus in response to the curriculum review arrangements after September 2014."

This will go out in a letter to all SACRE clerks (LJ). Gill Vaisey clarified this by saying that the review process can begin within each SACRE, but that changes to each agreed syllabus will not need to be made until after September 2014 when we know the results of the curriculum review, in which case appropriate amendments can be made in line with those made to the new curriculum.

A discussion ensued about the legalities of the agreed syllabus review and conference within individual SACREs and the minister's response in his letter to possible

ymateb y Gweinidog, yn ei lythyr, i'r goblygiadau posibl i GYSAG'au pe tynnid y cyfrifoldeb am Addysg oddi ar awdurdodau lleol. Cynigiodd Vicky Thomas y dylid trafod llythyr Leighton Andrews yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith, ac y dylid ei gynnwys yn y papurau ar gyfer cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith ar Fai 16eg 2013 (LJ). Byddid yn gofyn i Glercod y CYSAG'au pwy oedd yn gyfrifol am AG o dan y trefniadau newydd.

(c) Marc Safon Addysg Grefyddol/ Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM)

Siaradodd Bethan James ar ran Phil Lord. Yr oedd y pilot ar gyfer fersiwn Cymraeg y marc safon wedi ei gwblhau, ac yr oedd PL yn gobeithio y gallai athrawon o'r ysgol beilot wneud cyflwyniad yng nghyfarfod nesaf CCYSAGauC.

(d) Adolygiad o adroddiadau CYSAG Blynyddol / Review of SACRE annual reports.

Cafodd yr eitem hon ei thynnu'n ôl er mwyn i'r cyfarfod ddod i ben yn brydlon, ac er mwyn lliniaru pwysau amser ar y rhai a fyddai'n teithio drwy'r tywydd mawr.

11. Arddangos adnoddau AG / Showcase of RE resources.
Yr oedd enghreifftiau wedi eu rhoi yn ystod cyflwyniad PYCAG o dan eitem 7.

12. U.F.A. / U.F.A.
Ni chodwyd unrhyw fater arall.

14. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting:
Mehefin 19eg 2013, Caernarfon.

implications on SACREs in removing responsibility for Education from local authorities. Vicky Thomas proposed that Leighton Andrew's letter is discussed at the next Executive meeting and is included in the papers for the Executive meeting on the 16 May 2013. (LJ)

SACRE Clerks are to be asked who is responsible for RE within the new arrangements.

(c) REQM/ Religious Education Quality Mark

Bethan James spoke on behalf of Phil Lord. The pilot for the Welsh version of the quality mark is complete and he is hoping that teachers from the pilot school can give a presentation at the next WASACRE meeting.

(d) Adolygiad o adroddiadau CYSAG Blynyddol / Review of SACRE annual reports.

This item was withdrawn in order for the meeting to end promptly to alleviate time pressures for those travelling in the severe weather conditions.

11. Arddangos adnoddau AG / Showcase of RE resources.
Examples given during the NAPFRE presentation under item 7.

12. U.F.A. / A.O.B.
There was no other business.

14. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting:
19 June 2013, Caernarfon.



**Cyfarfod Pwyllgor Gwaith Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru/
Wales Association of SACREs Executive Committee meeting**

**Dydd Iau, 16 Mai 2013, 10.30am / Thursday 16 May 2013, 10.30
am, United Reform Church, Cardiff**

Summary

Present: Edward Evans, Tania ap Sion, Libby Jones, Mary Parry, Dafydd Treharne, Vicky Thomas, Gavin Craigen, Phil Lord.

- 1. Croeso / Welcome.** Chair Edward Evans welcomed members to the meeting. He acknowledged Michael Gray's recent appointment as Mayor of Caerphilly. A card/letter of congratulations will be sent to Michael on behalf of WASACRE.
- 2. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies.** Michael Gray, Rheinallt Thomas, Bethan James, Brian Rogers.
- 3. Cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith diwethaf (6/02/2013) / Minutes of the last executive meeting (6/02/2013).** REQ - leave out the sentence about 'bronze' becoming assessors. With the appropriate amendment the minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting.
- 4. Materion yn codi / Matters arising.**

