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Joint York and Humber Meeting, 5th
March, 10.00am-12.00pm, venue:
Ebor, York
Joint SY Meeting, 15th March,
2.00pm-4.30pm,

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

Strategic School Improvement Fund: Coasting schools

Message from the DfE

“Following the publication of revised KS2 and KS4 performance data, a number of schools have met the coasting definition in 2017. The coasting definition is based on three consecutive years of performance data and reflects the same measures that underpin the floor standards. Further information about the coasting definition can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/primary-school-accountability (primary)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/progress-8-school-performance-measure (secondary)

If you are considering submitting a round 3 Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) bid, please be aware that coasting schools meet the SSIF eligibility criteria. For further information about all the eligibility criteria, please see the SSIF guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund>.

Applicants are also welcome to email the SSIF mailbox (ssif.enquiries@education.gov.uk) for advice, and to contact their local Teaching School lead who will be able to give further recommendations about the support they are able to offer. The Teaching School leads are currently working with the area’s Research School Council representatives to support applicants with how to develop an evidence-led research application.”

Teaching School and Leadership – national monthly reports

Message from the DfE

“Teaching School and Leadership reports were added on 8th February 2018. [Click here](#) to view.

Background - The Department for Education is currently undertaking work to significantly expand the number of teaching schools and national leaders of education, with a targeted approach focused on areas where they are most needed in order to create a comprehensive national network of school-led support for leaders to draw on as they choose. There is a commitment to ensure that all schools in all areas can access support, collaboration and best practice by ensuring full coverage of system leaders across the country.

This is a monthly report that states the number of system leaders designated by the National College for Teaching and Leadership.”

Appeal a System Leader or Teaching School Application Decision

Information on how to appeal against an unsuccessful application to become a system leader or teaching school can be found [here](#).

Identifying and capturing Governance Improvement in SSIF Bids

We would like everyone who involved in submitting SSIF bids to consider whether there is any work to be undertaken with Governing Boards. It is important that all improvement work is sustainable beyond the interventions funded through SSIF.

The ability of Governors to monitor the improvement and track impact is key to ongoing improvement in the school.

If you need advice or support in scoping support to Governors please contact Jane Lewis at jane.lewis@togetherpeople.co.uk or your local NLG Area Co-ordinators.

York and Humber Joint Teaching School meeting

York and Humber Joint Teaching School and Local Authority Meeting on **Monday 5th March 2018**. The meeting is 10am – 12noon and will be at Ebor Teaching School (Robert Wilkinson School, York).

A reminder that there will be a short meeting after for the York and Humber Local Leads.

Please note that there is no on-site parking and therefore those attending by car may need to find a parking place on the local streets nearby.

This meeting is due to go ahead however, if there is any change due to the weather, you will be contacted as soon as possible by either Pat Dubas or Ged Fitzpatrick.

A Step Towards Headship – SYH Colleagues only

A Step Towards Headship is funded as part of the Regional Targeted Support Fund which is reflected in the reduced cost to participants.

Message from Learner's First

“This targeted leadership programme aims to support senior leaders who are at an early stage of pursuing a career in headship and looking to take the next steps on their journey. It is ideally suited to senior leaders who have undertaken a NPQSL (or similar level) qualification and as a precursor to NPQH.

Applications are now being accepted and the window will close at noon on **Wednesday 28th March 2018**. Further programme details, dates and information about how to apply can be found in the attached flyer. Alternatively, please email Learners First at: teachingschool@learnersfirst.org should you wish to discuss further.”

Governance Update

Academy and School Governance: Professional Development

The DfE have contracted five organisations to provide professional development until March 2020. Find out what training is available for school governors and how to apply by click on the link below; [Academy and school governance: professional development](#)

Providers: Governance Leadership and Clerking Development

Contact details for organisations contracted to offer governance leadership and clerking development opportunities can be found here; [Providers: governance leadership and clerking development](#)

Women Leading in Education

Women Leading in Education would like to invite you to join their Twitter chat on **Thursday 8th March at 7:00pm** to celebrate **International Women's Day!** This is fantastic opportunity to discuss some of the challenges that Women Leading in Education (WLE) might face in their working environment.

The chat will be led by @TeachSchCouncil and will last approximately 30 minutes. Please follow them if you are not already.

2018 [International Women's Day](#) theme #pressforprogress is following the [report](#) from the World Economic Forum 2017 Gender Gap Report outlining the gender parity is still 200 years away.

Please feel free to send any ideas you might have around this topic.

International Women's Day is also a great opportunity for:

- People who are interested in coaching women in education to progress into leadership
- Women in education who are interested in receiving coaching to help them to progress to leadership
- Anyone who is interested in supporting women in education to progress to leadership.

If you have coaching experience and are interested in the potential of supporting women into leadership, then have a look into the 'Pledge to Coach' and how you might offer your services. For more information about this please click on the link below.

<https://www.tscouncil.org.uk/women-leading-in-education-coaching-pledge/>

If you have any further questions about the Twitter chat please do not hesitate to get in touch emma.sheasby@emsyh.org.uk

Women Leading in Education Network, YH

The Women Leading in Education Network, YH have recently launched a second annual conference "**Unlocking Potential, Raising Aspirations - The Power of Coaching**", which will be held on **Saturday 17th March** at the Hilton Hotel in Leeds). For more information please visit <http://www.emsyh.org.uk/regional-links/cpd-opportunities/>

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, TSC Representative for South Yorkshire and Humber

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