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##### Galvanising the Self Improving System to Effect Improved Outcomes in Our Schools'

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

10am – 3pm (networking time available)

The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

[Click here](#) to book your places.

We are delighted to announce that Stef Edwards from The Chartered College of Teaching will be attending as our Keynote Speaker.

“Stef Edwards is the Chief Executive Officer of Learn Academies Trust - a Multi-Academy Trust of 9 primaries based in South Leicestershire. Stef has been in primary education since 1986. A primary teacher and English specialist, she was headteacher of Great Bowden Academy for 11 years until being appointed to the full-time Learn-AT CEO post in 2017. A National Leader of Education, Stef has had a career-long commitment to research-engaged and informed teachers’ professional learning that secures exceptional learning for all pupils. Building on her master’s in education research and inquiry, she is currently undertaking a professional doctorate (EdD) relating to her research into the leadership of teachers’ professional learning through Collaborative Lesson Research (Lesson Study) across networks of schools. Stef is a founding member and passionate advocate for the Chartered College of Teaching and the role it can play in nurturing the craft, the noble profession, of teaching.”

The deadline for booking is **midday on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

A reminder that places are funded.

If you have any questions please contact [Rebecca.Smith@emsyh.org.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Smith@emsyh.org.uk)

\*At the end of the conference we will take the opportunity to discuss with those colleagues who are interested, the current round of TLIF (see below) to determine how the region will respond to the opportunity.

#### Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) – Roadshows

Joint DfE/TSC events are being held to support the bidding process for Round 3 of SSIF. These events will include lessons learnt from Rounds 1 and 2 along with details regarding ‘what’s new’ in R3. The TSC will be encouraging:

- Collaborative applications across the sector that make effective use of the capacity available to us
- Applications that are underpinned by a strong evidence base
- A range of applications to ensure each of the priority areas identified are being covered
- Effective communications and engagement with eligible schools

**7th February** - 9:30am - 12:30pm (those expressing an interest in this event will be contacted individually to agree how this will be progressed. If you are interested in this event, please continue to book on via Eventbrite)

**8th February** - 9:30am - 12:30pm (those expressing an interest in this event will be contacted individually to agree how this will be progressed. If you are interested in this event, please continue to book on via Eventbrite)

**9th February** - *Webinar* - 10am - 12pm - login details to follow

**21st February** - 9am - 12pm - venue tbc

**21st February** - 1:30pm - 4pm - venue tbc

**1<sup>st</sup> March** - *Webinar* – 1pm – 3pm - login details to follow

Places are available to colleagues representing Teaching Schools, MAT's, Local Authority and Diocesan Boards.

[Click here](#) to register your places. Updates on venues will be confirmed via the EMSYH website. If you have any queries please contact [info@emsyh.org.uk](mailto:info@emsyh.org.uk)

For more information please [click here](#)

### Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) – Application Form LIVE

The SSIF R3 application form is now live and available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund#apply>.

#### Message from DfE

The new online form has many improved functions, for example, applicants only need to insert the URN for the supported schools and the system automatically pulls through all the relevant details such as school name, LA and RSC region.

Other changes to the application form include:

- Revised wording for the questions and guidance for the programme of work section: linking to a theory of change that guides applicants into thinking about the links between the activity they are undertaking, the outcomes and the evidence to support this.
- One table for provider details and track record: this was previously two separate tables in separate sections.
- Revised sequencing and numbering of questions so that the form flows in a more systematic way: there are now 3 sections: 1 – applicant details, 2 – project details, 3 – project costs.

Also available online you will find:

- An offline version of the application form
- Application completion notes

If you have any questions please send them through to [ssif.enquiries@education.gov.uk](mailto:ssif.enquiries@education.gov.uk).

### TLIF Round 2 update – launch of the Standard Selection Questionnaire

The launch of the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SSQ) has been announced, which is the first stage of the procurement process for round 2 of the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF). The SSQ phase opened on Wednesday 31 January 2018, and is open for 30 days, closing at midday on **Thursday 1 March 2018**.

All procurement documentation is available on [Bravo](#), reference no PQQ 28965. Interested bidders will need to be registered on the Bravo system to access the information.

The Contract Notice and supporting documentation is available on [Contracts Finder](#). Any questions relating to the TLIF procurement materials must be directed through Bravo.

### Regional opportunities

Please [click here](#) to visit the portal to view the latest regional opportunities.

All the best,  
Ellen Lee

**On behalf of Chris Wheatley, TSC Representative East Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber and Chris Abbott,  
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