Item 6. RE Council AGM. Gavin Craigen confirmed that the RE council AGM will be held on 7 May 2014 in Wales. Edward will contact the First Minister to ascertain if his attendance is possible on this date and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Item 4. Welsh Government review of SACRE annual reports. Tania thanked everyone for their helpful responses and confirmed that they have been sent off to Welsh Government, where Tania has been communicating with Tony Jermyn. It was agreed that although it may be difficult for SACREs to act on all the recommendations in the document due to the current changes within Wales in regard to Local Authorities and consortia, the document gives a positive record of what SACREs do and encourages SACREs to discuss what they need to do in the future. Members agreed that it is also important as an historical record. Welsh Government is looking to insert a few sentences recognising the changing situation. Members agreed that it was a worthwhile document and Tania confirmed that the intention is to publish the report every two years. The possibility of changes being made to the format for SACRE annual reports has been raised with Welsh Government, and Tania will explore this, but no plans exist for any changes at present. The Executive confirmed that SACREs would follow the usual format for annual reports this year.

Item 4. REQ. All 4 of the pilot reviews have taken place. Two schools achieved Bronze, one school achieved Silver and one school achieved Gold. Secondary schools were keener to promote their work than primary schools. Phil Lord reported that the pilot went well and that he will give an update at the next WASACRE meeting in June and also to NAPfRE.
- 5. Cofnodion cyfarfod CCYSAGauC, 22 Mawrth 2013 / Minutes of the WASACRE meeting, 22 March 2013.** Some amendments were made to specific wording, after which the minutes were accepted for translation and circulation to SACREs.

VT raised the issue of current pressures on LAs with regard to funding and facilitating training and professional development for RE teachers. She stressed the importance of WASACRE in supporting LAs in this, and following the success of the KS3 training, highlighted the growing need for more training events to be offered by WASACRE to teachers nationally.

6. **Adolygliad Cwricwlwm/ Curriculum Review.** LJ will send the letter written to Leighton Andrews about the status of the framework. Mary Parry had previously sent a letter from Carmarthenshire SACRE to ask Leighton Andrews why RE had not been included in the review this time. Mary raised the question that if curriculum changes are made for example, to the assessment structure or skills, where will that leave RE, the RE Framework and RE levels? Mary suggested that it is really important to know why they left RE out. If RE is not included then any changes we make as a result of the review will be later than those of the other subjects and therefore there will be a significant delay in schools receiving the new documents for RE. Mary agreed to forward the response she receives from Leighton Andrews to Executive members. Members were reminded that a large amount of money has been invested in RE for documents such as the Framework and the Foundation Phase etc. The question was raised as to whether we are happy as an RE professional community that the current skills are good and effective in assessing the RE skills? If so, why ask for it to be changed? Gavin Craigen urged further caution, he reported that the RE Council in England have been asked to make a presentation to Ministers so that whatever happens to the curriculum in England, RE will be mentioned. He suggested that the important thing is for Welsh Government not to forget the 'and RE' when they are issuing guidance.
7. **Adolygiad Thematig Estyn / Estyn Thematic Review.** The report will be published on 18 June 2013 and copies will be available at the WASACRE meeting on 19 June 2013. The report will be an agenda item at this meeting. Vicky Thomas suggests sending a copy of the Estyn document as a PDF if available and/or weblink to all SACREs (suggesting they put it on their agenda for their next meeting).
8. **Gynhadledd CCYSAGauC/ WASACRE Conference.** The venue for the conference has been booked and it will take place at The Conference Centre, Ty Dysgu, near Cardiff. Times to be confirmed. WASACRE will write to SACREs to formally ask who will be attending the conference in October. It was suggested that there should be 3 representatives per SACRE and a teacher representative. Responses would need to be returned by the 1st week in September with Welsh-medium preference stated. It was also suggested that a separate letter goes out to schools. LJ will email Carys Pritchard to check capacity for each room (fire regs etc) and that we can use each side of the room. Bilingual arrangements for workshops need to be arranged. A list of workshops needs to be drawn up and confirmed with providers. Members agreed to bring the next Executive meeting forward to have it before the conference and to have the Autumn WASACRE meeting tagged on to the end of the conference, arranged for 3.30. LJ to contact Torfaen to rearrange the November meeting for autumn 2014 instead.
9. **Darpariaeth ar gyfer CYSAGau mewn ALI (gohebiaeth gyda Leighton Andrews) / Provision for SACREs within Local Authorities (correspondence with Leighton Andrews)**
10. **Newyddion AG/ RE News.** Speaking on behalf of REMW, Dafydd Treharne reported that they had agreed in principle to pay £1,000 for *RE News* but they would prefer a cheaper paper copy rather than an electronic copy alone. Concerns were raised as to LAs funding *RE News*, REMW and WASACRE, and their ability to do this. Due to cut backs, LAs may choose to pay for only one, then all three may cease to be viable. It was suggested that WASACRE should look at how all three bodies could work together with WASACRE in a more collaborative fashion. Members agreed for LJ to arrange a meeting between representatives of WASACRE, *RE News* and REMW to discuss their collaborative relationships as well as to discuss the letter from Vaughan Salisbury detailing costings in relation to *RE News*. LJ and TapS will draft a letter to *RE News* and contact Rheinallt Thomas, Vaughan Salisbury, and Ben Wigley as Chair of REMW. The meeting should be arranged before the WASACRE meeting on 19 June.
11. **Adroddiad Blynyddol/ Annual Report.** Tania will draft the annual report and circulate to Executive for presenting at the AGM in June.
12. **Gohebiaeth / Correspondence** There is no additional correspondence.

