

Teaching Schools Council South West

Newsletter – March 2018

Dear colleagues,

Spring is with us (just if you miss the snow drifts!) and our schools are busier than ever!

A brief update on the TSC roles in the region...

TSC Members Following the recent EOI application window for the South West TSC representative, NCTL have decided that due to the 2nd TSC representative post also coming to an end this term we will combining both election opportunities together and extending the window for both posts to run consecutively. This will allow time for us and the TSC to ensure a collaborative approach is taken to support the region as a whole, allowing time for sufficient handover. The proposed election timeline will begin in April with a start date of June for the newly appointed TSC members to work alongside the current TSC representatives before their tenure comes to an end allowing an 8 week window for handover.

TSC Sub Regional Team The regional team supporting the TSC members and working closely with teaching schools is planning to expand for 2018-19 (once funding is confirmed) to identify two sub regional leads. The challenge of supporting the breadth of teaching school activity and generate more coherence and collaboration is growing and we need more capacity. We are currently recruiting to the Devon/Cornwall/Torbay/Plymouth sub region and will come out after Easter with more opportunities...

SSIF R3 closes on 20 April and the SW TSC team have been working with teaching schools across the region to develop high quality collaborative bids focused on regional and sub regional priorities. Please contact your local RTSL for more information if you are planning to submit a bid as we will try to support.

International Teacher Recruitment Eoi The DfE are keen to receive expressions of interest from a teaching school to establish a Teaching School Network in the South West for international teacher recruitment in secondary maths and physics. Please see the article for more details...

Events coming up...

23 March 'System Leadership in the Improving System' in Taunton <http://www.tauntonteachingalliance.co.uk/>

23 April 'Teaching Learning in the Classroom' Cornwall Teaching School in Truro
<http://www.cornwallteachingschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/CTS-Newsletter-February-2018.docx.pdf>

26 April 'Standing up for the Arts' JCTSA Annual Conference at Taunton Racecourse
<http://www.jctsa.org.uk/events/11/standing-up-for-the-arts-jctsa-annual-conference/>

15 June 'Joining the Dots 2018' more info to follow!

Have a happy and relaxing Easter!

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If you would like to submit material for the next newsletter, please ensure that this is sent to Jess Wright (tsc-sw@truro-penwith.ac.uk) before 1st May 2018

Aspiring Teaching School Funding – application OPEN

The Aspiring Teaching School Fund (ATSF) is still open. The ATSF will support Teaching Schools to work with high performing schools (known as ‘aspiring teaching schools’) in cold spots, that have the potential to become teaching schools within 2 years, working with them to develop an action plan to help them close their development gaps. The ATSF launched in November 2017 and will remain open until 2019, with grants being issued in termly cycles.

If you think your school could meet the criteria to become a teaching school and you are located in a target area contact your local Teaching School Council member, Teaching School Alliance or Regional School Commissioner to explore working with a Teaching School to submit a bid.

For more information about applying for the ATSF please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teaching-schools-funding-to-help-an-aspiring-teaching-school>

Targeted Leadership Fund

Last year the Targeted Leadership Programme (TLP) was delivered in four regions across the South West following a successful funding application by the White Horse Federation. The programme identified middle and emerging system leaders, and trained them to carry out improvement projects within their own settings and in targeted schools.

Delegates developed their leadership skills through peer discussion, inspirational leadership sessions and professional coaching. Projects included working with leaders to improve outcomes for pupil premium pupils, developing strategies to close the attainment gap for vulnerable Y9 boys and to improve the use of the learning environment to engage Y1 pupils in maths.

The second cohort of TLP is now running in targeted schools in Salisbury, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cornwall, Dorset and Poole.

