

Primary Opportunities

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The purpose of this bulletin is to share opportunities that primary leaders may wish to take advantage of. It generally consists of free events, group discounts or local/national initiatives that are being offered to Sheffield. If you know of anything that you think should be included then let us know. This bulletin is generally issued half termly, alongside the agenda for the primary briefing.



Research & Development Opportunity



Learning Unlimited TSA are looking for schools to take part in research to determine to what extent a mastery approach to English can close the attainment gap in reading and writing.

The application form and an article by Andrew Truby have been shared and will be included on the Learn Sheffield website following the primary briefing. Schools who are interested in being part of the development group need to submit the application form by 29th April 2016. Successful schools will be notified by 20th May 2016.

If you have questions about being a development school please email a.truby@lutsa.co.uk



FREE EVENT

Innovation Speed Dating Event

Following positive feedback from the first event in January we are hosting a second event – with a new range of innovations to view.

The sessions work by bringing in a group of companies with innovations to share and giving them a series of short opportunities (10-12 minutes) to pitch them to you, while you rotate around all of the innovations.

Tuesday 12th July, 10.30-12.00pm

@ Learn Sheffield

Further details and how to register will be shared in the near future.



ESCAL opportunities Free resources and support for reading and talk

Book early to secure a place!

Free ESCAL Primary and Early Years Champions

Next Dates:

- 10/04/16 Primary Champions
- 16/04/16 Early Years Champions

ESCAL Primary Event

Back again due to popular demand!

Thursday 14th April 2016, *ESCAL Have I Got News for You!*

If you would like to take part in the above opportunities please just get in touch at escal@sheffield.gov.uk or visit our website at www.sheffield.gov.uk/escal for further information.

Teaching Leaders is a national education charity who support the development of middle leaders in schools in challenging contexts. We are working in partnership with Teaching Leaders to ensure a high quality leadership development offer is available to our schools, and I believe what this charity offers is a powerful tool supporting school improvement.

Teaching Leaders address educational disadvantage by growing a movement of outstanding middle leaders in schools based in challenging contexts. They are **funded by the National College**, and have three key aims for middle leaders on our programmes:

- **Pupils** - To **maximise the impact on pupil achievement and close the achievement gap**
 - **Teams** - To improve teacher quality, team performance and motivation
 - **Retention** - To keep the best middle leaders in schools in challenging contexts

More about Teaching Leaders' programmes

• **TL Primary** is a two-year impact programme for in challenging contexts, to develop middle leaders to have an impact on literacy and numeracy within their areas of responsibility. The first year of the programme is aimed at developing core middle leadership skills, to build confidence and give middle leaders the ability and opportunity to take a step up and take greater ownership within their role. We suggest heads nominate a group of 3 middle leaders to the first year of the programme – to encourage a culture of collaboration and because year one 'Associates' work together on an impact project aimed at raising attainment in Literacy and Numeracy. The 9 evening development and one Saturday challenge day cover areas we've identified as being key to middle leadership development e.g. running effective meetings, leading a team and using data effectively. The main focus of the programme is the impact project they deliver in school, designed around goals you set that are aligned with your SIP. Coaching helps to personalise the programme to your school, middle leaders and ensure the impact project is running effectively. The second year is more intensive, with an assessment process to gain a place, and a 5 day summer residential. Which you can find out more about here [TL Fellows Residential Film](#). Year two 'Fellows' work individually on an impact project, and have individual coaching to support them to develop their leadership further. If you have experienced middle leaders who have undertaken middle leadership training previously they can apply directly to the Fellows year, rather than undertake the year one programme.

• **TL Aspire** Our Aspire programme is designed for teachers who have shown the potential to become highly effective middle leaders. This programme will focus on the key tools and theories needed to be leaders of teaching and learning in their schools. The programme prepares high-potential teachers with the skills and confidence to step into a middle leadership post, ensuring that all participants are aware of the accountability and moral imperative of the role.

