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#### Strategic School Improvement Fund Round 2 Update

Thank you to all those who have continued to send through their thinking around their R2 applications as they have evolved. Please continue to forward key updates to [Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net](mailto:Ellen.Lee@sdsa.net).

#### SSIF Offline Application Form

A word document of the SSIF application form is now available from the main application page, to assist with the writing of applications. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund#apply>

#### Update on 70/30 targeting of schools:

“Each application must include at least 4 supported schools, and at least 70% of the supported schools in each application must meet at least one of the [eligibility criteria](#). The remaining 30% of schools may be those which do not meet any of the eligibility criteria, but are identified by local intelligence as being at risk of decline.

Please note: eligibility of schools in relation to criteria E6 to E14 is based on their 2015/16 published performance data.” **Advice received from SSIF.ENQUIRIES@education.gov.uk**

#### Update on PVI settings: (published by [foundationyears@actionforchildren.org](mailto:foundationyears@actionforchildren.org))

‘SSIF The deadline to submit applications to the second round of the [Strategic School Improvement Fund](#) (SSIF) is fast approaching. We would urge schools to make use of the funding available and put forward credible, well-evidenced bids. Applications relating to PVI settings as well as Reception classes are in scope and will be considered for funding. The deadline for submitting applications is midday on Friday 20 October 2017’ If you have any queries or would like a bit of steer on this, please email [foundationyears@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:foundationyears@actionforchildren.org.uk)

We are aware that the message has been published by Action for Children today and we are seeking further clarification. Once clarification has been received we will communicate this out to the region.

#### Appointment of South Yorkshire and Humber Teaching School Representative

We are delighted to tell you that Chris Abbott, CEO of the Education Alliance has been appointed as the Teaching School Council Representative for the South Yorkshire and Humber sub region. Chris is looking forward to working alongside Chris Wheatley to support the work of the Teaching School Council across the SYH. [Please find attached](#) Chris Abbott’s bio and look out for further information which will be included in next week’s newsletter.

#### Invitation to attend the launch of Doncaster Research School by Partners in Learning

This exciting event will provide an opportunity to find out more about the new Research School; an opportunity to listen to national speakers; the chance to register to be the first to hear about opportunities to engage in action research; a chance to register for Research School newsletters and much more.

**Date:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 2-5pm

**Venue:** Hungerhill School

**Cost:** £20 per person

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Middle Leaders, Teaching & Learning Leads, Governors

Please [click here](#) to view more details. Please reserve your place by visiting [www.partnersinlearning.org.uk](http://www.partnersinlearning.org.uk).

Places are limited and are selling quickly.

### Research School Newsletter

Please remember to subscribe to the Research Schools newsletters for updates around evidence-based practice.

[Kyra](#), Lincolnshire

[Huntington](#), York

[Partners in Learning](#), Doncaster

[Wyndham](#), Derby

### Headteacher Board Election Announcement

Congratulations to Peter Bell (Community Inclusive Trust), Anne Martin (QEGSMAT), Roisin Paul (Chorus Education Trust), Paul Stone (Discovery Schools Academy Trust) who have been elected onto the Headteacher Boards. [Click here](#) to access the full article.

### Association of Directors of Children Services

ADCS has published the policy position paper 'A country that works for all children'.

The paper explores the impact of different initiatives and policies on children's lives and outcomes, touching on child poverty, welfare reforms, the impact of austerity across the breadth of children's services, including schools, and early help. The paper calls for a marshalling of resources across the various government departments, a reaffirmation of the value of preventative services and the establishment of a cross-government review to understand better the reasons for, and links between, rising levels of child poverty and demand for children's statutory services.

The paper is available on the ADCS website [here](#). ADCS President, Alison Michalska delivered a keynote opening address to conference – a transcript of her speech can be found [here](#).

### Teaching Schools and System Leader Monthly Reports

[Click here](#) to access the monthly Teaching Schools and System Leadership monthly reports.

### Pathways to Leadership (flyer attached) East Midlands sub region only

Please share the [attached training flyer](#) with any recently qualified teachers who are secure in their teaching practice and who you think are ready to explore excellence in teaching and a first step into leading others.

Booking is now open! This year the programme will be held in Leicester (17th November 2017 and 8th March 2018) and Derbyshire (21st November 2017 and 12th March 2018). For more information [click here](#).

We are also looking to recruit SLEs or a similarly experienced leader in a school (with expertise in data, boys' literacy, stretch and challenge or EAL), to act as classroom practice workshop leaders for this programme. More information available [here](#).

### Postgraduate Scheme

Postgraduate Apprentice Scheme should be announced in the w/c 16th October. Please look out for this do get involved if you can.

## Regional opportunities

Please [click here](#) to visit the portal to view the latest regional opportunities.

All the best,

Ellen Lee

**On behalf of Chris Wheatley (TSC Representative East Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber and Chris Abbott,  
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