- 13. Agenda ar gyfer cyfarfod y Gymdeithas yn Nghaernarfon, 19 Mehefin 2013 / *Agenda for the Association meeting in Caernarfon, 19 June 2013*** The agenda was agreed.
- 14. U.F.A. / A.O.B.** Dafydd Treharne withdrew his nomination for the executive committee elections. He felt that there was a good number of nominations which was very positive and that he would be happy for someone new to take his seat.
- 15. Dyddiad cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith / *Date of the next Executive meeting.*** Friday, 4 October 2013.

Enwebiadau ar gyfer Pwyllgor Gwaith y CCYSAGauC (19 Mehefin 2013)

Nominations for the Executive Committee (19 June 2013)

Mae WYTH o enwebiadau ar gyfer TAIR swydd ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

There are EIGHT nominations for THREE positions on the Executive Committees.

1. Mark Brown CYSAG Conwy

Graddiais o Brifysgol Cynru, Bangor, gyda gradd BEd, gan arbenigo mewn Addysg Grefyddol. Drwy gydol fy ngyrfa wedi ystyried AG yn bawn sylfaenol sydd yn hanfodol I gwricwlwm ein hysgolion. Bûm yn athro mewn amrywiaeth o ysgolion, rhai ohonynt yn enwadol a rhai'n fwy seciwlar. Rwyf yn arbenigo yn y Cyfnod Sylfaen, ac rwyf wedi cymryd rhan mewn sawl prosiect Cyfnod Sylfaen I ddatblygu AG fel pwnc integredig yn hytrach nag 'annibynnol' (fel sy'n ofynnol gan gwricwlwm y Cyfnod Sylfaen). Rwy'n mwynhau'r cyfle I eistedd ar GYSAG Conwy fel cynrychiolydd y Cyfnod Sylfaen (swydd yr wyf wedi ei dal ers bron I dair blynedd), ac yn ddiweddar yr wyf wedi ymgymryd â 'Chymrodoriaeth Farmington' er mwyn datblygu adnodd CA2 ar gyfer Cadeirlan Bangor. Drwy gydol fy ngyrfa rwyf wedi datblygu cysylltiadau cryf â grwpiau crefyddol lleol, ac mae'r cysylltiadau hynny yn eu tro wedi datblygu gwybodaeth a dealltwriaeth y plant o'r byd o'u cwmpas. Rwyf yn athro cynradd ymroddedig gyda chariad gwirioneddol at AG.

