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Shropshire and Telford Education Partnership Newsletter July 2022

Here at STEP we continue to deliver a ONE STOP service for our schools, ensuring confidence that experienced, local experts are delivering our programmes bespoke to our Shropshire and Telford context.

In our first year we have worked with 152 local schools and trained 103 new teachers, 160 leaders on our National Professional Qualifications, supported 179 ECTs and 160 mentors with the Early Careers Framework and skilled up over 50 school colleagues on our mental health programmes and NASENCO Award.



Working together as a teaching school hub we are recognised in the West Midlands for our joined up positive partnership.

This newsletter has been designed to update you on the four areas STEP are offering to your school [ITT](#), [NPQs](#), [CPD](#) and [ECF](#) and [Appropriate Body services](#).

[To view the Shropshire and Telford Education Partnership, STEP Information Flyer please click here.](#)

National Professional Qualification (NPQ) News



Registrations for NPQs for the new academic year 2022-2023 are now open.

- State-funded schools
- State-funded 16 to 19 organisations
- Independent special schools

are all eligible for full funding on every NPQ programme:

*There is no limit to the number of funded places you can apply for across your school.

New offer:

If your school has less than 600 Pupils you will be eligible for Targeted Support Funding for Small Schools and you will be paid £200.00 for each teacher or leader you employ who undertakes an NPQ

Read the DfE's guidance on Funding [here](#)

STEP offer the full suite of NPQs. We aim to make these easily accessible to everyone in the STEP region. The full suite will be delivered in either Oswestry or Telford with NPQH and NPQEL being delivered in Nantwich.

Specialist Programmes: [NPQLT](#) / [NPQLTD](#) / [NPQLBC](#) / [NPQLL](#)

Leadership Programmes: [NPQEYL](#) / [NPQSL](#) / [NPQH](#) / [NPQEL](#)

Why register with STEP for your NPQs?

The key answer is that we want to look after you, you will have a blended approach to your learning with online learning and face to face sessions, your facilitators will be local exemplary school leaders and you will work with colleagues from across our network of schools in Shropshire and Telford.

Our feedback bears testament to how our programmes are inspiring our school leaders and impacting on work based practice.

“Another amazing session. Can only imagine the work that goes on behind the scenes however I was again utterly inspired.”

Ruth Shaw William Brookes School, Shropshire NPQH June 2022

“The sessions really make you reflect and think about your role and your influences. A course full of “real life” examples and a great opportunity to network and share”

Michelle King Idsall School, Shropshire NPQEL July 2022

Don't miss the opportunity to invest in yourself/your staff with accessing the fully funded programmes.

*[Register](#) now

We are always happy to answer any questions – just give me a call

Gemma Hargreaves 01691 664445

Early Career Framework and Appropriate Body News



New Early Career Teacher Registration

With lots of new ECT appointments in the pipeline, it's a great time to remind you to register with STEP as your Appropriate Body. From September 2023, all Appropriate Body Services will be held by Teaching School Hubs. For initial enquiries, email rdw@tpstrust.co.uk. Remember to register ECTs for the Early Career Framework asap! Follow this link or contact us at STEP: <https://priory.early-career-teacher.co.uk/registration>.

School Induction Tutors must register ECTs and Mentors on the DfE Online Service <https://manage-training-for-early-career-teachers.education.gov.uk/> Select option 1 for Full Induction Programme if that is your chosen route (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-schools-how-to-manage-ecf-based-training#delivery-options-for-ecf-based-training>).

Schools who haven't had an ECT yet and those wishing to swap lead providers to BPN, will need to register their school: https://ccms.bpnsystems.net/ecf_application/

Best Practice Network: Early Career Framework memo

For those of you that have registered your ECTs and Mentors with the DfE, you should have received a welcome email from BPN with a form. Please complete this form as soon as possible. Last year, some welcome emails sent by BPN arrived in junk mail, so please double check. Where an Induction Tutor may have provided a school email address for their ECT that the ECT may not have access to yet, please forward the links below to their personal email addresses so that they can complete the application form and receive pre-course information.

ECT application link:

https://ccms.bpnsystems.net/applications/index.php?programme_id=74

ECM application link:

https://ccms.bpnsystems.net/applications/index.php?programme_id=75

Appropriate Body Welcome event

For those schools who are already signed up with STEP for Appropriate Body, there is a welcome event for ECTs and ECMs on September 28th 2022; keep an eye out for invitations. This will provide Year 1 colleagues with the opportunity to network; to hear a range of different speakers and time to plan as a pair. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know the new cohort.

Congratulations

Congratulations to those ECTS about to complete their first year of the ECF. The deadline for Term 3 Formal Assessment to be uploaded to the portal by Friday 15th July 2022. A huge well done to all ECTs and their schools on such a positive first year of the ECF! Any queries regarding PPR3 – please email Rhian or Ruth.

Initial Teacher Training News



As we celebrate the successes of the past year, we would like to thank all those who have engaged today and tomorrow with us in supporting the training of our teachers who are now well prepared to teach the young.

