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SACRE Updates.

As promised, BOREA is keeping the community informed of any new information it has regarding membership of SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education), in England and Wales.

Our latest news is that two communities can be added to the SACRE members' list: Redbridge and Lambeth. This brings the number up to 38 of which we are currently aware. These two communities are also interesting for another reason. Lambeth Bahá'í community joined SACRE after the community stated its reasons for wishing to be a member and gave impressive details of its involvement in the life of the borough of Lambeth. This was in February, and is therefore, the newest Bahá'í representative. Congratulations! Redbridge community on the other hand, has been heavily involved in SACRE for many years and is a well-respected, hard-working and influential member. Well done!

Involvement in SACRE does require a long-term commitment and effort from the representative; the long-term effects are probably incalculable, if the representative manifests not only respect for the other religions, but wisdom in action and steadfastly protects the name and status of the Faith.

Many of those listed are keeping BOREA updated on a regular basis. This is very valuable for BOREA's information and ultimately for the Faith in general. One Bahá'í SACRE representative shared the information from the Bahá'í Journal statistics of SACRE membership with his non-Bahá'í SACRE contacts, to illustrate Bahá'í achievements across the country! Some of these representatives have actually "upgraded" their status (highest status is 'full voting', followed by 'co-opted', then 'observer'). If you do not yet have full voting status, do not despair: keep working towards your goal, as you will have a greater say in the decisions made in SACRE and a major impact on the progress of the Faith in this country.

Please send any classroom materials you may have made or have access to, to BOREA, even if it was for a specific class, or it is very old! Your ideas could help many teachers and children across the country. Finally, should you wish to publish any material, nationally, in the field of education and it has any relation to the Bahá'í Faith, it must first be sent to BOREA, as an Office of the National Spiritual Assembly, for review.

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