

Agenda

Meeting Date: Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	12 th June 2025 12fed o Fehefin 2025
Meeting Time: Amser y Cyfarfod:	10.00am 10yb
Meeting Location: Lleoliad y Cyfarfod:	Baglan Education on Training Centre, Elmwood Rd, Baglan, SA12 8TF.

Items/ Itemau

1.	Welcome Croeso
2.	Apologies Ymddiheuriadau
3.	Appointment of new member to SAC Humanist representative. Penodiad aelod newydd i CYS Cynrychiolydd Dynyddiaeth.
4.	Minutes from the last SAConRVE meeting (included in papers) Cofnodion cyfarfod diwethaf CYSarCGM (wedi ei gynnwys yn y papurau)
5.	Matters arising Materion sy'n codi
6.	ESTYN reports Adroddiadau ESTYN
7.	WASACRE and NAPfRVE updates Diweddariadau CCYSAGauC a PYCfCGM
8.	GCSE and A Level Matters – Presentation on the new GCSE RS Materion TGAU a Safon Uwch – Cyflwyniad ar y TGAU AG newydd.
9.	Support for Schools

	Cefnogaeth i Ysgolion
10.	Correspondence Gohebiaethau
11.	AOB – with prior agreement of the chair UFA – a chytundeb o flaen llaw gyda’r cadeirydd

Papers for item 4:



Neath Port Talbot Standing Advisory Council (SAC) on Religious Values and Ethics

Spring Term SAConRVE Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Thursday, 20 February 2025
Meeting Time:	10:00 – 11:45
Meeting Location:	Baglan Education and Training Centre
Chair of Meeting:	Cllr. Wayne Carpenter
Minutes:	Emily Sweeney

1 & 2. Welcome, Attendees and Apologies

Vice Chair Cllr. Wayne Carpenter opened the meeting and listed the attendees and apologies.

Attendees:	1. Rachel Samuel 2. Cllr. Wayne Carpenter 3. Dr. Maripaz Felton 4. Sarah Powell 5. Cllr. Peter Rees 6. Cerys Phillips 7. Ailee Sotero 8. Ceri Cole
Apologies:	1. Rev. Canon Timothy Hewitt 2. Jen Hamilton-Jones 3. Cllr. Jeff Jones 4. Cllr. Rhidian Mizen 5. Cllr. David Whitlock 6. Cllr. Nia Jenkins 7. Rev. Canon Lynda Newman
Absent:	1) Norma Glass 2) Imam A Lorgat

3. Minutes from Autumn Term SAConRVE meeting 09/10/2024

Cllr. Wayne Carpenter and Rachel Samuel confirmed that minutes were accurate and correct.

4. Matters Arising

- Note from previous meeting. Rachel Samuel has contacted The Message and is going to observe one of their lessons at a Swansea school on 13th March 2025. Rachel will provide feedback on the value of RVE.
- Draft Annual Report has now been finalised and translated. It has been sent out to Welsh Government and WASACRE and has been uploaded to the NPT website.

Action point- Annual Report to be sent via email to all NPT schools (Emily Sweeney)

5. Holocaust Memorial Evening

Everyone who attended was highly impressed and the new location lent itself to the whole atmosphere of the evening. The Leader of the Council received a really positive thankyou email from a parent whose child took part. Rachel Samuel then read out the email. Rachel has also sent thankyou emails to all schools that attended. Next year the memorial will again take place in the Great Hall at Swansea University Bay Campus due to the Princess Royal Theatre being under refurbishment. Cllr. Wayne Carpenter expressed his thanks on behalf of the Council for pulling together a wonderful evening.

6. SAConRVE Annual Report 2023-24 (included in papers)

Annual Report 2023-24 has now been signed off.

7. ESTYN report

There has been a number of ESTYN inspections since the last meeting, and there is a school going straight into inspection after half term.

Godre'rgraig Primary

The report detailed the holistic approach to developing pupils understanding, values, relationships and spiritual awareness. No RVE concerns raised.

Coed Hirwaun Primary

ESTYN highlighted the valuable opportunities for pupils speaking and listening in lessons during a daily debate with moral and ethical questions. Showing empathy and developing an understanding of right and wrong.

Bryncoch CIW

Will have a section 50 report as it is a Church in Wales School. They will feedback on the Christianity taught within the school. The report highlighted that the school took worthwhile opportunities for pupils to learn of their own behaviour. Staff made good use of the local church. Exemplary in regard to Black History month and addressed ethical issues such as segregation and equality. This feeds into the schools RVE curriculum.

