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Dates for your diary

Joint SY Meeting, 15th March, 2pm-4.30pm
6th April – submit draft SSIF application to
DfE for feedback
Inspiring Leadership Conference 14-15 June
EMSYH Conference, 25th June

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

You will be aware from previous bulletins that the Department for Education has commissioned the Teaching Schools Council to coordinate and support SSIF applications from LAs, TSAs and MATs in line with the improvement priorities identified by [Sub-Regional Improvement Boards](#). Further details regarding the SSIF process, Regional Priorities, eligibility criteria and general enquiries can be accessed via the East Midlands South Yorkshire and Humber Teaching School [website](#).

An updated list of eligible schools and accompanying maps have now been sent to members of the Local Partnership Meetings (LPM)/Sub Regional Improvement Boards (SRIBs). This information is privileged but can be shared for the purposes of developing applications to the SSIF, with and within organisations intending to apply to SSIF. The information cannot be shared more widely than this and must not be published or shared in an uncontrolled manner.

If you are a potential applicant and wish to access the eligible schools updated information please contact either your local LPM/SRIB member or email info@emsyh.org.uk where your request will be considered. The DfE and TSC are developing a support package for R3 applicants the details of which are still being finalised. The TSC team will contact known applicants personally but if you are intending to submit an application and haven't shared your intention with either TSC, DfE or one of the LPMs please contact info@emsyh.org.uk to enable us to support you appropriately.

The DfE have agreed to do a one-time read of each application and feedback on areas for development – **if you would to take up this opportunity please email your application to info@emsyh.org.uk by no later than 6th April.**

EMSYH Region TSC Mid-year Report

You will recall that in September 2017 we developed and published our EMSYH Teaching School Strategy 2017/18. We have now completed a mid-year review, the report of which asks the question, 'What difference are we making?' The report provides a reflection on how we are doing as a region and what we need to do next in order to continue to 'engage every school as a giver and receiver of support, to achieve sustainable improvements in outcomes for all the region's learners.'

To view the report please [click here](#).

Teaching School and NLE Application rounds opening soon

We understand that the next teaching schools and NLE application rounds will open during the summer term. Keep checking the webpage for more information about the exact date. If you or your school would like to register your interest or obtain more information then please visit the [Teaching School application page](#) or [NLE Application page](#).

You can also listen direct to what some of the current [Teaching Schools](#) and [NLEs](#) have to say regarding the benefits of their designation and why they applied.

School Experience Programme

The DfE would like Teaching Schools to participate in a week that aims to draw attention to the School Experience Programme (SEP). The Programme offers lots of benefits to schools as it brings prospective teachers through their doors and can play a key role in teacher recruitment. Candidates value the opportunity to experience school life from a teacher's perspective and the school experience can be pivotal in their decision to proceed to apply for a teaching course. The first 'Spotlight on SEP week' will be W/C 23rd April. Candidates will be contacted directly by the Department's contact centre to raise awareness, and the department will also promote the event through social media and networking groups in the run up and over the course of the week.

This is an excellent opportunity for Teaching Schools to be at the forefront of promotion for the School Experience Programme and each school will have the freedom to offer individual days or the full week to candidates. DfE will provide ideas about best practice, however these are guidelines only and schools can decide the content of the School Experience to suit their own context.

Any Teaching Schools wishing to participate should register on the portal by Tuesday 3rd April – as this is when DfE will begin to promote the Week to candidates. The portal can be accessed by following this link and you can create your school's account by contacting the SEP team on the details provided:

<https://schoolexperience-ta-recruit.education.gov.uk/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Teaching Schools and System Leadership: monthly reports

The Teaching schools and system leadership monthly report has been updated for March 2018. The report includes an update in the number of System Leaders across the region. To view this report please [click here](#).

Teacher Workload Challenge: School Research Project Reports

In 2016, NCTL awarded [grant funding to 11 groups of schools](#) to carry out collaborative research projects that are built on the principles and recommendations from [3 independent reports into workload](#). These reports cover the research findings on efficient and effective approaches that reduce unnecessary workload. To view these reports please [click here](#).

Leading a Mentally Heath School

The DfE are supporting a new two-day programme, aimed at senior leaders in schools, in developing a whole-school strategy towards positive mental health. Leading a Mentally Healthy School (LaMHS) has been developed by SDSA in partnership with Health Education England and is being rolled out to all TSAs nationally through a cascade model.

Please out for the free places on the Train the Trainer programme. More information, including information on the regional hubs can be found here <https://www.ts council.org.uk/leading-a-mentally-healthy-school/>

Building Up Capacity of Schools Business Managers

Message from the DfE - The DfE's Schools Commercial Team (SCT), are interested in exploring how Teaching School Alliances can support their work to deliver the [Schools' Buying Strategy](#).

A number of options are being discussed and consideration is being given to how best to build the capacity and capability of school business managers (SBMs) within the system, to help drive improvements in how schools manage their non-staff spend.

It has been suggested that a forward would be to look to identify a couple of school business management nominees from each region who would be willing and able to get involved in this work, and help to shape how SCT can best work with SBMs in Teaching Schools on their initiatives.

If you are aware of any prospective SBMs perhaps from amongst the SLE population could you please pass on their names & contact details to Richard.Jones@education.gov.uk who will follow up with the individuals. If you'd like to talk with Richard, please do get in touch directly via email or on 0777 206 0800.

Inspiring Leadership Conference 14 – 15 June 2018

You will recall that TSC are involved in the Inspiring Leadership Conference 2018, and the advertising for this is now on live on the TSC website, [click here](#). Please can we encourage you to circulate and book your places.

International Recruitment Pilot – EOI attached

Message from the DfE

“In May 2016, the DfE appointed two school-led networks to pilot recruitment of international maths and physics teachers from non-EEA countries. TSC are working with DfE to expand this programme, with the aim of international teachers commencing in post from September 2018 onwards.

Grant funding of up to £88k is available to deliver this. TSC are looking to appoint teaching school-led network(s) to deliver the programme in our region. Further breakdown is included in the [attached EOI](#).

If you are interested in applying, please send your completed EOI by **12noon on Wednesday 28 March** to: International.TEACHERRECRUITMENT@education.gov.uk”

Regional opportunities

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

All the best,

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