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# TRUST Newsletter

*Improving education and life chances for all children and young people*



**Kehri Ellis**

Chief Executive, NTLT

Welcome to July's edition of TRUST, providing schools, employer partners, Trust Governors and other key stakeholders with important information on the programmes and partnerships taking place across the Trust. We have lots of exciting new developments to share with you, namely; the Trust was successful in its bid to become a regional Maths Hub, June saw the launch of the Trust's Science Learning Partnership and we held our first NTLT Star Awards Ceremony celebrating the remarkable achievements of children and young people from Trust schools. I hope you enjoy reading about these and much more in this edition of TRUST.

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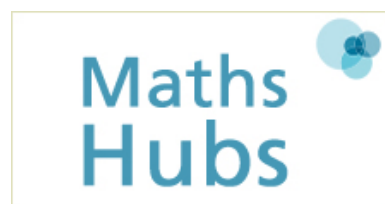
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## Trust News

### The Trust Joins National Network of Maths Hubs



The Trust was successful in its bid to join a national network of 32 new Maths Hubs, backed by £11 million funding from the Department of Education. The Maths Hub lead school is Churchill Community College and will be led by Amanda Tunmore, Director of Mathematics. The Hub will implement the Asian-style mastery approach to maths which has achieved world-leading success - with children in these jurisdictions often around 2 years ahead of English children by age 15. The Hub will develop this programme with academics from Shanghai Normal University and England's National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM), whom the Trust already works with closely.

A Shanghai Teacher Exchange programme will see two English-speaking maths teachers from China embedded in the Maths Hub in the autumn term. The Chinese teachers will run master classes for local schools and provide subject-specific on-the-job teacher training. Two teachers from Benton Dene Primary School will work in schools in China for at least a month, to learn their world-class teaching approaches. The teachers will then put into practice in the region what they have learnt and spread this widely to their peers. The Hub will also be supporting the Your Life campaign to increase the number of students studying maths and physics at A level. The campaign, led by businesses, aims to increase the number of students taking maths and physics A level by 50% over the

next 3 years.

The NCETM will coordinate the programme at a national level and ensure that best practice in hubs is shared amongst the whole network and drive improvement. Exciting updates about the Maths Hub will feature in future editions of TRUST. Meanwhile follow [@NLT\\_MathsHub](#) on Twitter to keep updated.

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## NLT Star Awards 2014

A fantastic night was had on 23rd June at the Village Hotel by all 230 guests who came to honour and celebrate the 48 inspirational Star Award finalists. The children and young people brought along their proud friends and family and were joined by Headteachers and Governors from across Trust schools. Matt Bailey, Capital FM breakfast presenter, was the Master of Ceremonies and he introduced the award sponsors who had the difficult task of selecting the eventual award winners who were presented with special star trophies on stage.

Almost 400 nominations were received for the 12 award categories, so every finalist was considered a winner in their own right and they received a medal and an amazing prize box worth over £100 each. Prizes included a family day pass at a local attraction, cinema voucher, INTU shopping voucher, commemorative mug, personalised chocolate and an invitation to an experience day at Newcastle College. Entertainment on the night included Monkseaton Middle School choir, a sweets buffet, photography challenge and music.



Details of each finalists' achievement can be found in our programme [here](#). Photos of the night are displayed in the commemorative album [here](#) and more photos of the glittering event can be found on our Facebook page. The awards also featured in The Chronicle last week, click [here](#) to view the online article.

The success of the night was due to our dedicated Awards Planning Committee and our generous main event sponsor, Vision for Education, who have already agreed to sponsor the NLT Star Awards in 2015, and our individual award sponsors; The Apartment Group, Capita, Day 8 Productions, Gentoo, Kier, N U Foundation, Sage, Sidekick Office Products, STEM North East, and VODA North Tyneside. Thank you for your support.



The Build IT Master Builder programme has been developed by North Tyneside Council's Education ICT Team. It will support the development of digital competence in school staff and students. It aims to achieve this by developing teachers' skills to ensure that they are competent and confident in delivering a physical computing curriculum that will inspire, engage and upskill the workforce of the future. This involves a CPD programme for school teachers in the use of the Raspberry Pi computer system, a credit-card-sized single-board computer developed with the intention of promoting the teaching of basic computer science in schools. As part of the programme schools will receive:

- A planned 12 week curriculum
- Learning resources for the curriculum (Learning Mats, Hack Templates & Student Workbooks)
- 17 sets of kit for delivery of curriculum

What's more, all Trust schools receive a £500 discount on this fantastic opportunity!