All positive reports. One Primary school in our county had a negative response to RVE however there were also more wider concerns. There is one Primary school in Wales that has received an RVE recommendation which indicates it's an area that ESTYN are looking at.

8. WASACRE and NAPfRVE updates

- No update from NAPfRVE as Rachel Samuel wasn't able to attend the meeting.
- The last WASACRE meeting took place on 14th November 2024. Rachel Samuel and Cllr. Nia Jenkins attended.
- The meeting covered feedback and reports on the WASACRE summer conference which was well received.
- The agenda also covered the new promotional film WASACRE has funded to produce that explains what RVE is and how relevant it is to the world today. The YouTube link to the film has been shared with all NPT Primary and Secondary schools. The film is live on the WASACRE website.

Action point- Share film with SAC members. Look into sharing the film with NPT councillors and also look into adding the YouTube link to the NPT SAC webpage (Rachel Samuel and Emily Sweeney)

- Updates from Welsh Government about an ongoing project with WASACRE and Welsh Government regarding ITE recruitment. Looking at how they could support ITE, early years teachers etc. This is currently on hold due to the lead organiser being off sick.
- Covered teaching resources and English companies trying to promote in Wales. Welsh Government will not promote/support companies that do not reflect Welsh Curriculum/ethos.
- Professional learning playlist for Governors is ready and waiting to be published. This is the last playlist as funding has now depleted.

Action point- Rachel Samuel to speak to the Schools Governance Officer about sharing the playlist.

- WASACRE is funding a new research project carried out by Wrexham University, Cardiff University and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, titled Teacher Focus. The questionnaire will go to all Primary and Secondary RVE teachers. It will cover RVE in the Curriculum for Wales, teacher confidence/concerns, what training is needed etc.

Rachel Samuel required confirmation from the SAConRVE committee to go ahead with this questionnaire. All agreed.

- Qualification Wales put out a consultation on the 14-16 life skills qualification. One of the titles were "Faiths and World Views in this Community". WASACRE responded and renamed to "Faith and Belief in the Community".
- Next WASACRE meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March 2025.

Action point- Emily Sweeney to share meeting link.

9. GCSE and A Level matters

The new qualification will commence from September 2025 and the specification has been published. An in-depth discussion then took place regarding the concerns with the quality of the PL on the NEA for teachers, and teachers wish to delay of the new qualification.

Plan of action: to co-work and plan on understanding the new papers and NEA. The next secondary heads of RE meeting will take place on 6th March 2025. Outcome of meeting, need to have a plan of action.

WASACRE has complained but do not have the power to change. The most important thing is that we as a SAC recognise that our NPT teachers will require support.

(Q) Cllr. Wayne Carpenter asked, how many of our pupil's study RVE.

(A) Rachel responded. There are less numbers for GCSE therefore less AS/A Level numbers. Cardiff University has removed the subject and therefore less numbers doing PGCE training. We are heading into a RVE national crises. Also, retention of RE teachers is a big problem.

The aim is to create networking between the secondary RVE lead teachers and the primary RVE teachers within each cluster group.

10. Support for Schools

Rachel Samuel currently carrying out school Adds sessions, one to one's, meetings, RVE lead meetings. Rachel has also presented at LLAN and NASH. In the NASH session, Rachel addressed secondary headteachers that mandatory RVE needs to be taught at years 10-11 in a purposeful manner as part of the wider offer that needs to be delivered. Primary schools are really responding well to the support.

11. Correspondence

i) WASACRE elections

Elections are now open. We can nominate members from a different SAC. We cannot nominate from NPT SAC as Rachel Samuel is the current vice-chair.

ii) 'RE Hubs'

RE Hubs is a privately funded company. There is a Welsh RE Rep based in Swansea, Jennifer Harding-Richards. There has been communication sent asking to present at a SAC meeting. The company offer training, resources and speakers for schools/teachers. As it's a private company, there is no vetting process. The English Gov has not funded RE Hubs. Welsh Gov will not put links to RE Hubs on its website as there is a contradiction to Curriculum for Wales. Every Local Authority in Wales has an RVE Advisor.

Rachel asked the members, do we feel there is the need to agree to have a presentation from RE Hubs at a SAC meeting.

(Q) Ceri Cole asked if there was a fee to use their service.

(A) Rachel Samuel replied. There is no fee, and they are not monitored other than by themselves.

