

Schools  
North East



# PARTNER SCHOOL BROCHURE

**24/25**

BE PART OF THE  
VOICE.  
BE PART OF THE  
MOVEMENT.

# WHO WE ARE

Set up by schools for schools, we are a self-funded, registered charity that represents all 1,150 schools in the region – **and we are the only school-led regional network in the UK.**

Schools North East is a movement for change, giving a voice to North East schools 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. And so Schools North East was born!

School engagement and input drives everything that we do. Together we are the definitive, apolitical voice of North East schools, **influencing the shape of regional and national policy** to deliver on your vision for our young people. North East schools are at the very heart of what we do.

As a charity, **we are independent, but not neutral.** We campaign to improve conditions for North East schools, engaging with partners across all sectors. **Innovation is at our core.** We seek fresh solutions to the challenges of the present to shape our future, and have a strong social purpose, which is the foundation of our work. **Our integrity underpins all that we do.**

As a network of all of our region's schools, our strategy is entirely driven and directed by them. Through our consultations, networking, surveys, roundtables, podcast, annual calendar of events, and ongoing discussions with individuals and local networks, **we Lead not Plead.**

We have developed exponentially over the past 17 years, and Schools North East has grown to be The **Voice, Glue, Bridge** of North East schools and trusts.

## OUR VISION



Young people in North East England who are confident, enterprising, skilled and aspiring: learning and developing within well-resourced, nurturing, purposeful and collaborative school environments.

## OUR VALUES

INCLUSIVE



We are for all North East schools - regardless of size, type, faith, structure and geographical location.

INDEPENDENT



Our independent status means we have the power to make our own decisions to benefit schools. We listen, understand, and react.

INNOVATIVE



We use the past as lessons to help us create fresh, innovative solutions that help our schools succeed.

INTEGRITY



We have a strong social purpose which dictates our actions and our behaviour; it defines us in the eyes of others.



## YEARS OF Schools North East

**2007**

Schools North East set up by Head Teachers from across the region.

**2008**

First Schools North East Summit.

**2010**

Commercial Supporter membership scheme launched.

**2009**

Held 3 events, including the first Patron's Lunch. Started a newsletter.

**2012**

Developed education improvement initiative and facilitated school-led interventions.

**2011**

Launched Power Lunches with local MPs, influencing policy and representing the region on numerous boards.

**2014**

Launched Trading Arm to donate profits to the Charity.

**2013**

Expanded Partner School Membership Scheme. First SBM Conference.

**2015**

Brought The Gatsby Foundation Careers Benchmark pilot into the North East with £600k funding for NE schools.

**2018**

Successfully lobbied for Opportunity North East - with £24 million funding announced for the region.

**2016**

Launched Jobs in Schools- the country's first regional recruitment portal - devoted to schools. Also launched the Healthy MindED Commission.

**2017**

Third of NE Schools now Partner Schools. Annual events programme includes 9 major conferences and 13 single issue events.

**2022**

Membership of 655 Partner Schools and 52 Partner MATs.

**2019**

Ednorth launched. Inaugural CelebrateEd Northern Celebration of Education held. Partnership with Shine brings £700,000 to North East Schools.

**2020**

Supported our schools through pandemic. Launched NNoSS (National Network of Special Schools) with Department for Education Funding.

**2021**

Brought £178,000 of funding into schools. Went back to in-person events.

**2024**

Launched the Schools North East Podcast as well as our '2024 Manifesto for North East Education', and welcomed the Secretary of State as a speaker at Summit 2023.

**2023**

Partnered with the Community Foundation to bring £90,000 of funding for NE School projects. 60% of NE schools are Partner Schools

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

In 23/24, we held...

- 9 Major Conferences
- 15 Webinars
- 4 Online Conferences
- 7 Roundtables
- 1 Single Issue Events

## WE ENGAGE WITH...



Over 3,220 school leaders and teachers



Over 1,100 regional and national schools



With over 1,000 current memberships



# WHAT IS A PARTNER SCHOOL?



Partner Schools look beyond their own school gates to create an inclusive network led by schools. Utilising the expertise of our members to benefit developments in our region, they demonstrate a clear, ongoing commitment towards our missions.

Every year our Partner membership grows, and at the end of the 23/24 academic year, 62% of schools in the region are Schools North East Partner Schools, and range from early years to colleges covering every type of school.

Through this unique membership platform, we invite school staff to have an active role in helping us **CHANGE THE NARRATIVE** and **LEAD LONG-LASTING CHANGE**.

