

SACRE meeting 10th November 2008

Walsall's SACRE conference 5th March 2009.: Briefing paper

Title: RE in the 21st Century – this may change after final consultations with contributors and stake holders.

Venue: The Banks's stadium – provisionally booked

The conference agenda is attached and the workshops have been agreed with the three key note speakers. Delegates will choose one workshop from each session. There will be a workshop for all delegates from Walsall to contribute towards a final draft of the new Walsall Agrees syllabus to be published in the summer of 2009.

Publishers are being invited to provide stalls etc for delegates to browse during breaks etc.

The conference will be advertised from the middle of November 2008 till the end of January 2009. It will be promoted across the four Black Country authorities as well as Birmingham and other West Midland authorities. A decision will be made at this point as to whether there are sufficient delegates to 'balance the books'. Sixty delegates will be needed to ensure financial success at a conference fee of £150 per delegate.

Walsall Children's services – Serco professional staff development team are supporting the event through administration and venue management as well as the publicity.

Final contributions and suggestions need to be with me no later than 12 noon on Friday 14th November. Publicity will go out the following week.

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