Cerys Phillips commented that RE Hubs could be detrimental to Curriculum for Wales and feels it could undo lots of hard work.

The SAC agreed to decline RE Hubs request to present at a meeting.

12. AOB- with prior agreement of the Chair

n/a

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th June 2025. To add to the agenda- a look into the specification of the new GCSE syllabus.

Meeting brought to a close at 11.46am by Cllr. Wayne Carpenter.

Cyngor Ymgynghorol Sefydlog Castell Nedd Port Talbot (CYS)ar Crefydd Gwerthoedd a Moeseg

Cofnodion cyfarfod y Gwanwyn

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	Dydd Iau, 20 Chwefror 2025
Amser y Cyfarfod:	10:00 – 11:45
Lleoliad y cyfarfod:	Baglan Education and Training Centre
Cadeirydd y cyfarfod:	Cyng. Wayne Carpenter
Cofnodion:	Emily Sweeney

1 & 2. Croeso, Presenol ac Ymddiheuriadau

Agorwyd y cyfarfod gan yr is-gadeirydd Cyng. Wayne Carpenter opened the meeting.

Presenol:	9. Rachel Samuel 10. Cllr. Wayne Carpenter 11. Dr. Maripaz Felton 12. Sarah Powell 13. Cllr. Peter Rees 14. Cerys Phillips 15. Ailee Sotero 16. Ceri Cole
Ymddiheuriadau:	8. Rev. Canon Timothy Hewitt 9. Jen Hamilton-Jones 10. Cllr. Jeff Jones 11. Cllr. Rhidian Mizen 12. Cllr. David Whitlock 13. Cllr. Nia Jenkins 14. Rev. Canon Lynda Newman
Absenol:	3) Norma Glass 4) Imam A Lorgat

3. Cofnodion Cyfarfod yr Hydref 09/10/2024

Cadarnhawyd cywirdeb y cyfarfod gan y Cyng. Wayne Carpenter a Rachel Samuel.

4. Materion sy'n codi

- Nodyn o'r cyfarfod blaenorol. Mae Rachel Samuel wedi cysylltu â The Message ac mae'n mynd i arsylwi un o'u gwersi mewn ysgol yn Abertawe ar 13eg Mawrth 2025. Bydd Rachel yn rhoi adborth ar werth CGM.
- Mae'r Adroddiad Blynyddol drafft bellach wedi'i gwblhau a'i gyfieithu. Mae wedi'i anfon at Lywodraeth Cymru a CCYSAGC ac wedi'i lanlwytho i wefan CNPT.

Pwynt gweithredu - Adroddiad Blynyddol i'w anfon trwy e-bost i holl ysgolion CNPT (Emily Sweeney)

5. Noson Cofio'r Holocost

Cafodd pawb a fynychodd argraff fawr ac roedd y lleoliad newydd yn addas ar gyfer holl awyrgylch y noson. Derbyniodd Arweinydd y Cyngor e-bost diolch cadarnhaol iawn gan riant y cymerodd ei phlentyn ran. Yna darllenodd Rachel Samuel yr e-bost. Mae Rachel hefyd wedi anfon e-byst diolch i bob ysgol a fynychodd. Y flwyddyn nesaf bydd y noson cofio yn cael ei chynnal eto yn y Neuadd Fawr ar Gampws y Bae Prifysgol Abertawe oherwydd bod Theatr y Dywysoges Frenhinol yn cael ei hadnewyddu. Rhoddodd y Cyng. Wayne Carpenter ei ddiolch ar ran y Cyngor am drefnu noson fendigedig.

6. Adroddiad blynyddol CYSarCGM 2023-24 (wedi ei gynnwys yn y papurau)

Mae'r adroddiad wedi ei gwblhau.

7. Adroddiadau ESTYN

Bu nifer o arolygiadau ESTYN ers y cyfarfod diwethaf, ac mae ysgol yn mynd yn syth i arolygiad ar ôl hanner tymor.

Ysgol Gynradd Godre'rgraig. Roedd yr adroddiad yn manylu ar y dull cyfannol o ddatblygu dealltwriaeth, gwerthoedd, perthnasoedd ac ymwybyddiaeth ysbrydol disgyblion. Ni chodwyd unrhyw bryderon am CGM.

Ysgol GynraddCoed Hirwaun. Amlygodd ESTYN y cyfleoedd gwerthfawr i ddisgyblion siarad a gwrando mewn gwersi yn ystod dadl ddyddiol gyda chwestiynau moesol a moesegol. Dangos empathi a datblygu dealltwriaeth o dda a drwg.

