

**Schools
North East**



PARTNER SCHOOL & TRUST MEMBERSHIP

2026/2027

**Join the school-led network representing and
connecting North East education.**

TOGETHER, NORTH EAST SCHOOLS ARE A MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE

Schools North East is a self-funded registered charity, established by schools to represent the region's 1,150 schools. We remain the UK's only school-led regional network

Schools North East is a movement for change, giving a voice to the region's schools and trusts in the national debate. A region-wide consultation in 2007 revealed that schools desperately needed support in getting their voices heard as they were consistently left out of the education policy debate.

AS SCHOOLS NORTH EAST APPROACHES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY, THAT MISSION MATTERS MORE THAN EVER.

North East schools face challenges that cannot be understood in isolation, including funding, SEND, attendance, recruitment, disadvantage and unequal access to opportunity.



Partner Schools & Trusts lead change. They are at the heart of everything we do, providing a collective voice that drives our strategy forward. **They help us challenge the 'structural divide':** ensuring the realities facing our region are understood, outdated perceptions are challenged, and the talent, ambition and achievements of North East children are recognised nationally.

This isn't simply a membership scheme. It's a collective commitment to make sure North East schools are heard and have the power to help shape what comes next.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for every young person in North East England to be confident, enterprising, skilled and ambitious, learning in a well-resourced, nurturing, purposeful and collaborative school environment.

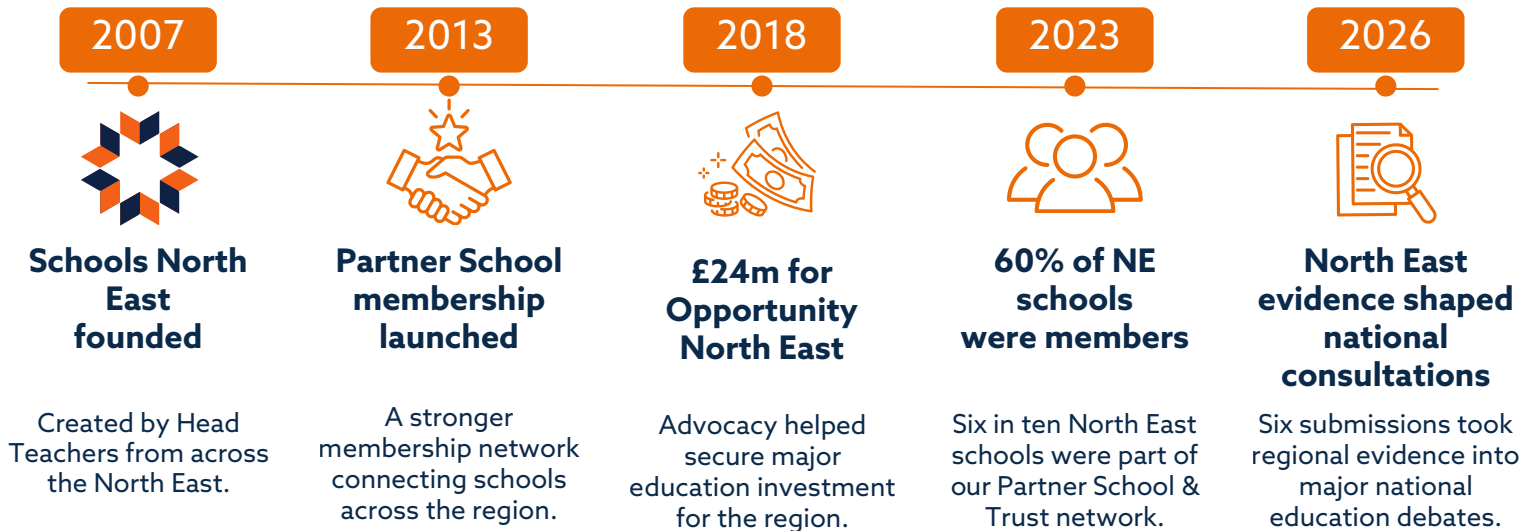
TALENT IS EVERYWHERE. OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.

Together, we challenge the 'structural divide'.



19 YEARS OF SCHOOLS NORTH EAST

Five key milestones showing what we've achieved together for schools and young people across the North East.



OUR COLLECTIVE REACH

Our annual events programme offers invaluable opportunities to network with colleagues from across the region.

In 2025/2026, we held...

- 10 major conferences and events
- 9 informative webinars
- 8 policy and leadership roundtables
- 3 specialist online conferences
- 3 focused single-issue events



Approaching 750 Partner Schools



57 Trusts



The interests of 1,150 schools represented

Add Your Voice



MORE THAN MEMBERSHIP. A MOVEMENT.