Our thanks goes to:

- The University of Chester for their support in running our ITT courses
- The large number of schools who actively support our students through high quality mentoring and support.
- The facilitators supporting the Associate Teachers developing their academic and curriculum subjects, skills and knowledge.
- The school direct leads for each provider
- The support staff working behind the scenes making things run smoothly giving our Associate Teachers (students) the tools they need to become excellent teachers.
- Our partner schools who welcome our Associate Teachers into their schools enabling them to be part of the school team, experiencing and learning about the full picture of life in school.

Our four providers of Initial Teacher working with the University of Chester shaping our each bespoke programmes to meet the needs of our trainees, are looking forward to the start of the new academic year. Working as part of STEP strengthens the quality of the provision we offer and enables us to work with schools across Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin growing confident teachers for the future.

Associate students from this year's programme acknowledged this through comments such as:

'The varied placements and host schools has given us the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves into school. It has given the confidence to grow as teachers'.

'We have valued current, specialist teachers giving us the opportunity to develop our subject knowledge both through facilitated and school based learning'.

Local provision enables us to promote and train teachers for the uniqueness of our area from large town schools to smaller rural ones. All unique in serving the needs of the children in their community.

Please access the [STEP](#) website to find out more about what each Alliance offers and to find the dates in September and October when we will be offering drop in information sessions about training with us next year.

Continuing Professional Development News



STEP is delighted to have four professional development opportunities accredited by the DfE for 2022-23.

Don't miss out on the DfE fully funded Mental Health Lead Training for Middle and Senior Leaders. The course focuses on developing a culture of supporting mental health and wellbeing across your school and the local community.

National Educational Leaders in Mental Health for Headteachers, Senior Leaders and senior Trust staff <https://www.stepwm2.co.uk/page/?title=Our+offer&pid=20>

Come and train with STEP - face to face in Telford - **12th October 2022, 5th December 2022 and 20th January 2023 or 10th February 2023, 6th March 2023 and 24th April 2023.**

Advanced Designated Mental Health Lead -

<https://www.stepwm2.co.uk/page/?title=Our+offer&pid=20>

Come and train with STEP - face to face in Telford on **30th January, 28th February and 27th March 2023.**

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from delegates

"The whole programme has been excellent in providing the information, guidance and support needed to fulfil such an integral role within school. At all times, I felt at ease in discussing and sharing experiences and the networking opportunities have significantly impacted my own understanding and practice"

Louise Russell St Luke's Catholic Primary School.

NASENCO Award

Are you a newly appointed SENCo? If so, have you signed up to complete the NASENCO award which is statutory for all newly appointed SENCOs. The first session is online in September/October and subsequent dates will be held in Telford – Day 2 - 7th November 2022, Day 3 - 23rd January 2023, Day 4- 8th May 2023, Day 5 – 19th June 2023 and Day 6 – 9th October 2023. Apply by 15th July for an Autumn start. Visit https://www.bestpracticenetwork.co.uk/nasenco?gclid=Cj0KCQjwvqVBhCVARIsAFUxcRsnclJ1Ss5_L6qQMIitTZFOSVlw6DzzINMGHUn_Mhg6jvXulzgghAaApyZEALw_wcB

Future in Mind Shropshire and Telford(FIM)

The programme provides three days of professional development to upskill staff in understanding and supporting mental health issues. Come and join us to improve the lives and outcomes for children and young people. For further information contact sian.deane1@taw.org.uk

“Thank you so much for today Sian, and to all of your excellent speakers. I can't remember the last time I gained so much knowledge in one day! It really feels like Future in Mind is different to anything we have done before”.

Becky Hedley Meresedge

Updates/Reminders

Reminders Early Career Framework

Schools who haven't had an ECT yet and those wishing to swap lead providers, from another provider to Best Practice Network, will need to register their school via the BPN website [School's registration form](#).

Dates for your diary

STEP Appropriate Body - End of Year Assessment deadline date for first year ECTs:
Friday 15th July.

STEP will:

- Work with openness, transparency and collaboratively as a

Our vision is to work in partnership to be a proven force in assuring uniform, rapid school improvement, driven by our moral

Professional Learning Community in devising and delivering innovative, high quality programmes for school improvement and the quality of teaching and leadership.

- Secure the commitment of our wider communities by developing and maintaining effective partnerships.

purpose to ensure teaching standards continue to rise in our Shropshire and Telford School

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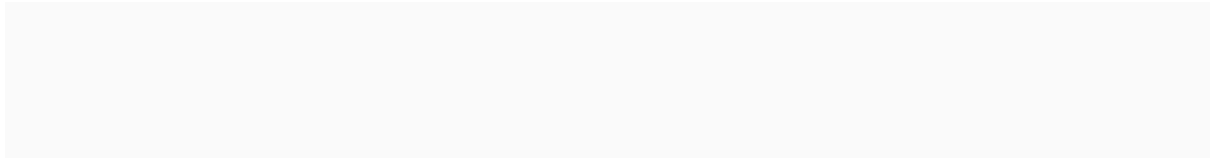
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