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TSA Self Evaluation Forms

Thank you to all of you who met the deadline for submitting your TSA Self-Evaluation Forms. I am very conscious that this has been yet another administrative task, but it should prove invaluable for RTSLs to represent you regionally and form the starting point of developmental peer review. With the peer review I look forward to meeting those of you who have submitted an EOI, at the South West Teaching Schools Council conference in Taunton on the 23rd. You have free entry to the event, and I will lead a workshop on conducting the peer reviews. Please inform TSC SW if you cannot make the event to ensure your training is covered in the summer term.

For those of you in sub-region D, you will know by now that I am stepping down from my regional role as I move jobs at Easter. The role is currently being advertised and I would encourage Teaching School colleagues to consider applying. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On one level it has been very exciting to be part of a group of like-minded people trying to help shape and support the educational system in the south west, and on another level, it has been hugely rewarding working with and getting to know you all. Collectively, I think we have done a great job around collaborative school improvement in the south west.

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Special Teaching School Networking

Following a request from local Special Teaching Schools to consider supporting a regional network to help devolve the work of the national group run through the Swiss Cottage TS. Following an initial telephone conference of the seven TSA led by a Special Teaching School they met with Gill Robinson Vice Chair of the TS Council and the lead for a Special Teaching School herself. Some regional resource is being deployed to fund a co-ordinator one day a week to support the network, including ensuring all Teaching Schools are kept informed. It is hoped that this group will be able to link with other Special School networks across the South West, support work on the Disadvantaged regional priority, including SSIF applications. The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole

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Maths Hubs

As some of you will know the four Maths Hubs across the South West have been working together for some time now to share practice and complement each other where possible. Through SSIF applications we have secured 7 bids with a maths focus. The main lessons learnt from Round 2 SSIF bids were

- Successful applications are supported by evidence and align with National Curriculum and the mastery approach to mathematics
- Successful applications build on the existing work of Maths Hubs in a way that is complementary and additional to that work
- It is important for applicants to consider the capacity of the Maths Hub to deliver the SSIF project without having a detrimental effect on their core work

Many of you will be engaged with a maths hub or two with the website www.mathshubs.org.uk providing a wider link beyond our four excellent Maths Hubs:

- Cornwall and West Devon www.cornwallwestdevonmathshub.org
- Jurassic www.jurassicmaths.com
- Boolean www.booleanmathshub.org.uk
- Glow www.glowmathshub.com



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EOI International Teacher Recruitment

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 upto £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 EOI.

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

In case you missed the previous detail, we are now working on behalf of TSCSW through 4 subregional advocates, who work closely with the RTSLs for the subregion. They are

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Our mission is simply stated: to improve the quality of governance in the region, in order to improve outcomes for pupils. Each advocate works with a local team of NLGs. We are under-resourced at present, and striving to find creative solutions which increase our collective resourcefulness in ways that are cost neutral. The new structure provides an opportunity to put in place regional protocols for deployment and quality assurance. The following suggested protocol has already been shared at some of the subregional meeting, and is being followed by the Regional Schools Commissioners office, and NCTL. If you need support for governance from and NLG, please

1. Email Julia Steward, the project manager (chrysalis@jhsteward.com) or make direct contact with subregional advocate copying in project manager
2. Explain exactly what's required to allow match of expertise and sufficient capacity; if sensitive, book phone call
3. Expect a response within 10 working days
4. Feedback from those supported will be invited

If you use this method and for some reason it does not work for you, please contact me, Julia Steward (chrysalis@jhsteward.com) direct. We can improve our service only if we're aware of where it isn't working. Please also contact me with any comments you have about your experience of improving governance through the use of NLGs, or the challenges you face in that area.

A Round 3 SSIF bid to improve governance in the region is currently in preparation. Please contact your subregional advocate if you would like to know more.

Finally, our first year's project plan includes the ambition to have the subregional advocate's contact details on every teaching school in the subregion. Please help us to achieve that. Further details of all four advocates and the service are available via the Taunton Teaching Alliance website, here

<http://www.tauntonteachingalliance.co.uk/continuing-professional-development/governance>