

Carmarthenshire Standing Advisory Council for Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE)

Summary for Members

A Standing Advisory Council on Religion, Values and Ethics (SACRVE) is a statutory body established by each local authority in Wales. Its primary purpose is to advise the local authority on matters related to Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE), and the Daily Act of Collective Worship (DACW) in schools.

SACRVEs are composed of three statutory groups:

Group A: Representatives from Christian denominations, a range of other religious traditions, and non-religious perspectives.

Group B: Representatives of teacher associations.

Group C: Representatives of the local authority (usually elected members).

Each group has one vote (when votes are required), and SACRVEs may also include co-opted members (non-voting) to reflect local diversity or provide expertise.

Key responsibilities of SACRVE include

- Advising the local authority on RVE and DACW.
- Monitoring and supporting the quality of RVE and DACW in schools.
- Publishing an Annual Report detailing activities and advice.
- Considering determinations (requests from schools to modify DACW requirements).
- Recommending updates to the Agreed Syllabus for RVE.
- Promoting community cohesion and interfaith understanding.

As a SACRVE member, your role includes:

1. Representing your community or sponsoring group and communicating SACRVE's work back to them.
2. Participating in discussions with respect and openness.
3. Attending meetings regularly and contributing actively.
4. Supporting links between schools and communities, offering advice and resources.
5. Upholding the values of inclusive, high-quality RVE and DACW.

SACRVEs play a vital role in shaping inclusive education by supporting high quality RVE and DACW that reflects the diversity of modern Wales.

Your involvement supports pupil development, social harmony, and community engagement.