Mark Brown Conwy SACRE

I graduated from the University of Wales, Bangor with a BEd degree, specialising in Religious Education. Throughout my career I have seen RE as a fundamental subject which is essential to our school curriculum. I have taught in a variety of schools, both denominational and more secular. I am a specialist in the Foundation Phase and have been involved in several Foundation Phase projects to develop RE as an integrated rather than 'stand-alone' subject (as required by the Foundation Phase curriculum). I relish the opportunity to sit on the Conwy SACRE as the Foundation Phase representative (a post that I have held for nearly 3 years) and have recently undertaken a 'Farmington Fellowship' to develop a KS2 resource for Bangor Cathedral. Throughout my career I have developed strong links with local religious groups, which have in turn developed the children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them. I am a committed and dedicated primary teacher with a real love of RE.

2. Y Cyng. Ernie Galsworthy CYSAG Merthyr Tudful

Bûm yn aelod o GYSAG ers Mai 2012, wedi i mi gael fy ethol i'r cyngor. Cyn hynny bûm yn gynghorydd rhwng 1987 a 2004, a gwasanaethais ar GYSAG Merthyr Tudful yn ystod y cyfnod hwn a mynychu cyfarfodydd CCYSAGauC yn ogystal.

Cefais fy magu mewn amgylchedd Bedyddwyr Cymreig, a than yr oeddwn yn 5 oed bûm yn byw gyda'm mam-gu, Cymraes nad oedd, yn anffodus, wedi dysgu Cymraeg i fy mam ond a wnaeth ei gorau i'm haddysgu i yn yr iaith. Wedi ei marwolaeth, fodd bynnag, collais yr iaith, ac ni ailafaelais ynnddi tan y 1990'au hwyr pan fynychais gwrs WLPAN ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd.

Rwy'n coleddu safbwynt heddychol, a'm harwyr yw Mahatma Gandhi, John Lennon ac Iesu Grist. Yr oeddynt ill tri'n heddychwyr, a chafodd y tri eu diwedd trwy drais. Mae bod yn heddychwyr yn ddull peryglus o fyw, ac weithiau mae angen dewrder i fyw buchedd o'r fath.

Rwyf hefyd yn gynrychiolydd y cyngor ar y Pwyllgor Awdurdodau Lleol Di-niwclear; rwy'n credu bod hynny'n adlewyrchu fy nymuniad i fyw mewn heddwch.

Yr oedd fy nhri arwr yn Hindŵ, yn anffyddiwr ac yn Gristion. Er nad wyf yn cyd-fynd yn llwyr â safbwyntiau fy arwyr, mae gennyf barch mawr tuag atynt, ac rwy'n credu bod parch tuag at bob crefydd yn sylfaenol i heddwch byd-eang.

Councillor Ernie Galsworthy Merthyr Tudfil SACRE

I have been a SACRE member since May 2012 after I was elected to council. I was previously a councillor from 1987 until 2004, and served on Merthyr Tydfil SACRE during this period and also attended WASACRE meetings.

I was brought up in a Welsh Baptist environment and until the age of 5 lived with my grandmother, a Welsh speaker, who unfortunately did not teach Welsh to my mother although, did her best to teach me. Consequently after her death I lost the language and did not pick it back up again until the late 1990's when I attended a WPLAN course at Cardiff University.

I hold pacifist views and my great heroes are Mahatma Gandhi, John Lennon and Jesus Christ, All three were pacifists and met violent deaths. Being a pacifist is a dangerous way of living and sometimes courage is needed to live this life.

I am also the council representative on the Committee of Nuclear Free Local Authorities which I believe reflects how I wish to live in peace.

My three heroes were a Hindu, an atheist and a Christian. While I do not believe totally in the views of my heroes I have great respect for them and it is respect for all religions which I believe is fundamental for world peace.

3. Y Cyngorydd D Michael Gray CYSAG Caerphilly

Rwy'n aelod oes o'r Eglwys Fethodistaidd. Ar ôl bod yn athro Ysgol Sul, rwy'n Bregethwr Lleol Trwyddedig yn yr Eglwys Fethodistaidd, yn organydd eglwys, ac yn swyddog eglwys ar lefelau ardal, rhanbarthol a chenedlaethol, yn ogystal â bod yn Gydlynnydd Cymorth Cristnogol Lleol, yn gyn-Ysgrifennydd a chyn-Gadeirydd fy nghanen leol o 'Eglwysi Ynghyd', ac yn aelod cyswllt o CYTUN .