Many North Tyneside schools attended the first in a series of CPD sessions on the 7th July, with more scheduled in the new year. For more details and to find out about the upcoming sessions, email [heather.smith2@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:heather.smith2@ntlp.org.uk).

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## Science Learning Partnership Launch

**Science**  
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Headteachers and Science Subject Leads from schools across the region attended the Science Learning Partnership Launch Event at the Langdale Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Following an introduction from David Baldwin, Chair of the Trust, Claire Moody, Science School Improvement Advisor, delivered an inspirational presentation on The Maintaining Curiosity Report. Emily Perry, Co-Director for the Science Learning Partnership (SLP) consortium, spoke in detail about the SLP, discussing its impact and provisions for schools. Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive of the Trust, closed with an overview of the Trust and its Science CPD opportunities. The evening ended with a fantastic networking buffet giving delegates a chance to share their CPD priorities to shape the SLP programme next academic year.

This term the SLP has already run CPD courses on the Secondary and Primary New Curriculum. Each course will identify and explore key issues arising from the changes, assess the implications and consider ways schools and teachers can successfully adapt. To meet demand the Primary course will be repeated on 15th July.

Future course details and information about the SLP will feature in future editions of Trust, meanwhile follow [@NTLT\\_ScienceLP](https://twitter.com/NTLT_ScienceLP) for regular updates.

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## Trust Inspire Network - Career Speed Dating Event

The Trust held its first 'Career Speed Dating' event at Western Community Primary school with volunteers signed up to the new Trust Inspire Network, a database of individuals from a range of businesses and industries whom the Trust can call upon to support career events in Trust schools. 6 individuals were quizzed for an hour on Friday afternoon by Year 6 pupils at Western Community Primary School, who were tasked with asking Yes or No answer questions in order to match the individual to a simplified role description on a worksheet. The children's stereotypes of different professions were

challenged they learned about a variety of career paths, from a Financial Advisor to an A&E Doctor. Children and adults alike enjoyed the event. If you are a school interested in using the network, or an individual interested in signing up, please contact [chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk)

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## Esh Employability Programme



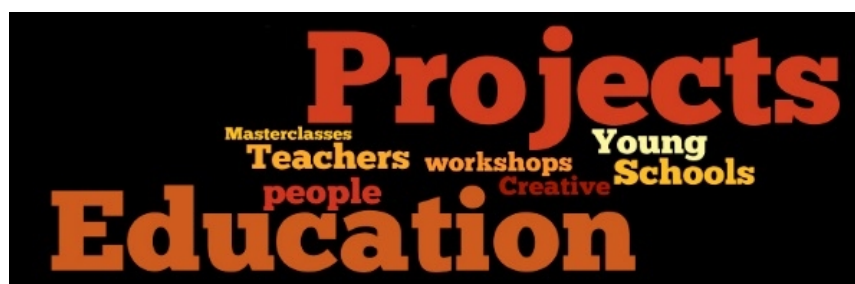
Trust schools Burnside Business and Enterprise College, Churchill Community College and Norham High School are participating in the Ofsted endorsed Esh Group's 'Building My Skills' 2014/15 programme. Building My Skills is a structured employability skills programme which provides students with a broad introduction to world of work. Once students complete a series of workshops and checkpoints, they will be offered an interview with one of the over 60 businesses signed up to the programme. This is a fantastic link with business and industry, and will provide students with the knowledge, tools and business insights needed for a successful future career.



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## Young Urbanists Pilot Programme

Marden High School and John Spence Community High School will be taking part in the research of a pilot programme with Northern Architecture by supporting the development of the content, approach and its delivery to pitch to funders. The project will be based around urban regeneration and career paths into architecture, offering students the chance to step into the shoes of architects, learning how to design, experiment and plan regeneration projects in their area. The project is forecast to run on a larger scale in 2015/16 following the pilot. Examples of previous projects can be found [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).



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## Young Engineer, Design and Technology Competition

Burnside Business and Enterprise College entered the Young Engineer, Designer and Technology Competition on 8th July 2014 at Newcastle Discovery Museum. This event was organised by Hexham Rotary Club, Northumbria University and Friends of the Discovery Museum in Newcastle. Northumbria University's support was provided through the Think Physics initiative, with whom the Trust is a partner, aimed at using physics to inspire young people into STEM disciplines.

Entrants from schools in Amble, Alnwick, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Ponteland



and North Tyneside were judged in two age groups against rigorous, industrially-relevant, product development cycle criteria.

The prizes were awarded by the Director of Think Physics Initiative, Carol Davenport, who in a short presentation emphasised the skills acquired whilst studying design, technology and related subjects, available career opportunities and why so many well-known companies are keen to recruit the apprentices and graduates from these courses.

