



The WIRE Award (**W**idening **I**nclusivity in **R**eligious **E**ducation)

This is a free award offered by Suffolk SACRE* for schools and teachers dedicated to ensuring that their RE provision is broad and inclusive. It rewards schools which



- take students / staff on visits to places of worship and ensure they meet members of a variety of faith communities
- encourages 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

Suffolk SACRE looks forward to hearing from RE Subject leaders or headteachers whose schools meet the criteria. SACRE is happy to award multiple certificates to a school where class teachers can show they have met all the criteria individually.

All four elements (shown below) have to be completed within an academic year and must be supported by the required evidence at time of application. The application form is simple to complete and does not require an essay! Schools may apply for an award on an annual basis.

Full details of the criteria for the award and an application form are available through the clerk to SACRE (Linden.Pitcher@suffolk.gov.uk) or on the SACRE website.

To achieve the award, a school must complete 4 activities within an academic year and provide evidence which shows what they have done:

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 which worships there
3. Take a group of pupils (or staff) to visit a place of worship of another faith and meet at least one community member

Or Arrange for pupils to welcome someone of a non-Christian faith 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 (such as 'Spirited Arts')

Where possible we prefer to present certificates at a SACRE RE Conference or personally in school but they can also be posted.

