

Welcome to the first edition of Trust, the new electronic newsletter from North Tyneside Learning Trust providing member schools, employer partners, further and higher education partners, Trust Governors and other key stakeholders with information on activities and new developments across the Trust.

I'm keen to improve communications and this monthly e-newsletter is just one of the ways I hope to keep you informed. There are lots of exciting things happening within the Trust and now you will be able to learn more about some of them each month in Trust. I hope you enjoy reading the first edition. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive, North Tyneside Learning Trust



Science Strategy Launched in partnership with the National Science Learning Centre in York

Headteachers and Science Leads from 23 Schools across the Trust were joined by Employers and school improvement staff on a visit to the National Science Learning Centre in York on 6th December to kickstart the Science Strategy launched by the Trust at the Annual Members Meeting in October.

The Centre houses the largest collection of teaching and learning resources for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects in the UK and delegates from the Trust were able to explore the treasure chest of resources before taking part in a number of inspiring practical science activities in the state of the art teaching laboratories.

4 priorities for action were identified on the day and 4 working groups were subsequently established to develop a strategy for improvement. We are very keen to progress things quickly. The target date for compiling the draft plan is 14th January 2013. If your school was unable to take part on the Visioning Day in York, but you would like to be represented on one of the working groups please contact the appointed Lead.

1. **Raising Aspirations** - Andy Gray, Whitley Bay High School - andy.gray@ntlp.org.uk
2. **Subject knowledge** - Laura Dickinson, Grasmere Academy - laura.dickinson@ntlp.org.uk
3. **Enquiry Based Learning** - Mark Teale, Churchill Community College - mark.teale@ntlp.org.uk
4. **Assessment** - Jonny Instone, Marden Bridge Middle School - jonny.instone@ntlp.org.uk



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It is envisaged that much of the work can be completed electronically with group members contributing to draft documents circulated by Working Group Leads. We are meeting again with representatives from the National Science Centre on 22nd January 2013 to explore ways of resourcing and delivering the priorities identified within our strategy so it is important that your school contributes to shaping the priorities established.

David Baldwin, Chair of NTLT announced that the Trust would be sponsoring schools membership of The Association for Science Education as part of the Science Strategy. For more information on ASE membership please contact Lynne Horton lynne.horton@northtyneside.gov.uk. A big thank you to all those who took part in the strategic planning work to establish key priorities for the Trust over the next two years. Any schools not able to take part in the Visioning Day but keen to get involved in the development and delivery of the Science Strategy going forward should contact Kehri Ellis kehri.ellis@ntlp.org.uk and provide a named contact for future communications.

SCIENCE LEARNING CENTRES

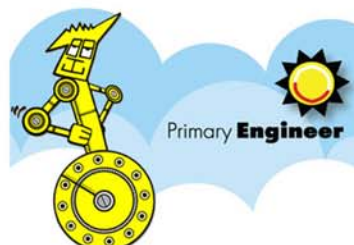


Primary Engineer

The Trust is currently in negotiations with Primary Engineer to deliver a series of Engineering programmes in Trust schools. Primary Engineer was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit company set up to inspire and encourage children from a very young age into engineering. The programmes run now extend from the first year in primary school through to undergraduate study and industry and are delivered across England, Scotland and Wales in over 2000 schools.

The programme offers 2 Teachers from each school the opportunity to work with an Engineer on a practical based 'Training Day'. The practical exercise developed on the training day which involves designing and building a vehicle, is then undertaken by Year 2 and Year 6 pupils across 6 lessons. Schools are provided with a digital interactive white board and paper based resources. As part of the programme a celebration event is held where schools meet, test the vehicles and talk about design processes. An area winner is chosen to compete at a regional level. A training CD is also provided to enable teachers to cascade training to other staff.

The Trust and Primary Engineers are working together to secure sponsorship from local engineering companies to enable Trust schools to participate in the programme in order to launch a Primary Engineer cluster in North Tyneside. The Trust is keen to develop a long term relationship with the Engineers involved and will be encouraging them to consider Trust Governor opportunities. Primary Engineer is a whole class based programme that is mapped to England's National Curriculum. It tracks practical maths, science and design technology, with the project having a positive impact on the literacy and communication skills of the pupils demonstrating the cross-curricular nature of engineering. Progress updates on sponsorships secured and the timescales for launching the scheme will appear in future editions of Trust.





Bid to develop and reform SEN Services

A £1.2m funding application has been submitted to the Department for Education's National Prospectus Grants Programme 2013-15 for a two year project geared towards developing and reforming services supporting children with SEN, disabilities and other health needs. The project will work with 400 children and young people with wide ranging SEN. Education, Employability, Care and Health (EECH) plans will be developed and a flexible employability support programme offered to provide pathways to employment. Funding will be flexible and budget pooling to pay for pathways to employment will be actively encouraged. The project will employ a Project Co-ordinator and 5 Project Workers. The Trust are bidding as part of a consortium involving Percy Hedley Foundation, North Tyneside PCT and North Tyneside Council. There is a two stage assessment process, we will be notified in January if the stage 1 assessment has been successful.