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## Ofsted Success for Trust Schools

Congratulations to all staff, governors, parents and pupils at Churchill Community College and Monkhouse Primary School who have both had Ofsted success this term. CCC has been deemed Outstanding in all areas and Monkhouse Primary was recently rated as Good. This is a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of all staff and governors in both schools.



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## Trust Board Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Trust Board for a Schools Director as a result of the resignation of Paul Mitchell, Chair of Governors at Whitley Bay High School, who has done a fantastic job of serving the Trust representing Chairs of Governors. Details of how to apply for the role will be distributed by email to all Trust school Headteachers and Chairs of Governors. For more information please contact [chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk)

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## Annual Members Meeting

Please save the date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 4-5:30 pm (venue tbc).

Audience: Headteachers, Chairs of Governors, Trust Governors and Employer Partners.

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## We Have Moved

This term the Trust's core team relocated from Churchill Community College to the vacant East Annex at Norham High School. The Trust's new number is 0191 238 0418 and the address is NTLT, c/o/ Norham High School, Alnwick Avenue, NE29 7BU. Thank you to all the staff at CCC for accommodating and supporting the Trust over the last year and a half.

## Opportunities

### Apprenticeship Bursaries for Schools as Employers

The Trust is delighted to announce funding for a further 20 bursaries worth £3,550 each for Trust schools as employers of Trust school leaver apprentices, equivalent to approximately 50% of the apprentice wage. Many schools have already taken advantage of this offer and feedback from schools, staff and apprentices has been overwhelmingly positive. Apprentices have been employed by schools in areas such as Business Administration, ICT, Finance, Classroom Support and Sports. If you are interested in employing an apprentice please contact [claire.dunn@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:claire.dunn@northtyneside.gov.uk).

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## Outstanding Teacher Programme 2 for 1 Offer

The Trust is pleased to continue its 2 for 1 offer for Trust schools registering two teachers on the successful Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP) by paying the full course fees for one teacher. The OTP is a nationally accredited programme designed for consistently good teachers who have the ability to be regularly outstanding. To view the course flyers, which detail content, costs, start dates and booking information, please click [here](#) for level 1 and [here](#) for level 2.

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## Crest Awards with the CITB

The Trust is delighted to introduce a UK award scheme run by the British Science Association recognising success, building skills and demonstrating achievement in STEM project work. The CITB Sustainable Communities Bronze CREST scheme is an employer-led challenge inviting students to develop a sustainable housing plan for a 2000m<sup>2</sup> site including 10 homes. Students take part in a construction site visit, develop a time plan using critical path analysis (the basis of all project planning tools), and think about how they can make the development more sustainable. The Challenge can be linked to the specifications for BTEC Level 2 qualifications in Construction. Using their employer network and Construction Ambassadors, CITB will support schools in identifying an appropriate site visit and any employer support they require back at school. The only costs involved are registering each student with the local CREST Co-ordinator which is £4 per student plus staff time and any other costs you may incur attending an site visit e.g. transport costs.



This is a fantastic opportunity to link education with real world business experience and will give students the insights needed to pursue a career in the construction industry.

CITB is very keen to encourage more schools/colleges to become involved in the scheme so if you would like to find out more please contact Maria O'Sullivan at CITB [maria.osullivan@citb.co.uk](mailto:maria.osullivan@citb.co.uk).

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the CITB's excellent new video which follows a group of students doing the award.

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## Free TES Advertising

As part of a new trial by TES, schools may now advertise support roles on [www.tes.co.uk](http://www.tes.co.uk) free of charge. You can also add your logo, photos and attachments to enhance visibility and response to your listing. For more information view the flyer. Please send any support roles to [tessupport@tes.co.uk](mailto:tessupport@tes.co.uk) and cc [simon.thurston@tsleducation.co.uk](mailto:simon.thurston@tsleducation.co.uk) and they will go live as a starter package for free.

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## SCHOOLS NorthEast Summit Discount

The SCHOOLS NorthEast annual summit is taking place on 10th October at St James' Park in Newcastle. For more information on the event please click [here](#). The Trust has

secured a discount for delegates from schools in North Tyneside; for non Schools NorthEast partners it is £64 for Primary and Special Schools and £80 for Secondary, for Schools NorthEast partners the cost is a blanket rate of £56. To book a place please contact [a.lamb@schoolsnorthwest.com](mailto:a.lamb@schoolsnorthwest.com).

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## Call for Teachers at Sea by Newcastle University

A new Call for Teachers and Educators at Sea is now open for 2 of their 2015 trips.

