

Professional Communities Prospectus (2021-2022)

Formerly known as Networks, Subject Hubs and Forums

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Introduction

As a partnership, we are proud to lead a growing number of Professional Communities for schools in Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and the wider area. Since 2016, our partnership has been providing networks across the area, supporting teachers, leaders and the wider school workforce to connect, share and engage with effective practice.

Teaching School Alliances – which have been at the heart of creating the structures for professional communities – are being reformed as part of the Department for Education’s aim to recruit and retain great teachers. New Teaching School Hubs have been appointed (Colyton TSH and Kingsbridge TSH) which are working together with a partnership of Alliances, MATs and Curriculum Hubs to ensure that the development of professional communities continues to thrive.

In this prospectus we set out our Professional Communities programme for 2021-2022. We plan to add new communities will be added in-year.

Aims

Across all our Professional Communities we set out to achieve the following aims:

- Connect and engage professional communities.
- Create a positive, professional and supportive environment for colleagues.
- Challenge old orthodoxies and champion high-quality approaches that make the best impact on pupils’ education.
- Put evidence at the heart of all activity.
- Be inclusive: support all professionals from all educational settings servicing all children.

These aims reflect our wider SWIFT aims and values, which are detailed on the SWIFT website [HERE](#).

Key features of Professional Communities

Termly Events with Compelling agendas

Agendas for Professional Community termly meetings are carefully planned to ensure they capture the priorities of community members, and connect these to the best of regional, national and available evidence.

Expert speakers

Contributors to community events will include leading national voices on issues, key officials from national agencies like Ofsted, researchers from the EEF and universities and leads from DfE CPD providers like English Hubs and EdTech Demonstrators. In addition, local members of the Professional Community that are developing outstanding practice are able to share through events.

Expert facilitation and support

Our team of Professional Community leads provide a high level of expertise, enabling the design of high-quality agendas, recruitment of expert speakers and the identification of local expertise. Our leads are supported by experienced administration teams that ensure we provide a high-quality experience.

Focus on core business

Because your time is precious, we commit to ensuring that the agendas focused on your core business. For subject Professional Communities, this means we focus on teaching, assessment, and curriculum. For non-teaching Professional Communities, we focus on priorities set by the community.

Tools for sharing

For 2021-2022, we will be introducing tools that support community sharing, including a new SWIFT Resource Library. We will create simple systems to enable colleagues to share and connect between events across the year.

Professional Communities 2021-2022

All Phases

PSHE

Professional Community Leader: Lisa Whitworth | Sidmouth Community College
Beverley Cawtherra | Lypstone CE Primary School
Amy Pearson | Abbotskerswell Primary School

Supported by: Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance

Safeguarding

Professional Community Leader: Jane Lake | Freelance Safeguarding Lead
Jane Dibble | Freelance Safeguarding Lead

Supported by: South West Institute for Teaching

Special Schools and Alternative Provision

Alternative Provision

Professional Community Leader: Matt Bindon | ACE Schools (Transforming Futures Trust)

Supported by: Torbay Training School Alliance

School Operations

Facilities Management

Professional Community Leader: Scott Fry | Exmouth Community College

Supported by: Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance

HR Management

Professional Community Leader: Josie Medforth | Freelance School Operations Lead

Supported by: Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance

School Operations and Resource Management

Professional Community Leader: Josie Medforth | Freelance School Operations Lead

Supported by: Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance

In association with: DfE School Resource Management

Funding note: Funded by Colyton and Kingsbridge Teaching School Hubs – open to all schools in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay at no charge.

Primary and Early Years

Early Years

Professional Community Leader:	Sarah Butler Haytor View Primary School Suzie Stevens St James C of E Primary School
Supported by:	Ventrus Training School Alliance
Linked with:	Early Years Subject Leader Briefings Early Excellence

Primary Art

Professional Community Leader:	Kate Harvey (Primary) South Molton United Primary School
Supported by:	Ventrus Training School Alliance
In association with:	Gary Fatcher Real Ideas Organisation (South West Bridge Organisation of the Arts Council)

Primary Computing

Professional Community Leader:	Sophie Brown Exeter Maths School
Supported by:	Ventrus Training School Alliance
In association with:	West Country Computing Hub

Primary Character Education

Professional Community Leader:	Lyndsey Bolton Alumnis MAT
Supported by:	Devon Training School Partnership

Primary English

Professional Community Leader:	Claire Eidam Bassetts Farm Primary School Helen Day Lympstone Primary School Jade Ridler Wynstream Primary School
Supported by:	Devon Training School Partnership
In association with:	Illsham English Hub Cornerstone English Hub
Linked with:	Primary English Subject Leader Briefings with Maria Richards

