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NASACRE In Conversation

An overview of the Autumn Term NASACRE In Conversation sessions across English RE Hubs

Nine regional NASACRE In Conversation meetings were held November–December 2025. These meetings provided valuable insights into the successes, challenges, and priorities of SACREs across England.

Recurring themes emerged across multiple regions, including:

- The impact of **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)** on SACRE structures, funding, and agreed syllabuses. To help with this, we have a webinar on 22 January to help SACREs affected. We have provided some clear [guidance](#) for SACREs:
- The need for **updated constitutions, codes of conduct, and improved membership recruitment**. Advice on these is already available on the [NASACRE website](#), including the recently revised [NASACRE handbook](#).
- Persistent challenges for SACREs with **annual report submissions and data collection**, particularly from academies.
- Strong consensus on the **importance of RE and the implications of the Curriculum and Assessment Review (CaAR)**.
- The value of **RE Hubs** as a national connector, alongside concerns about sustainability of funding.
- Ongoing issues of **community cohesion**, including prejudice, intolerance, and tensions in schools around difference and diversity – withdrawal from RE and collective worship.

If you have areas that you would like to discuss further in the next *In Conversation* sessions, please contact your NASACRE Exec link person.

The website already has details of the next round of [In Conversation sessions](#) which take place on various dates during March. These are free sessions, aimed at SACRE Chairs, Vice Chairs, LA Officers and Advisers.