If you would like to find out more about how the programmes could fit in with your CPD offer then please contact their School Relations Manager Sean.Finch@teachingleaders.org.uk 0161 669 5615



Prep is an independent training company who specialise in helping people prepare for life changes such as retirement & redundancy.

The company has been established for over 30 years and works with both Public and Private sector organisations. Our aim is to assist companies build and maintain an education strategy to support their people during such times.

We believe it is essential that individuals are made aware of the importance of planning, and our goal is to help them generate a realistic, positive and confident outlook.

We have many great customers from the Police to the NHS to Local Government plus Colleges & Universities all over the country. Our clients are offered a bespoke service to suit their requirements, ranging from half-day to two-day programmes. Seminars can be run either 'In-House' or at an external venue.

We are committed to providing top quality seminars and delivering up to date information. We constantly monitor our services, developing our programmes in line with customer feedback and delegate input.

You can be certain that attendees will be provided with new ideas and are encouraged to look forward to the future in a realistic and positive way.

We offer a range of seminars including:

- PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT
- EARLY PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT (MID LIFE PLANNING)
- FINANCIAL PLANNING
- FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT
- FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR REDUNDANCY/SEVERANCE

We invite a team of excellent presenters to complement the structure of the seminar. Several of these are actually retired persons who obviously have first-hand knowledge of the issues involved in preparing for this time of life.

The Independent Financial Advisors, who form part of our team, provide an educational presentation that does not include any "hard sell" on either specific financial products or on their services, although an invitation to seek their advice on an individual basis is offered to delegates during the event. Whether this offer is taken up is entirely the decision of the delegate and they will not be pushed to do so.

Preparation for Retirement Study Day

This event is designed to promote a "Realistic and Positive" approach to retirement. Delegates are encouraged to look forward with confidence to a well- balanced and rewarding time of life.

This seminar not only covers finance but also wellbeing, relationships and how to approach increased leisure time in a positive manner. The seminar also aims to prepare employees who are 1 - 5 years away from retirement to start seriously thinking of what work has meant to them both mentally and socially, and how to fill the gap it may leave.

A sample session outline can be seen overpage.

For further information please contact Lorraine Howie/Jane Blythe 0114 2490910

Or email lorraine@prepinfo.co.uk

For more information: www.prepinfo.co.uk

External Dates available upon request.

Preparation for Retirement Study Day



Examples of sessions:

- What Does Retirement Mean To You?
- Planning For Lifestyle Changes
- Pension Information - State And Company Provision
- State Benefits And Implications Of The New Pension Legislation
- Financial Planning Options - What To Be Aware Of When Planning Your Financial Future
- Estate Planning - Making A Will / Lasting Powers of Attorney / Inheritance Tax
- Wellbeing
- Planning And Developing Leisure Activities
- Volunteering
- Self-Employment
- Future Career Planning (CV's, Job Applications and Interviews)
- Looking Forward To Retirement In A Realistic And Positive Way

These events can be held in schools for 12 – 20 delegates on inset days by prior arrangement.

Air Pollution Awareness

As part of our air quality campaign plan we would like to provide schools with materials that would meet their needs – from a resource pack to use in class, posters asking parents to switch off their engines outside school, to a ‘green wall’ which would be built in a school playground (and moved from school to school) to show schoolchildren how air pollution affects the environment. All of these would be designed to help children learn more about the world around them and that ‘what we do makes a difference’.

Air pollution in urban areas affects our health, so it’s important to learn about how to protect ourselves and what changes we can make to improve air quality. We would love schools to get involved and engaged so that they can discuss and raise awareness in the classroom about air pollution.

To find out more or to get involved, please contact Deborah Stephenson (details below).

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deborah.stephenson@sheffield.gov.uk

The Key will be at the Primary Briefing to introduce ...

The Key for School Leaders and/or The Key for School Governors



The current discounted prices for The Key for 2015-16 were negotiated by Paul Stockley on behalf of PLP (Primary Leaders Partnership) and are available to Sheffield schools.

More information about the latest offer to Sheffield will be available after the briefing!