

Welcome to the final weekly regional update for 2016 – 17. We are pleased to be sharing this message with our SYH colleagues who, as we journey forwards as one 'new region' will increasingly be included within ongoing regional communications. Weekly updates will begin again week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

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[Click here](#) to view the end of year message from Chris Wheatley, Teaching School Council Representative.

**SSIF Round 2:**

We understand that round 2 of bidding for the Strategic School Improvement Fund will open in September with a deadline around October half term. You are encouraged to start planning your bids now using the round 1 forms and process. The round 2 forms will be slightly simplified but will not differ a lot from round 1.

Outcomes of round 1 bids are awaiting ministerial sign off and will be announced in September. Unsuccessful bidders will receive feedback and can re-apply in round 2.

**Education Endowment Foundation funded trial of Schools Partnership Programme – develop leadership capacity in collaborative school improvement across your local system**

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) will be funding a large trial of [Education Development Trust's Schools Partnership Programme \(SPP\)](#). A team from UCL Institute of Education (IOE) will independently evaluate whether a rigorous cluster-based approach to peer review and school-to-school support can lead to improved outcomes for pupils. 110,000 pupils in 300 schools are expected to take part, starting in January 2018 and finishing in July 2020. The EEF are looking to work with a select number of local systems to build significant senior and middle leadership capacity and capability to support a culture of continuous and sustainable improvement.

Further details about the model can be viewed via: <https://www.eddevtrustspp.com/>

If you believe schools in your alliance may be interested in taking part, please read the two attachments and contact – [partnerships@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:partnerships@educationdevelopmenttrust.com). Further details about the project and next steps about recruitment will follow.

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