Rwy'n Gynghorydd ar Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili, ac yn Gadeirydd Pwyllgor CYSAG Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili, ac rwyf wedi cynrychioli CYSAG CBSC ar GCYSAGauC ers 1996.

Rwy'n gyn-aelod o Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC, ac yn gyn-Is-gadeirydd (2008-2009) a chyn-Gadeirydd (2009-2011) CCYSAGauC, ac rwy'n dymuno cynnig i Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC fy mhrofiad hir o gefnogi a hybu Addysg Grefyddol mewn ysgolion ledled Cymru.

Councillor D Michael Gray Caerphilly SACRE

I am a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, having been a Sunday school teacher I am an accredited local Preacher of the Methodist Church, church organist, and church officer at local, regional & national level, also area Christian - Aid Coordinator and past Secretary , Chairman of my 'ChurchesTogether' and affiliated to CYTUN .

I am a Caerphilly County Borough Councillor, Chairman of Caerphilly County Borough Council SACRE Committee and represented CCBC SACRE on WASACRE since 1996, up to the present date.

I am a past member of the WASACRE Executive Committee and also past Vice - Chairman (2008 - 2009) and Chairman of WASACRE (2009 - 2011), and wish to offer the WASACRE EXECUTIVE my long experience of supporting and projecting Religious Education throughout the schools of Wales.

4. Judy Harris CYSAG Caerdydd

Ar hyn o bryd rwy'n gweithio fel swyddog datblygu plant ac ieuenctid gyda Synod Cenedlaethol Cymru yr Eglwys Unedig Ddiwygiedig. Yn y rôl hon rwy'n gwasanaethu holl Eglwysi Unedig Diwygiedig Cymru, gan hwyluso'u gwaith yn eu cymunedau lleol.

Rwy'n hynod frwdfrydig ynglŷn ag addysg grefyddol mewn ysgolion: yn y gorffennol rwyf wedi gwasanaethu fel caplan ysgol mewn ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd yn yr Alban. Ers symud i Gymru rwyf wedi gweithio fel Gweithiwr Cymunedol Cysylltiedig â'r Eglwys, ac yn ystod fy nghyfnod yr ardal Llanelli roeddwn yn gysylltiedig ag Ysgol Uwchradd Coed Cae pan gychwynnodd brosiect Mala Heddwch, sydd ers hynny wedi tyfu'n rhaglen addysgol o sylwedd mewn llawer o ysgolion. Rwy'n teimlo'n gryf fod Addysg Grefyddol yn cael ei chyflwyno i ddisgyblion er mwyn eu galluogi i ddeall y rheol syml, "Gwnewch i eraill fel y mynnech i eraill ei wneud i chwi". Rwy'n teimlo bod gennyf lawer i'w gynnig i GCYSAGauC, ac y byddai fy rôl bresennol yn fy ngalluogi i wneud cyfraniad sylweddol.

Judy Harris Cardiff SACRE

I am currently working as the children and youth development officer with the United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales, within this role I cover all the United Reformed Churches in Wales, enabling them with their work in their local communities.

I am passionate about religious education in schools, having in the past served as a school chaplain in primary and secondary schools, in Scotland. Since moving to Wales I have worked as a Church

Related Community Worker, and was connected to Coed Cae Secondary School in Llanelli, during my time there, when it started the Peace Mala project which has since grown to be a significant educational programme within many schools. I feel strongly that pupils are taught RE to enable them to understand the simple rule "Treat others as you would wish them to treat you." I feel I have a lot to offer WASACRE and feel my current role would enable me to contribute significantly.