Bryncoch Eglwys yng Nghymru. Bydd yn cael adroddiad adran 50 gan ei bod yn Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru. Byddant yn rhoi adborth ar y Gristnogaeth a addysgir yn yr ysgol. Amlygodd yr adroddiad fod yr ysgol wedi cymryd cyfleoedd gwerth chweil i ddisgyblion ddysgu am eu hymddygiad eu hunain. Gwnaeth y staff ddefnydd da o'r eglwys leol. Yn rhagorol o ran mis Hanes Pobl Dduon ac yn rhoi sylw i faterion moesegol megis arwahanu a chydaddoldeb. Mae hyn yn bwydo i mewn i gwricwlwm CGM yr ysgol.

Pob adroddiad cadarnhaol. Cafodd un ysgol gynradd yn ein sir ymateb negyddol i CGM ond roedd pryderon ehangach hefyd. Mae un ysgol gynradd yng Nghymru sydd wedi derbyn argymhelliad CGM sy'n nodi ei fod yn faes y mae ESTYN yn edrych arno.

8. Diweddariad CCYSAGauC a WASACRE and PYCYS updates

- Dim diweddariad gan PYCYS gan nad oedd Rachel Samuel yn gallu bod yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod.
- Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod diwethaf CCYSAGauC ar 14eg Tachwedd 2024. Rachel Samuel a'r Cyng. Roedd Nia Jenkins yn bresennol.
- Roedd y cyfarfod yn cynnwys adborth ac adroddiadau ar gynhadledd haf CCYSAGauC a gafodd dderbyniad da.
- Roedd yr agenda hefyd yn cynnwys y ffilm hyrwyddo newydd y mae CCYSAGauC wedi'i hariannu i'w chynhyrchu sy'n egluro beth yw CGM a pha mor berthnasol ydyw i'r byd heddiw. Mae'r ddolen YouTube i'r ffilm wedi'i rhannu â holl ysgolion Cynradd ac Uwchradd CNPT. Mae'r ffilm yn fyw ar wefan CCYSAGauC.

Pwynt gweithredu- Rhannu ffilm gydag aelodau CYS. Edrych i mewn i rannu'r ffilm gyda chynghorwyr CNPT a hefyd edrych i mewn i ychwanegu'r ddolen YouTube i dudalen we CYS CNPT (Rachel Samuel and Emily Sweeney)

- Diweddariadau gan Lywodraeth Cymru am brosiect parhaus gyda CCYSAGC a Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch recriwtio athrawon AG. Edrych ar sut y gallent gefnogi ADY, athrawon blynyddoedd cynnar ac ati. Mae hyn wedi'i ohirio ar hyn o bryd oherwydd bod y prif drefnydd i fwrdd yn sâl.

- Cwmpasu adnoddau dysgu a chwmnïau o Loegr yn ceisio hyrwyddo yng Nghymru. Ni fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn hyrwyddo/cefnogi cwmnïau nad ydynt yn adlewyrchu'r Cwricwlwm/ethos Cymreig.
- Rhestr chwarae dysgu proffesiynol ar gyfer Llywodraethwyr yn barod ac yn aros i gael ei chyhoeddi. Dyma'r rhestr chwarae olaf gan fod cyllid bellach wedi dod i ben.

Action point- Rachel Samuel to speak to the Schools Governance Officer about sharing the playlist.

- Mae CCYSAGauC yn ariannu prosiect ymchwil newydd a gynhelir gan Brifysgol Wrecsam, Prifysgol Caerdydd a Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot, o'r enw Teacher Focus. Bydd yr holiadur yn mynd i bob athro CGM Cynradd ac Uwchradd. Bydd yn cwmpasu CGM yn y Cwricwlwm i Gymru, hyder/pryderon athrawon, pa hyfforddiant sydd ei angen ac ati.

Roedd angen cadarnhad gan bwyllgor SAConRVE ar Rachel Samuel i fynd ymlaen â'r holiadur hwn. Cytunwyd iddo gael ei ddosbarthu.

- Cynhaliodd Cymwysterau Cymru ymgynghoriad ar y cymhwyster sgiliau bywyd 14-16. Un o'r teitlau oedd "Faiths and World Views in this Community". Ymatebodd CCYSAGauC a'i hailenwi i "Ffydd a Chred yn y Gymuned".
- Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf CCYSAGauC ddydd Iau 6ed Mawrth 2025.