Expedition 353: [Indian Monsoon Rainfall](#): 29 November 2014 - 19 January 2015

Expedition 354: [Bengal Fan](#): 29 January - 31 March, 2015

You can read more about the scientific objectives, sites and personnel involved at the links above for each expedition.

To apply, follow the instructions on the application [here](#)

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

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## vInspired Schools Programme

An exciting new collaboration has arisen with the vInspired Schools volunteering and social action programme. vInspired Schools is a flexible programme and offers schools an opportunity to coordinate voluntary opportunities and programmes, and to develop a whole-school approach to volunteering and social action. The programme includes access to a range of free, flexible tools including a simple and free web-based platform connecting students with school volunteering opportunities and funding of up to £500 to support students' social action projects. Students participating receive nationally recognised certifications for the hours they put in to volunteering.

Many students will already be participating in volunteering activities outside of school and all these hours can be logged towards the certificates with vInspired Schools. For those schools already participating in the National Citizen Service 'Champion School's' programme, this is a fantastic opportunity to gain extra recognition for the valuable work they do. If your school is interested in this opportunity please contact [heather.smith2@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:heather.smith2@ntlp.org.uk).



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## Moving to Mobile Learning - Nimble App

The Nimble App helps schools and students take advantage of mobile learning. This cross platform, affordable application provides detailed feedback to learners, educators and institutions and covers resources for KS2, GCSE and post-16. For students it provides high quality, engaging and involving content, accessible wherever they are, whenever they want; plenty of practice exercises and tests; and instant feedback on their work and all the encouragement they need to develop as independent learners. For teachers there are publications tailored to the UK





curriculum, from experienced education professionals; a bank of resources for homework and independent learning activities; and integrated practice exercises and self-marking tests.

Pearson Publishing also provides a 'Pupil Perception' service: an online tool provided to students which gives them a portal through which their concerns and thoughts on their education can be voiced and understood by schools. Schools in Wallsend have been successfully using this tool for several years.

For further information on the app and to see online demonstrations, click [here](#) or contact [bhs@pearson.co.uk](mailto:bhs@pearson.co.uk).

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## M10 Missions

M10 Missions is a registered charity that facilitates the opportunity for students aged 16-18 to engage in overseas relief projects. It is designed to offer an authentic life changing experience for volunteers who want to make a difference to families and communities less fortunate. M10 Missions acts as a course as well as a trip, and provides sessions which lead volunteers through all the essentials they will need such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. During students' 10 day trip abroad they may help to; build a house for a family in need, run a sports day for local children, visit and help out at an orphanage or even set up football tournaments in their local town. There will also be time for trips to the beach and sightseeing. To download a brochure click [here](#). Or click [here](#) for a clip of M10 on Look North.



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## Defibrillators for North Tyneside Schools

Hearts With Goals and the North East Ambulance Service are supporting the introduction of defibrillators into Schools in North Tyneside. To raise money to fund the defibrillators North Tyneside schools are proposing that all Trust schools hold a fundraising DRESS IN RED day on 26th September 2014 called 'North Tyneside Heart Start Head Start Day'. Children will pay £1 to dress in red and wristbands will be available for them to buy in the lead up to the day. All monies raised will go into a central pot with North East Hearts With Goals. To confirm you will be fundraising on the 26th September and joining the "Heart Start Head Start" programme contact Janine White, Schools Procurement Officer, at [janine.white@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:janine.white@ntlp.org.uk) or call 07887 996 855. If you do not want to join the programme or already have a defibrillator, please let Janine know. If you wish to use your budget and purchase your own defibrillator sooner contact Hearts With Goals direct and place your order through them. We recommend the "worry free package" for the IPAD Sp1 defibrillator.

## Trust Governors

## Welcome to our new Trust Governors

- Toby Bridges, NBT Group, Rockcliffe First School
- Anne Parker, Your Growth Ltd, Richardson Dees Primary School
- Joy Platt, Northumbria University, Marden Bridge Middle School
- Dan Welsh, The Education Network, Wellfield Middle School

The Trust continues to recruit Trust Governors from business and industry to strengthen, support and challenge the Governing Bodies of Trust schools. If you, or a colleague, are interested in becoming a Trust Governor please contact [chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk) for more information.

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## Trust Governor Induction Event

This term the Trust hosted its first Induction event for Trust Governors at Benton Dene School. David Baldwin, Chair, and Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive, hosted the event and detailed the background of the Trust, its Vision, Mission Values, priorities, programmes and partnership, and responsibilities and expectations of Trust Governors. To view the slideshow presented on the night please click [here](#). Following positive feedback the Trust plans to hold a repeat event next academic year.

## Contact Us

If you have a news story, announcement or suggestions for future editions of TRUST please contact [chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk).

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