5. Y Cyng. Louise Hughes CYSAG Gwynedd

Fel Cristion ymarferol, rwyf yn falch o weld fod Ysgolion Eglwys yng Ngwynedd yn hyrwyddo nodweddion Cristnogaeth sef goddefgarwch, maddeuant a chariad roedd yr Iesu ei hun yn eu pregethu. Yn y byd cynyddol seciwlar sydd ohoni heddiw, mae hi'n bwysicach nag erioed fod gair Duw yn dal i gael ei glywed mewn ysgolion a fod plant yn cael cyfle i edrych ar eu ffydd eu hunain heb ofni dirmyg. Mae'r Deg Gorchymyn yn sail gadarn i gymdeithas wâr heddiw, fel yr oedd ddwy fil o flynyddoedd yn ôl neu gellid dadlau eu bod hyn yn oed yn bwysicach gan fod llawer o bobl ifanc yn agored i bwysau oedd ddim yn wynebu cenedlaethau blaenorol ac mae diniweidrwydd plentyndod yn cael ei erydu bob dydd. Mae bod ar bwyllgor CYSAGau Cymru yn gyfle gwych i gwrdd â phobl o'r un ffydd sy'n meddwl yr un fath a sydd hefyd yn credu bod addysg gyda nodweddion Cristnogol yn beth cadarnhaol ym mywydau ein plant a byddwn wrth fy modd o gael cyfle i weithio gyda phobl o'r fath.

Councillor Louise Hughes Gwynedd SACRE

As a practising Christian I am delighted to see that the Church schools in Gwynedd actively promote the Christian virtues of tolerance, forgiveness and love that Jesus himself preached. In today's increasingly secular world it is more important than ever that the word of God is still heard in schools and children are given the opportunity to explore their own faith without fear of derision. The Ten Commandments are as sound a basis for a civilised society today as they were two thousand years ago or even, it could be argued, more important as so many young people are seduced by the shallow world of image, celebrity and the acquisition of material things. Children today are vulnerable to pressures that previous generations were never exposed to and the innocence of childhood is being eroded on a daily basis. Being on the WSACRE committee is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people of Faith who also believe that an education which includes Christian virtues can only be a positive thing in the lives of our children and I would be delighted to be given the chance to work alongside such people.

6. Wyn Myles Meredith CYSAG Gwynedd

Yr wyf yn dymuno gwasanaethu ar Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGC oherwydd fy mod yn ymroddedig i waith CYSAG Gwynedd yn lleol a thrwy hyn wedi mynychu a chefnogi Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru ers 1996 yn fy swyddogaeth fel Aelod o Gyngor Gwynedd hyd nes i mi ymddeol yn 2008. Ers hynny, yn rhinwedd fy swydd fel Stiward Cylchdaith Meirion a Dyfi 'rwyf wedi cynrychioli'r Eglwys Fethodistaidd fel cynrychiolydd enwadol.

Tra yn Aelod ar Gyngor Gwynedd rwyf wedi gwasanaethu ar sawl pwyllgor. Teimlaf bod fy mhrofiad ar y Pwyllgor Addysg ac yn Llywodraethwr yn golygu fy mod yn deall yr heriau sy'n wynebu ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd yr ardal. Rwyf yn edmygu ymroddiad Athrawon Addysg Grefyddol a Phenaethiaid Ysgolion wrth iddynt gyflwyno Addysg Grefyddol ystyrion i blant a phobl ifanc. 'Rwy'n ymwybodol hefyd o'u hymdrechion clodwiw i sicrhau bod sesiynau addoli ar y cyd yn berthnasol i'w byd.

Wyn Myles Meredith Gwynedd SACRE

I wish to serve on the WASACRE Executive Committee as I am committed to the work of Gwynedd SACRE locally and have attended and supported the Welsh Association of SACREs since 1996 in my role as a Member of Gwynedd Council until my retirement in 2008. Since then, as part of my office as the Circuit Steward to the Meirion and Dyfi Area I have represented the Methodist Church as a denominational representative.

Whilst I was a member of Gwynedd Council I served on several committees. I feel that my experience on the Education Committee and as a School Governor means that I understand the challenges facing primary and secondary schools in the area. I admire the commitment of Religious Education Teachers and School Heads when they introduce meaningful Religious Education to children and young people. I am also aware of their praiseworthy efforts to ensure that corporate worship sessions are relevant to their world.