Pwynt gweithredu - Emily Sweeney i rannu dolen y cyfarfod.

9. Materion TGAU a Lefel A.

Bydd y cymhwyster newydd yn cychwyn o fis Medi 2025 ac mae'r fanyleb wedi'i chyhoeddi. Cafwyd trafodaeth fanwl wedyn ynghylch y pryderon ynghylch ansawdd y dysgu proffesiynol ar yr asesiad di-arholiad i athrawon, ac mae athrawon yn dymuno gohirio'r cymhwyster newydd.

Cynllun gweithredu: i gydweithio a chynllunio ar ddeall y papurau newydd a ADA. Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf penaethiaid AG uwchradd ar 6 Mawrth 2025. Canlyniad y cyfarfod, angen cynllun gweithredu.

WASACRE has complained but do not have the power to change. The most important thing is that we as a SAC recognise that our NPT teachers will require support.

(C) Cyng. Gofynnodd Wayne Carpenter, faint o'n disgybl sy'n astudio CGM.

(A) Ymatebodd Rachel. Mae llai o niferoedd ar gyfer TGAU felly llai o niferoedd UG/Safon Uwch. Mae Prifysgol Caerdydd wedi dileu'r pwnc ac felly mae llai o niferoedd yn gwneud hyfforddiant TAR. Rydym yn mynd i mewn i argyfwng cenedlaethol CGM. Hefyd, mae cadw athrawon AG yn broblem fawr.

Y nod yw creu rhwydweithio rhwng yr athrawon arweiniol CGM uwchradd a'r athrawon CGM cynradd o fewn pob grŵp clwstwr.

10. Cefnogaeth I Ysgolion

Ar hyn o bryd mae Rachel Samuel yn cynnal sesiynau ADDs yn ysgolion, un i un, cyfarfodydd, cyfarfodydd arweinwyr CGM. Mae Rachel hefyd wedi cyflwyno yn LLAN a NASH. Yn y sesiwn NASH, bu Rachel yn annerch penaethiaid uwchradd fod angen addysgu CGM gorfodol ym mlynnyddoedd 10-11 mewn modd pwrpasol fel rhan o'r cynnig ehangach sydd angen ei gyflwyno. Mae ysgolion cynradd yn ymateb yn dda iawn i'r cymorth.

11. Gohebaeth

i) Etholiadau CCYSAGauC

Mae etholiadau nawr ar agor. Gallwn enwebu aelodau o CYS gwahanol. Ni allwn enwebu o CYS CNPT gan mai Rachel Samuel yw'r is-gadeirydd presennol.

ii) 'RE Hubs'

Mae RE Hubs yn gwmni a ariennir yn breifat. Mae Cynrychiolydd Addysg Grefyddol Cymru yn Abertawe, Jennifer Harding-Richards. Anfonwyd gohebiaeth yn gofyn am gael cyflwyno mewn cyfarfod CYS. Mae'r cwmni'n cynnig hyfforddiant, adnoddau a siaradwyr i ysgolion/athrawon. Gan ei fod yn gwmni preifat, nid oes proses fetio. Nid yw Llywodraeth Lloegr wedi ariannu Hybiau Addysg Grefyddol. Ni fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn rhoi dolenni i Hybiau Addysg Grefyddol ar ei wefan gan fod gwrth-ddweud i Gwricwlwm i Gymru. Mae gan bob Awdurdod Lleol yng Nghymru Gyngorydd CGM.

Gofynnodd Rachel i'r aelodau, a ydym yn teimlo bod angen gael cyflwyniad gan RE Hubs mewn cyfarfod CYS.

(C) Gofynnodd Ceri Cole a oedd ffi i ddefnyddio eu gwasanaeth.

(A) Atebodd Rachel Samuel. Nid oes ffi, ac nid ydynt yn cael eu monitro heblaw eu hunain.

Dyweddodd Cerys Phillips y gallai RE Hubs fod yn niweidiol i Gwricwlwm i Gymru a theimlai y gallai ddadwneud llawer o waith caled.

Cytunodd yr CYS i wrthod cais RE Hubs i gyflwyno mewn cyfarfod.

12. UFA- gyda cytundeb a'r cadeirydd

Dim

Cynhelir y cyfarfod nesaf ddydd Mercher 4ydd Mehefin 2025. Ychwanegu i'r agenda - golwg ar fanyleb y maes llafur TGAU newydd.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 11.46am gan y Cyng. Wayne Carpenter.