

WCTSP News Roundup 2016-17

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A big thank you to all our partners who have helped generate a truly collaborative partnership over the last academic year. We have seen some inspirational activities where the sharing of latest and best educational practice is at the centre of all we do as an alliance.

This year our partnership has helped 28 new secondary school teachers gain their QTS or PGCE qualifications through the School Direct scheme, with a further 32 due to start their initial teacher training this September.

Our professional learning programme has blossomed this year, with the partnership delivering over 30 educational courses and talks to over 500 educationalists. Staff from across our alliance have helped to either lead, or be a part of the delivery, of an activity or course. These have ranged from subject based courses and TeachMeets to a range of leadership courses, as well as talks and discussions given by leading educational experts. Feedback shows a positive impact on our participants' educational practice.

At the start of the school year, we were lucky enough to be selected to play a part in the government initiative aiming to increase the equality and diversity of our school leadership teams. Throughout the year, a group of 13 middle leaders and teachers from our partner schools have been developing their leadership skills by completing our Equality and Diversity 'Leading for Impact' Programme. This has been a fantastic experience for all of us, where all 13 participants have gained their certificate qualification of the Wellington Global Leaders in Education Programme. We have all benefited by hearing from leaders from across the partnership who shared their expertise on topics such as applications and interviews, public speaking and equity and inclusion matters. Some of the participants have already gained more senior posts, all have commented that the programme has helped them grow in confidence and that it has been a positive experience both on their own educational practice as well as working with the teams around them. Well done everyone!



Our Specialist Leaders of Education have also been playing an important role in the programme by working alongside our partners through school visits, or delivering training and development activities as part of the professional learning activities.

The programme has also grown in breadth by working in tandem with our Independent State School Partnership, to bring parallel learning opportunities to both staff and pupils. This was achieved through activities such as the ChemNet and BioNet, which aimed to demonstrate where higher level study in these subjects can take pupils after leaving education. Also our Global Social Leaders Programme which we have created with United Learning and looked to develop the social leadership skills of pupils whilst developing motivation, coaching and vision and strategy skills in the attending staff of five state schools.

To watch the joint learning of educationalists and see the buzz and energy created by professionals sharing similar passions and interests, has been a real privilege and we hope to see this continue to grow over the next academic year.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you again in the autumn!