7. Mary Parry CYSAG Caerfyrddin

- Mae gen i brofiad helaeth o weithio ym maes Addysg Grefyddol ac rwy'n angerddol am bwysigrwydd y pwnc i ddatblygu pobl ifanc gyflawn yng Nghymru heddiw.
- Rwyf yn Ymgynghorydd Cysylltiol Addysg Grefyddol gyda Sir Gaerfyrddin (a Dyfed cyn hynny) ers 19 mlynedd, a chyda'r ad-drefnu, rwyf hefyd yn Swyddog Consortiwm Gwella Ysgolion i SWAMWAC (Consortiwm De Orllewin a Chanolbarth Cymru).
- Rwyf yn swyddog proffesiynol i GYSAG Sir Gaerfyrddin. Yn rhinwedd y swydd hon, rwyf wedi bod ynghlwm wrth lunio meysydd llafur cytûn y sir a deunyddiau cefnogi. Hefyd rwyf wedi gweithio'n agos â chyrff allanol ar faterion sy'n ymwneud ag AGr, megis AdAS, CBAC ac Estyn.
- Rwy'n cynghori a chefnogi athrawon ar weithredu Maes Llafur Cytûn y sir ac ar addysgu Addysg Grefyddol yn effeithiol. Rwyf wedi darparu llawer o gyrsiau ac adnoddau dwyieithog ar gyfer ysgolion – yn sir Gâr ac mewn awdurdodau lleol eraill yng Nghymru.
- Rwyf yn aelod gweithgar o Bwyllgor Gwaith Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru ers 17 mlynedd.
- Rwyf wedi cymryd rhan weithredol mewn cyfarfodydd Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru a'i gweithgareddau eraill ers ei sefydlu ym 1995.

- Rwyf wedi cynrychioli Cymru ar weithgor AREIAC (cymdeithas ymgynghorwyr AGr gwledydd Prydain) ac rwyf yn cynrychioli CCYSAGau Cymru ar weithgor EFTRE (fforwm Ewropeaidd ar gyfer athrawon AGr).
- Rwyf yn arolygu ysgolion o dan gytundeb Estyn. Bûm yn rhan o dîm Estyn a arolygodd Addysg Grefyddol dros Gymru gyfan eleni.
- Cyn fy swydd bresennol bûm yn bennaeth yr adran Addysg Grefyddol ac yn bennaeth yr ysgol iau yn Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Sir Gâr.
- Gyda'r profiad hwn, teimlaf y gallaf wneud cyfraniad gwerthfawr i weithgor CCYSAGau Cymru a byddai'n fraint i barhau i wasanaethu arno.

Mary Parry Carmarthenshire SACRE

- I have been working in the field of Religious Education for many years and I am very passionate about the importance of the subject in developing well-rounded young people in Wales today.
- I have been the Religious Education Associate Advisor for Carmarthenshire (and its predecessor, Dyfed) for 19 years, and with reorganisation I am now also a Consortium School Improvement officer in the SWAMWAC region (South, West and Mid Wales Consortium).
- I am the professional officer to the Carmarthenshire SACRE. As such, I have been involved in drawing up the county's RE Agreed syllabuses and support materials and also, I have worked closely with external bodies such as DfES, WJEC and Estyn on matters relating to RE.
- I advise and support teachers on implementing the county Agreed Syllabus and on teaching RE effectively. I have provided many bilingual courses and resources for schools – both in Carmarthenshire and in other LAs in Wales.
- I have been an active member of the WASACRE executive committee for 17 years.
- I have taken an active role in WASACRE meetings and its other activities since its establishment in 1995.
- I have represented Wales on the AREIAC executive (the RE advisors' association in Great Britain) and currently represent WASACRE on EFTRE (the European forum for RE teachers).
- I inspect schools under Estyn contract. I was one of the three inspectors who undertook the Estyn remit for the inspection of RE across Wales this year.
- Before my present position, I was the head of RE and the head of lower school in Newcastle Emlyn Comprehensive school, Carmarthenshire.
- With this experience, I feel that I can make a valuable contribution to the WASACRE executive and would find it a privilege to continue to serve on it.

