

“EMSYH believes that continuous improvement is best driven from within the region itself – by proven, existing outstanding practitioners”

Weekly Regional Update w/c 09.04.18 – 29th Edition

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- 16th April – EMTSSG Meeting
- 20th April – SSIF deadline date
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- 14th-15th June - Inspiring Leadership Conference
- 25th June - EMSYH Conference

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

Thank you to those applicants that submitted their SSIF bids to the DfE for a pre-read before the SSIF deadline on Friday 20th April.

Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they have been received and feedback to will be provided as soon after the 6th of April as it is possible.



Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF)

We are delighted to inform you that EMSYH has made it through R1 Expression of Interest phase of the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF). We have been invited to submit a more detailed application with the deadline Wednesday 9th May.

This was the first application to go directly from the EMSYH Company and will be based on RQTs in the first 2-4 years of their career. If you are interested in being part of the working group to develop the work further for R2 application please contact Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net.



EMSYH School Led Conference



We are pleased to confirm that the EMSYH school led conference which is taking place on **Monday 25th June** will be held at the [Doncaster Racecourse](#).

The focus for this conference will be on evidence based practice and showcasing the impact teaching schools are making on learner outcomes linked to 'The Big Three' (Initial Teaching Training, School to School Support and Continuous Professional and Leadership Development).

Following on from the conference workshop we held in February, a system will be developed to allow the key messages on sharing evidence based practice case studies and linking this to Peer Review and the Data Hub to be embedded within the conference.

Further information regarding the conference will be shared via the weekly e-bulletin and on the [portal](#).

For further information please contact Becky, rebecca.smith@emsyh.org.uk

Upcoming Regional Meetings

East Midlands Strategic Group meeting will be taking place on **Monday 16th April**, 9.30am-3.30pm at Kyra Research School, Lincoln Carlton Academy LN2 4AG.

Joint York and Humber meeting will be taking place on **Monday 30th April** at Pathfinder TSA, Archbishop Holgate's School, YO10 5ZA.

EEF implementation planning event invitation



The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) are offering a series of events during April to support successful planning for implementation of SSIF projects. As a successful round 2 SSIF project, you and/or a member of your project team are invited to attend one of the events.

The sessions will focus on what effective implementation looks like, drawing on the recommendations of the EEF's recent publication 'Putting evidence to work: A school's guide to implementation' (<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/a-schools-guide-to-implementation/>). It will include coverage of features of effective professional development and planning for sustainability and scaling-up. Four events are planned:

- 18 April (09:30 -13:00) – Mary Sumner House, London
- 19 April (10:00-14:00) – Mercure Sheffield Parkway, Sheffield
- 24 April (10:00-14:00) – Exeter (venue TBC)
- 25 April (10:00 – 14:00) – DfE, Earlsdon Park, Coventry.

We recommend that all round 2 SSIF projects attend one of the events. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited to a maximum of 2 people per organisation.

Spaces are limited therefore, if you are interested in attending please email Kanika Roy (Kanika.roy@education.gov.uk) as soon as possible and to confirm who from your organisation will be attending and at which event.

Collaborative Fund Evaluation 2017-18

Message from the DfE

Schools who received 2017-18 grant payments through the Collaborative Fund will be sent an e-mail shortly with details of how to complete the 2017-18 evaluation return. This is an essential component of our ability to provide financial assurance, demonstrating that public funds are being used appropriately. We will be hosting a series of web chats to provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have in relation to the process.



Further details will be provided in the e-mail you receive requesting you complete the evaluation. Please send any queries in the meantime to: grant.assurance@education.gov.uk

NCTL Update

As announced [last year](#), from 1st April 2018 the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) and the Department for Education will combine into one team to help better align efforts to attract the best and brightest into the profession, and support teachers at every stage of their career. The move will mean even closer coordination between work already underway to improve schools and strengthen the profession, and the delivery of support to teachers in classrooms.



Teaching Schools and System Leaders will see little material change as a result of this realignment, though we will be removing our NCTL branding from websites and publications in order to reflect this change. Likewise we will also be making the following changes to our social media:

- The [Twitter](#) profile will close. To keep up to date, please follow [@educationgovuk](#).
- The [Facebook](#) page will merge with the main [DfE Facebook page](#).
- The [YouTube](#) channel will close. You can view the DfE's videos on the [main YouTube channel](#).

You can also get the latest updates from the Department for Education directly into your inbox by signing up to the new [teacher bulletin](#).

New Guidance on Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility Criteria



New guidance, which sets out the updated criteria used to determine which pupils are entitled to free school meals, will be available from 1 April 2018. This reflects the introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other income-based benefits. The guidance also includes:

- information on how pupils currently claiming free school meals, or who will claim during Universal Credit rollout, are affected;
- a template letter that schools can use to explain the changes to parents;

- and details on support for ensuring as many entitled pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals.

The new guidance is available [here](#). Please share this information with schools in your regions.

Research School Newsletters

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news from our regions research schools by signing up to receive free monthly e-newsletters by clicking the links below:

- [Kyra – Lincoln](#)
- [Partners in Learning – Doncaster](#)
- [Wyndham Primary Academy – Derby](#)
- [Huntington School - Huntington](#)



Regional Opportunities

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

All the best,
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