We are here to listen to you. Partner schools ensure the charity meets and responds to the needs to North East Schools and the children and young people they serve, now and in the future. They have the ability to determine the direction of the charity through a democratic structure that is inclusive and values all schools equally.

As a Partner School, you have the unique opportunity to join our Advisory Board, School Business Management Council, and Board of Trustees. Additionally, Partner School Appointed Members have voting right at our Annual General Meeting.

Partner Schools lead change. They are at the heart of everything we do, providing a collective voice that drives our strategy forward.



# WHY BECOME A PARTNER SCHOOL?



The Partner Schools Membership drives what we do. It enables you to have a voice at a national level – a voice that is increasingly heard and effective.

It connects schools with one another, both formally and informally, to support the exchange of best practice, to help school leaders access fresh thinking and to test new ideas and pedagogy. It connects Partner Schools with key decision makers and influencers including our region's most senior politicians.

## ROUNDTABLES

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



## MP ROUNDTABLES

Speak truth to power. Local MPs from throughout the region attend roundtables to discuss issues relevant to you and your school. The discussions are summarised and sent out as Stakeholder Briefings to influence policy and be covered in the media.

## EVENTS AND NETWORKING

Attend our annual conferences and numerous single issue events throughout the academic year. Partner Schools receive a discount on conference tickets and two seats at our annual Patron's Dinner (offered to all Partner Schools on a first come first served basis)



## EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

You'll receive regular communication from us: policy updates to keep on track of government changes to education; bitesize briefings where we share published research and analyses on education policy; and exclusive opportunities from regional and national businesses, think tanks and more.

# THE SUPPORT YOU WILL RECEIVE



## RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SUPPORT

**JOBS IN SCHOOLS | North East**

As a Partner School, you will receive an exclusive discount on an annual subscription to Jobs In Schools | North East, a jobs portal that was made by schools, for schools.

This means you can advertise all your school vacancies for as little as £6 per ad.

## WEBINARS

Each term, we host a minimum of nine free webinars covering Governance, School Business Management and Recruitment and Retention, supporting schools by providing free high quality webinars and CPD.

Partner Schools have FREE access to webinars from 23/24 during the 24/25 academic year



# PARTNER SCHOOLS ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO



## MEDIA

Schools North East is seen as a leading voice in education. Media engagement this grows pryear on year. In the 23/24 academic year we were consistently approached by local and national media, from TV, radio, and print.

Media requests were often in response to issues raised by Schools North East in our own press releases and stakeholder briefings.

We had in total 124 media requests in 23/24 covering 43 different topics.



## POLICY

The North East LEADS NOT PLEADS. Schools North East leads the campaign to improve conditions for North East schools, engaging with politicians, policymakers, and partners across the whole political spectrum. We seek effective solutions to the challenges of the present and the future.

Through our 2024 Manifesto for North East Education, roundtables, surveys, stakeholder briefings, letters to parliament, media work, and evidence submitted to the Education Select Committee, we demand education policy that is fit for our schools and every child and young person in them.

2024  
**MANIFESTO**  
for North East Education



**NNoSS**

In 2020, the Department for Education commissioned Schools North East to set up a dedicated network of School Business Professionals working in England's

special and hospital schools, and alternative provision settings – based on the successful model of Schools North East.

NNoSS is a collaborative network of over 300 School Business Professionals representing over 400 of England's specialist schools. Through collaborative initiatives, the community strives to ensure their settings are well-resourced for each unique learner. Together, they are a loud and powerful voice, challenging decisions and influencing decision makers for the greater good of the entire specialist sector.

The community has proved an essential tool for SBPs, sharing resources, best practice, and benchmarking to help inform decisions in their settings. They no longer work in isolation and instead have a bank of CPD right at their fingertips.

NNoSS recognises the importance of having a School Business Professional in every setting, and the contribution they make as part of the senior leadership team.

## Ednorth™

Ednorth is a programme that aims to inspire change in all classrooms across the North East by promoting an educational culture led by informed debate, research, and collaboration.

We have engaged with hundreds of schools and thousands of teachers, leaders and school staff through our TeachMeet programme. Through this, we have helped schools to develop context-specific projects designed to close the disadvantage gap.

# BECOME A PARTNER SCHOOL TODAY.

PARTNER SCHOOL	SIZE OF SCHOOL	PRICE
	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

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\*Trust prices are based on all of the schools in the Trust being Partner Schools



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