Partner Schools and Trusts are at the heart of Schools North East. You don't simply support our work — you shape it.

By sharing your experiences, insight and expertise, you help us understand what is really happening in schools and ensure those realities reach policymakers, decision-makers and the wider education sector.

Partner Schools and Trusts are members of the Schools North East charity. Each appoints a representative with voting rights at our AGM, giving members a formal voice in the organisation's direction. Membership demonstrates a commitment to looking beyond individual school gates and working together for the benefit of the region. Partner School leaders and staff also have exclusive opportunities to shape our priorities through the Head Teacher Advisory Board, School Business Management Council and specialist steering groups. These forums bring school expertise directly into our policy, programmes and regional activity.

This is how Schools North East remains genuinely school-led, responsive and accountable to the schools and trusts it represents.



YOUR VOICE

Be Heard



YOUR GLUE

Be Connected



YOUR BRIDGE

Be Influential



Add Your
Voice



WHAT A MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU

One membership supports your whole school, not just the Head Teacher.

Add Your Voice



INFLUENCE POLICY

Roundtables, surveys and consultations give you opportunities to shape our collective positions on the issues affecting your school



SPEAK DIRECTLY TO DECISION-MAKERS

Join MP roundtables and conversations with influential regional and national figures, with key messages amplified through our Stakeholder Briefings.



POLICY INSIGHT

Receive policy updates, research briefings, stakeholder briefings and exclusive opportunities from across the education sector.



ACCESS FREE CPD

Free webinars and TeachMeets responding to emerging challenges, plus access to previous recordings.



CONNECT WITH YOUR PEERS

Access flagship conferences, specialist events and networking opportunities, with exclusive Partner School discounts and two complimentary Patron's Dinner places.



RECRUIT MORE EFFECTIVELY

Access an exclusive Partner discount for Jobs in Schools | North East — the not-for-profit recruitment platform created by schools, for schools.

AMPLIFY YOUR SCHOOL

Partner recognition across Schools North East channels, including website and social media platforms.

PARTNER SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP: THE DETAILS

Your membership drives what we do. It enables you to have a voice at a national level — a voice that is increasingly heard and effective. Being a Partner School means practical, day-to-day benefits for Head Teachers and staff. From jointly influencing policy to accessing free, high-quality CPD, your team gains support that directly impacts teaching and leadership. You'll also benefit from a discounted bespoke recruitment portal through Jobs in Schools | North East, designed to ease the pressure of attracting and retaining staff.

ROUNDTABLES

Opportunities to hold conversations and discussions regarding topics and issues that are relevant to you.

MP ROUNDTABLES

Speak truth to power as local MPs from across the region join our roundtables to address issues affecting you and your school. These discussions are captured in Stakeholder Briefings, helping shape policy and generating media coverage to amplify your voice.

STAY INFORMED. HAVE YOUR SAY.

You'll hear from us regularly throughout the year, helping you stay ahead of the policy developments affecting your school and giving you opportunities to shape our work.

Policy Updates keep you up to date with the latest government announcements, policy and funding developments, and what they mean for North East schools. Stakeholder Briefings bring together the evidence, experiences and views shared by schools across our network, helping inform our policy work and conversations with government, MPs, policymakers and the media.

You'll also receive bitesize briefings sharing latest research and analysis through a North East lens, alongside exclusive opportunities from regional and national organisations, think tanks and partners.

DEVELOP YOUR TEAM

Each academic year, we host a series of FREE webinars and TeachMeets in response to emerging sector trends and challenges. Plus, Partner Schools have FREE access to previous webinar recordings.

CONNECT WITH YOUR PEERS

Join us for our flagship annual conferences and a range of impactful single-issue events held throughout the academic year. Partner Schools benefit from exclusive discounted conference tickets and enjoy two complimentary seats at our prestigious annual Patron's Dinner.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION SUPPORT

As a Partner School, you will receive an exclusive discount on an annual subscription to Jobs in Schools | North East, a not-for-profit jobs portal that was made by schools, for schools. [Visit the website here](#) and sign up today.

AMPLIFY YOUR SCHOOL

Our new Schools North East website was built to showcase the energy, ambition and excellence of our region's schools. With a cleaner design, improved navigation, and brand-new features, it's now easier than ever for schools, partners, and the wider community to connect with our work.

YOUR VOICE. AMPLIFIED NATIONALLY.

Schools North East ensures the experiences and expertise of our schools and trusts influence the national education debate and drive real change.

MEDIA

Schools North East is a trusted voice on education issues affecting the region, providing comment, insight and evidence to regional and national media.