Primary Languages

Professional Community Leader:	Vicki Jordan Dartmoor MAT
Support by:	Torbay Training School Alliance

Primary Maths

Professional Community Leader:	Catherine Gee Okehampton Primary School Graham Hankin Haytor View Community Primary School Ryan Chidler Abbotskerswell Primary School
Supported by:	Torbay Training School Alliance
In association with	CODE Maths Hub Jurassic Maths Hub
Linked with:	Primary Maths Subject Leader Briefings with Debbie Wyble

Primary Oracy

Professional Community Leader:	Emily Partridge Clawton Primary School (Alumnis MAT)
Supported by:	Devon Training School Partnership

Primary PE

Professional Community Leader:	Jonny Holding Exeter Children's Federation Gemma Downing Ide Primary School
Supported by:	Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance
Linked with:	Active Devon

Primary SEND

Professional Community Leader:	Alison Betts Exeter Children's Federation Claire Norman Exminster Community Primary School Fran Brinacombe St David's CE Primary Ali Hirst Whipton Barton Lindsay Cooper-Smith Discovery MAT
Supported by:	Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance
In association with:	Whole School SEND

Primary Science

Professional Community Leader:	Georgina Brunning Marine Academy Primary Shaun Wingrove White Rock Primary School
Supported by:	Devon Training School Partnership
In association with:	Cornerstone Science Learning Partnership
Linked with:	Primary Science Subject Leaders Briefings with Allie Beaumont

Secondary and Post 16

Secondary Art

Professional Community Leader: Tim Wightman | King Edward VI Community College
Sam Eyre | Coombeshead Academy
Kate Harvey (Primary) | South Molton United Primary School

Supported by: Ventrus Training School Alliance

Secondary Behaviour and Attendance

Professional Community Leader: Matt White | Sidmouth College

Supported by: Ventrus Training School Alliance

Secondary Business Studies

Professional Community Leader: John Simon | Exmouth Community College

Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Computer Science

Professional Community Leader: Sam Wickens | Sidmouth Community College

Supported by: Ventrus Training School Alliance

In association with: West Country Computing Hub

Secondary English

Professional Community Leader: Vicky Thornton | Ivybridge Community College
Diane Brown | Cranbrook Education Campus
Scott Davies | Westcountry Education Trust

Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Food and Nutrition

Professional Community Leader: James Thomas | Coombeshead Academy

Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Geography

Professional Community Leader: Jo Payne | St James School, Exeter

Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Health and Social Care

Professional Community Leader: Danni Johns | Plympton Academy
Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary History

Professional Community Leader: Chris Trengrove | Sidmouth College
Rebecca Bailey | Coombeshead Academy
Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Leadership

Professional Community Leader: Tim Rutherford | Ted Wragg Trust
Tim Harris | Colyton Grammar School
Steve Margetts | Torquay Academy
Support by: South West Institute for Teaching

Secondary Maths

Professional Community Leader: Victoria Spencer | Kingsbridge Community College
Max Wallace | Queen Elizabeth Academy
Lucy Welzel | Woodroffe School
Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance
In association with: CODE Maths Hub and Jurassic Maths Hub

Secondary MFL

Professional Community Leader: Charlotte Wates | Okehampton College
Pete Rose | Teign School
Kayleigh Stone | Uffculme School
Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Pupil Premium

Professional Community Leader: Jacky Clinch | St Peter's C of E Aided School
Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

Secondary Psychology

Professional Community Leader: Jane Fletcher | Sidmouth Community College
Supported by: Torbay Training School Alliance

Secondary SEND

Professional Community Leader: Karen Sewell | Kingsbridge College

Supported by: South West Institute for Teaching

In association with: Whole School SEND

Secondary Science

Professional Community Leader: Tonicha Davies | Cullompton Community College

Supported by: West Country Training School Alliance

In association with: Cornerstone Science Learning Partnership

Audience and Costs

Professional Communities are open to colleagues from all school and education settings.

Schools and organisations that are SWIFT Members can access all Professional Communities at NO CHARGE. This is an unlimited offer.

Schools and organisations that are not part of the SWIFT Membership package can access all Professional Communities at £50 per person per event on a Pay-as-you-go basis.

There is one exception: The Schools Business Management Professional Community is funded through Teaching School Hub grants and is therefore accessible at no charge to all schools in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

Booking

Termly events will be open to booking at least 4 weeks in advance of the session. Bookings are made in the SWIFT Booking Portal – See [HERE](#)

Quality Assurance

Professional Communities agendas are QA by Delivery Team to ensure they match the SWIFT aims.

Each Professional Community Lead is provided support and feedback by the Delivery Team on event delivery.

Evaluations from attendees is collected and reviewed with recommendations acted upon.

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