Enwebiadau ar gyfer Is-Gadeirydd y CCYSAGauC (19 Mehefin 2013)

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the Wales Association of SACREs (19 June 2013)

Gavin Craigen (CYSAG Sir Ddinbych, Cynrychiolydd REC)

Ymddeolodd Gavin Craigen ym mis Rhagfyr 2012 o'i swydd fel Cyfarwyddwr Canolfan St Giles ar gyfer Addysg Grefyddol a Datblygu Ffydd. Cyn hynny fe fu, am 19 blynedd, yn Arolygydd/ymgyngorydd Addysg Grefyddol ar gyfer Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru (Conwy, Sir Ddinbych a Sir y Fflint), ac ar gyfer Wrecsam am 5 mlynedd yn ogystal. Yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw bu hefyd yn Brif Arholwr CBAC ar gyfer TGAU mewn Astudiaethau Crefyddol (Spec B). Ef oedd y mentor arweiniol yng Nghymru ar gyfer prosiect AtGyfnertu Llywodraeth Cymru a'r Swyddfa Gartref, ac fe'i penodwyd hefyd yn Brif Safonwr ar gyfer y rhaglen 'Central Mid' yn CA3, a gwblhawyd ym Mehefin 2012. Bu'n aelod o PYCAG o 1992 tan 2012, a gwasanaethodd fel ei Gadeirydd am sawl blwyddyn. Mae wedi bod yn gysylltiedig â ChCYSAGauC ers ei dechreuad, a bu'n Ysgrifennydd cyntaf y Sefydliad Astudiaethau Crefyddol (IRS) am bum mlynedd. Gwasanaethodd hefyd fel Is-Gadeirydd a Chadeirydd. Er ei fod wedi ymddeol, mae Gavin Craigen yn dal ymlaen â'i gysylltiadau â materion AG drwy GYSAG Sir Ddinbych, fel aelod o Fwrdd Cyngor AG Cymru a Lloegr, a hefyd fel Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Crefyddol Gwasanaethau 'Addysg Gristnogol ac RE Today'.

Gavin Craigen (Denbighshire SACRE, REC representative)

Gavin Craigen retired in December 2012 from his post as Director of St Giles' Centre for Religious Education and Faith Development. Prior to that he was for 19 years Inspector/advisor for Religious Education for North East Wales (Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire) and for Wrexham for 5 years too. During that time he was also Chief Examiner for WJEC Religious Studies GCSE (Spec B). He was lead mentor in Wales for the Welsh Government and Home Office REsilience project, and was also appointed as Chief Moderator for the KS 3 Central Mid programme that was completed in June 2012. He has been a member of NAPFRE from 1992 to 2012, and served as its Chairperson for several years. He has been involved with WASACRE since its inception and was IRS first Secretary for five years. He has also been Vice Chair and Chair. Although retired, Gavin Craigen continues his involvement in RE matters through Denbighshire SACRE, as a member of the Board of the RE Council of England and Wales, and also as Chair of the Religious Services Committee of Christian Education and RE Today Services.

Nomination for WASACRE Executive

Profile for Rev. Roy Watson

Rev. Roy Watson is a Methodist Minister covering Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent.

Rev. Watson's previous and current experience is as follows:-

- Head of RE, Willows High School, Splott, Cardiff – 1976 – 1996
- Member of South Glamorgan SACRE 1992 – 1996
- Member of Blaenau Gwent SACRE 1996 – present
- Chair of Governors, Coed y – Garn Primary School, Nantyglo 1996 – present
- Welsh Football Association. Soccer Referee 1980 – 2003
- Part of Chaplaincy Team, 6th Form, Coleg Gwent, Ebbw Vale

Enwebiad ar gyfer Pwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC

Proffil y Parch. Roy Watson

Mae'r Parch. Roy Watson yn Weinidog Methodistaid sy'n gwasanaethu Abertyleri, Blaenau Gwent.

Mae profiad blaenorol a chyfredol y Parch. Watson fel a ganlyn:-

- Pennaeth AG, Ysgol Uwchradd Willows, Y Sblot, Caerdydd, 1976 – 1996
- Aelod o GYSAG De Morgannwg, 1992 – 1996

- Aelod o GYSAG Blaenau Gwent ers 1996
- Cadeirydd Llywodraethwyr Ysgol Gynradd Coed y Garn, Nant-y-glo, ers 1996
- Dyfarnwr Pêl-droed i Gymdeithas Bêl-droed Cymru, 1980 – 2003
- Aelod o Dîm y Gaplaniaeth, 6^{ed} Dosbarth, Coleg Gwent, Glynebwy