We work to ensure the experiences, challenges and successes of North East schools are represented accurately in the wider education debate — challenging perceptions of our region and championing the achievements and potential of our children and young people.

POLICY

We ensure the voice of North East schools and trusts are heard by policymakers and decision-makers regionally and nationally.

Through surveys, consultations, roundtables and direct engagement, Partner Schools help shape our policy positions and responses. We use this collective evidence to highlight the realities facing schools and influence discussion on the issues that matter most.

Our Stakeholder Briefings take key messages directly to influential audiences including the Department for Education, Ofsted, MPs, Mayors and the media.

CHALLENGING THE STRUCTURAL DIVIDE

A central part of our work is challenging the structural divide that continues to affect children and young people in the North East.

We challenge narratives that underestimate our region and highlight the barriers that mean talent and ambition do not always translate into opportunity.

Following the Sutton Trust's Crossing Paths report, we ensured the perspective of North East schools was heard — reinforcing our message:

TALENT IS EVERYWHERE. OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.



TURNING SCHOOL EXPERIENCE INTO NATIONAL INFLUENCE

Our work is shaped by what schools tell us.

For example, our response to the SEND reform consultation brought together the experiences and concerns of North East schools, ensuring their perspectives informed the national conversation.

The response generated significant interest from policymakers, sector leaders and national media, including the BBC, Tes and Schools Week.

OUR WIDER IMPACT



National Network of Special Schools
for School Business Professionals



JOBS IN SCHOOLS | North East

PARTNER SCHOOLS AND TRUSTS DO MORE THAN SUPPORT OUR WORK — **YOU SHAPE IT.**

IN 2025/2026

- **SHAPING NATIONAL POLICY**

Partner School and Partner Trust insight helps us take the realities facing North East schools into national policy discussions. This year, we have contributed evidence on SEND reform, white working-class educational outcomes, inclusion, medical conditions in schools, school food standards and falling primary school rolls.

Our evidence has fed into work including the Star Academies/Public First Inquiry into White Working-Class Educational Outcomes, the IPPR Inclusion Task Force and the House of Lords Public Services Committee inquiry into falling primary school rolls.

- **CHALLENGING THE STRUCTURAL DIVIDE**

We continue to challenge narratives that underestimate our region and highlight the structural barriers facing North East children and young people.

Following the Sutton Trust's Crossing Paths report, we made sure the perspective of North East schools was heard — reinforcing a message at the heart of our work: talent and ambition are everywhere, but opportunity is not.

- **AMPLIFYING THE NORTH EAST VOICE**

In 2025/26, Schools North East responded to 120 media requests, helping ensure the experiences and perspectives of our schools reached regional and national audiences.

Our voice has featured across The Guardian, BBC, ITV, Tes and Schools Week, while our evidence and insight has also reached the House of Commons Library.

- **PUTTING SCHOOLS IN THE ROOM**

We create opportunities for school leaders to speak directly to the people influencing education policy. This year has included roundtables with Helen Hayes MP, Liz Twist MP and Ian Lavery MP, alongside our Boys Impact Hub Roundtable and wider engagement with policymakers and sector leaders.

Partner Schools don't just hear about policy decisions — your experiences and insight help shape the evidence we take into the room.

- **EXTENDING OUR INFLUENCE**

Our work continues beyond regional policy. Through NNoSS, we bring together more than 250 School Business Professionals working in special schools, alternative provision and hospital settings, providing a national community to connect, upskill and influence, and a stronger collective voice for the specialist sector.

Our community also comes together to make a wider difference — including fundraising at the 2025 Patron's Dinner for Mrs Park's Park and the MND Association.

ADD YOUR VOICE STRENGTHEN OURS

As a self-funded charity, our independence depends on the schools and trusts that choose to stand with us. Your membership enables us to represent the region honestly, respond quickly and ensure our priorities are determined by schools—not external funders. Join schools and trusts across the North East standing together to challenge perceptions, influence change and build a stronger future for our region's children and young people.

	Small (<100)	£80
	Medium (101-599)	£190
	Large (600+)	£350
Trust*	Small (<100)	£65
	Medium (101-599)	£155
	Large (600+)	£285

All prices exc. VAT

For further details on Trust pricing please contact
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*Partner Trust price per school, available where every school in the trust joins.



Partner Trust Member, CEO

It's fantastic working with everyone at SNE and knowing that you are all there to represent us on the national stage. You create a strong sense of unity and collaboration which makes the North East, in my humble opinion, the only place I would ever want to work!



BECOME A MEMBER



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For every child, for every school, for the future of our region.