

# ATCRE

## Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education

### ATCRE Elections for Executive

- We have five positions available and seven people standing.
- You need to register for the AGM to vote.
- The AGM is a zoom event.
- The AGM is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.
- Registration for voting closes at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

Go to <https://www.atcre.co.uk/events>

- Voting will be via an electronic voting system using the Electoral Reform Society Single Transferable Vote system.
- You will be asked to rank the candidates in order of preference.
- Voting will take place at the AGM.
- You will be sent an email with voting instructions just before the start of the meeting.
- During the AGM voting needs to take place.
- Voting was be stopped near the end of the meeting and the results will be announced.

### Dave Legrand



#### Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:

As Treasurer I set up ATCRE's bank account and PayPal and won grants which enabled ATCRE to start up and run a successful conference. I also sit on the Recruitment & Retention and Conference Planning executive committee groups. I have written for ATCRE in Networking magazine and delivered a CPD session. I am excited to continue supporting ATCRE and feel my experience as Treasurer will support another successful conference.

#### Professional bio:

I trained and completed an MA at St Mary's, Twickenham. I taught RE in Guildford with responsibility for Key Stage 5 before moving to Head of RE at Salesian, Chertsey. I'm also the RE tutor and assessor for Teach South-East and chair of Surrey RE SAFE meetings. I am an examiner for AQA and am also working with OUP and BBC Bitesize on GCSE and A-Level projects.

## Andy Lewis



### **Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:**

I have been a teacher of Catholic RE for 16 years and care passionately about sustaining our mission, while developing and improving our provision for the young people in our schools. I would like to be elected to offer my experience, insight and skills to the organisation. It would be a privilege to continue the work I have been involved in for several years as part of the original launch and growth of ATCRE.

### **Professional bio:**

I am currently a Deputy Headteacher (Catholic Life) at an all boys school in East London and have worked locally, regionally and nationally via The Agnus Dei Catholic School Alliance and Formatio providing CPD in Catholic Leadership and Catholic RE. I have had textbooks, revision guides, workbooks, quiz books and pedagogy guides published for both Catholic RE and the wider RE community.

## David Bayne



I have loved to see the continuous growth of ATCRE over recent years and I believe that I have skills that will help ATCRE continue to grow. My experience of teaching RE for 20 years and a career in technology prior to teaching can contribute to the successful work of the ATCRE executive. I am keen to use my IT experience to help promote the work of ATCRE.

### **Professional bio:**

I have taught RE for 20 years in a number of secondary schools across keystone 3,4 and 5. I have also held pastoral posts for most of my teaching career, and I am currently a Head of 6th Form. Prior to teaching, I worked in the Dept for Education in a variety of roles including as a computer programmer and on the team which set up the General Teaching Council.

## Carol Gregson



### **Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:**

I recognize the challenges of teaching Religious Education in an increasingly diverse and secular society, in which for many the school is the Church. Dialogue and collaboration between educators plays a crucial role in ensuring that Catholic schools present an authentic vision of the Church's teachings, in order that they might provide opportunities for students to grow in closeness to God and to 'be the change they wish to see in the world'

### **Professional bio:**

I have 25 years' experience in Catholic education. I have extensive experience as a Head of RE in a large 11-18 Catholic School in Blackpool and begin a new role as Head of Catholic Life at Cardinal Newman, Preston in January. I have experience examining a variety of A Level and GCSE examination syllabi and am currently Assistant Principal Examiner for EDUQAS Route B. This role has involved developing online and textbook resources, contributing to online CPD and reviewing examination grades and CAG appeals. I am a foundation governor and RE lead at a local Catholic Primary School.

## David Bayliss



### **Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:**

I would like to build my professional network and assist others in promoting RE and raising the quality of RE in Catholic schools. I have been working with my Headteacher in advising a school about preparing for their S48 inspection this I found rewarding. I have also enjoyed being a PGCE/Teach First mentor and would like to do more mentoring, I think there is a lot to be learnt from the wider Catholic education community and I'd like to be a part building that community.

### **Professional bio:**

A graduate of the University of London (Heythrop University) where I read Philosophy.

A graduate of Newman University where I obtained a PGCE in Religious Education.

I have been a RE teacher in Birmingham for nine years. For the last three years I have been a Head of Department and a member of the schools Chaplaincy team, recently contributing to the school's first Outstanding Section 48 judgement and an Ofsted thematic study.

## Jennifer Rowlands



### **Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:**

It would be an honour to serve ATCRE by bringing the skills and experience I have gained in both a professional and voluntary capacity to the executive. I am particularly excited about the introduction of the new curriculum directory this year, and the challenges this will bring. If elected, I would seek to ensure ATCRE becomes the first place teachers consult when developing their own curriculums in response to this.

### **Professional bio:**

I have been a Head of RE for three years, most recently in the Liverpool Archdiocese. I have also developed a diverse range skills alongside my teaching career, including chairing a SACRE which was previously largely inactive, working as a trustee at two local charities and serving as a Borough councillor. I am secretary of the Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Commission and am finalising my MA in Catholic Leadership.

## Gratton Mulcrow



### **Why I would like to stand for election to the executive:**

I have been a member of ATCRE since its inception and am also committed to continuing CPD via conferences and webinars which showcase the latest developments in pedagogy and curriculum. I have a keen desire to connect the teaching of Catholic RE with the work of CSAN and other pertinent bodies and individuals to ensure our students can put their faith into action, alongside the acquisition of knowledge.

### **Professional bio:**

1992- present: teacher of RE KS3-5 in eight diocesan schools, Birmingham. Various positions of leadership within these schools including Head of RE, Head of Sixth Form, Assistant Head, Deputy Head, PICCL. Four years educational consultancy with ASDAN Education with a strong focus on meta-cognitive approaches to learning, including two years as Midlands Regional Manager and co-writing the Beliefs and Values short course.