

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025

Councillor Rachel Buckler (Monmouthshire)

It would be a privilege to be nominated for a place on the Executive of WASACRE. I am a Monmouthshire County Councillor and member of the Monmouthshire SAC committee.

As a committed member of the Anglican Church in Wales, I regularly attend services and deeply value the role that faith plays in shaping individuals and communities. I believe it is essential that children and young people have the opportunity to learn about religious beliefs and their historical significance. Understanding different faiths, as well as the perspectives of those who do not hold religious beliefs, fosters empathy, respect, and a deeper awareness of the world around us.

As a member of the Executive, I would be dedicated to ensuring that RVE remains a vital part of the curriculum. It is important that young people understand how different religions and cultures shape expectations and responses, helping them to navigate an increasingly diverse society. Learning about faith, and the reasons some people choose not to follow one, broadens perspectives and encourages a wider outlook.

RVE education is not just about learning facts; it is about nurturing open-mindedness, critical thinking, and an appreciation for different world views. I would be proud to promote high-quality, inclusive religious education as part of WASACRE