Outstanding Teaching Programme 2 for 1 offer

North Tyneside Learning Trust recognises that good and outstanding teaching is at the heart of school improvement. We want to actively support the capacity of all trust schools to improve the quality of their teaching. We are working in partnership with the Trust Teaching School, Whitley Bay High School, to support schools to train two further outstanding teachers.

This would allow the two staff to work together to provide real support and training for other staff to improve the quality of teaching right across their school. Schools registering two members of staff on one of the forthcoming Outstanding Teaching Programmes will only pay the course fee for one member of staff as the Trust will cover the course fees for the other member of staff.

This offer is only available for 2012/13 academic year. OTP is a nationally accredited programme designed for consistently good teachers who have the ability to be regularly outstanding. The programme is delivered in 9 modules and the cost is £600 per Teacher. The OTP commencing on 9th January is already full. Two further programmes will run this academic year commencing on 18 April and 15 May. For more information about OTP or to book a place please contact teachingschool@whitleybayhighschool.org



A recruitment drive is currently underway to secure new Trust Governors. A number of new companies have been approached including SMD, ISOS, Catpita Symonds and Fabricom Offshore. We are also working with STEMNET to promote trust Governor opportunities to STEM Ambassadors. It is also envisaged that Engineers engaged with Primary Schools through the Primary Engineers programme will be invited to become Trust Governors.

The Trust is fully committed to filling Trust Governor vacancies and 5 new Trust Governors have been recently appointed.

Andrew Sugden	Northumbria University	- Churchill Community College
Chris Scott	Kier	- Battle Hill Primary School
Paul Hindmarch	Dept for Work & Pensions	- Amberley Primary School
David Stainthorpe	MD at Eden Rock	- Marden High School



Trust Board Changes



Welcome to our newest Trust Director, Emma Overton who joined the Trust Board in November as the Primary School Director. Emma is Headteacher at Stephenson Memorial Primary School in Howdon.

Goodbye and good luck to Professor Roy Sandbach, our Employer Director who recently left Procter and Gamble to join Cranfield University as Director of Innovation. Roy was one of the founding members of North Tyneside Learning Trust and played an instrumental role in shaping the activities and direction of the trust over the past two years. Roy's dedication and valuable contribution will be greatly missed. Roy will remain Chair of Governors at Seaton Burn College.



Trust seek New Employer Director

The search is now on for a new Employer Director. Employer Partners are encouraged to consider nominating anyone with the appropriate level of skill and expertise to work with the Board of Director and shape the future direction of the Trust. For an informal discussion about the role please contact David Baldwin, Chair of NTLT on 0191 234 7200 david.baldwin@ntlp.org.uk



More schools interested in Trust membership

Several new schools across North Tyneside have expressed an interest in joining North Tyneside Learning Trust and will be launching consultations early in the New Year. The Trust currently has 34 member schools and could see numbers rise to almost 40 as early as Easter. The Trust continues to attract a great deal of interest regionally and nationally and has recently provided support to clusters of schools considering the formation of Trusts outside North Tyneside.



Primary Mathematics Lead & Primary English Lead

Recruitment is underway to appoint a new Primary Mathematics Lead and a new Primary English Lead. The new posts will focus on raising achievement and standards by providing support and challenge to Trust schools. Working in partnership with the local authority school improvement team, the new posts will strengthen our capacity to deliver improvements in this important area of work.

Partnership Co-ordinator

North Tyneside Learning Trust are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic administrator to strengthen member services and improve communications across the Trust. You will play a key role in co-ordinating a programme of events throughout the year and providing administrative support to the Chief Executive and Board of Directors. Experience of partnership working and relationship management would be an advantage. For more information about the role please contact Kehri Ellis on 0191 234 7229 kehri.ellis@ntlp.org.uk the closing date is 7th January 2013.

Apprenticeship vacancies across the Trust

Apprentice (Office Administration) Beacon Hill School

For more information about the role please contact Fiona Saint, School Business Manager, Beacon Hill School on 0191 643 3008 fiona.saint@northtyneside.gov.uk the closing date is 24th January 2013

Apprentice (Office Administration), Apprentice (Learning Environment) Grassmere Academy

For more information about the role please contact Hazel Almquist, Grassmere Academy on 0191 200 8343 hazel.almquist@northtyneside.gov.uk the closing date is 24th January 2013

Applications, job descriptions and further information on all advertised posts are available on the NTLT website www.ntlearningtrust.org.uk



Comments, suggestions and contributions

are welcome from members schools, employer partners, Trust Governors and other stakeholders.

If you have...

- **A news story, information item or announcement to share**
- **Comments on this edition of Trust**
- **Suggestions for improving future editions of Trust**

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