

Ipswich Opportunity Area Update and Offers September 2021

Eligibility	Offer	Next steps
All Headteachers in IOA and Felixstowe schools and colleges	<p>IOA Headteacher meeting 17th September 2-3.30pm Central Ipswich venue TBC</p> <p>Headteachers are invited to attend a Leadership Meeting hosted by the Chairs of our Education Leadership Boards Clare Flintoff and Craig D’Cunha. An opportunity to look at the IOA year ahead and contribute to the legacy discussion.</p>	Calendar invites have been sent out to Headteachers, If you haven't received details and would like to attend email hazel.weekes@newanglia.co.uk
Open to all	<p>Sharing Learning Hub Launch 30th September 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>The Opportunity Area Sharing Learning Hub will be a comprehensive directory of the projects implemented with OA funding in Ipswich, Norwich and Fenland and East Cambs. Packed with case studies, resources, impact and insights from big projects to smaller classroom level action research projects, the hub enables staff in schools, colleges, early years settings and other providers to connect to colleagues locally and share their experience of “what works”.</p> <p>Please join us online to find out how the hub works and how you can ensure your IOA projects and learning are included over the next year.</p>	To receive a calendar invite email hazel.weekes@newanglia.co.uk or simply join us on 30 th September on this Zoom link
IOA schools, colleges and Early Years settings	<p>Tell Your Story grants Info event 14th September 3.45-4.30pm</p> <p>A grant of up to £2500 is available for schools, settings and colleges in the IOA to partner with a local artist or arts-based organisation on a project to develop children and young people’s oracy and/or emotional literacy within the curriculum or as an enrichment activity. More details are here.</p> <p>To find out how to apply join us for an information session on 14th September at 3.45pm via Zoom</p>	Email ipswichopportunityarea@gmail.com to receive your invitation and Zoom details for the info event
IOA schools, colleges and Early Years settings	<p>Accreditation offer</p> <p>We have allocated funding for up to 20 schools, colleges or early years settings to go through a programme of accreditation for a national award to recognise their development and expertise in a specialist area. The commissioning process is almost complete and we will be able to provide a list of available awards for funding shortly.</p>	To register your interest in working towards a funded national award for your school email hazel.weekes@newanglia.co.uk and we will forward details of the awards available and application process.
Young People on youth groups/ student councils in Ipswich and Felixstowe	<p>Youth Board</p> <p>The IOA Youth Board will meet half termly this year to ensure young leaders have the opportunity to influence decisions in the IOA. If you have a youth group or students council and would like to send a representative contact Ben Gough – the first working lunch meeting is Saturday 18th September 11am-1pm</p>	Email ben.gough@suffolk.gov.uk for more details, and for a letter and consent form for your young representative to take part
IOA schools and Colleges	<p>Vision and Voice</p> <p>Vision and Voice continues to provide support for students with MH and Wellbeing needs continues to be provided by Vision and Voice, a cooperative of Voluntary and Community Services. The offer includes support from Noise Solutions this term, places are limited so you are encouraged to contact Vision and Voice early to gain support for your pupils.</p>	Schools and colleges can access support by contacting IOAVisionandvoice@greenlighttrust.org

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IOA schools and Colleges	<p>Support for children and families struggling with engagement</p> <p>CF Education can provide fully funded support for children who are struggled to settle into school. Examples of support might include helping children and parents re-establish routines, sleep, manage boundaries, cope with Covid anxiety and testing, at home relationships and online safety and bullying – however the CF Education team are willing to work with you to come up with a bespoke package to meet individual needs, and specialise in supporting the most vulnerable or disengaged children and young people. As ever, they'll work closely in partnership with the school and support existing relationships and support plans. More details here and referral form here.</p>	<p>You can make referrals directly to CF Education using their referral form download here</p> <p>Or call Ross Evans for an initial chat on 01473 725794</p>
IOA schools, Colleges and early years settings	<p>Support for EAL families</p> <p>Volunteering Matters can provide specific, culturally sensitive support for families whose first language is not English and offer the following funded by the IOA:</p> <p>Weekly individual sessions for families focused on improving children's English language skills. These sessions are run by a volunteer who, where possible, is a native speaker of the families' first language; boosting the child's confidence when communicating in English through activities and games that focus on key skills: reading, speaking, listening, and writing.</p> <p>English Lessons for EAL parents are currently running online to help adults improve their English skills at Elementary or Intermediate English level. The lessons are group sessions and led by volunteers.</p> <p>Translation services to facilitate communication between EAL families and schools,</p> <p>Digital Tool Kits to help families with remote education.</p>	<p>For more information, please contact Ingrid (ingrid.kwadzovi@volunteeringmatters.org.uk – 07946268077)</p>
Teaching assistants in all schools and colleges and childcare assistants in Early Years settings	<p>Training and networking opportunities through the Suffolk TA Network</p> <p>The TA Network has a comprehensive TA training programme in development for this term and will be advertising this in the newsletter, which is due out on Friday 10th September, so please keep a look out for this and pass on to support staff. A postcard will also be sent out to schools outlining membership. More details can be found here.</p>	<p>For details about membership email suffolktan@westbourne.attrust.org.uk</p>
All IOA Settings	<p>Ipswich Associate Research School – Be part of the Evidence Based Network</p> <p>In 2021-22 a free half termly, network will help busy teachers, support staff, practitioners and school leaders interpret key recommendations and share evidence-based learning, including those from the EEF Guidance Reports. An opportunity to consider how to bridge the gap from theory to practice in diverse education contexts across all phases. Sign up here to join the network, we will be announcing session dates and themes shortly.</p>	<p>Complete the form: Explore the Evidence - 2021/22 - Google Forms or for further information email: vanessa.bally.ipswich@researchschool.org.uk</p>
All IOA Settings	<p>Become an Evidence Lead in Education with Ipswich Associate Research School</p> <p>Ipswich Opportunity Area in partnership with Ipswich Associate Research School is seeking to train a cohort of regional Evidence Leads in Education (ELEs) in the Autumn Term of 2021, with the aim of establishing a research-led network across the locality. For further information on what the role involves please contact Vanessa Bally – Ipswich Associate Research School Coordinator.</p>	<p>For further information email: vanessa.bally.ipswich@researchschool.org.uk</p>

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The following offers are not directly funded by the Ipswich Opportunity Area but available to Ipswich schools:		
See here for a list of eligible schools	<p>NPQs Schools can apply for placed on the new reformed suite of NPQs for teachers and leaders who want to develop their knowledge and skills in school leadership and specialist areas of teaching practice. Further details on the courses and funding can be found here</p>	If schools are interested in a particular NPQ programme, your first step will be to sign up with a provider. The easiest way to do this is to contact your local teaching school hub
IOA Schools and Early Years settings	<p>Adult literacy with Readeasy, and book bags for children Readeasy offer tailored literacy support on a one-to-one basis for all adults in the Ipswich area. Support is delivered by a volunteer who will work through a course of literacy interventions with the participant and support them with literacy learning.</p> <p>Free bookbags are offered to all school and setting within the IOA to support children with literacy learning.</p>	If you would like further details or to make a referral please contact Alison Stewart-Wheeler a.wheeler@ntlworld.com
IOA Schools, Colleges and Early Years settings	<p>Free Pop-Up Cinema for Ipswich schools Suffolk Libraries has a massive cinema screen which they are piloting as a free pop-up cinema for schools in Ipswich. Schools can either host a fun event for their students and families or use the cinema screen to do something a bit different to bring elements of the curriculum to life in an unusual way (e.g. A outdoor screening of curriculum texts such as: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Of Mice and Men' etc.)</p> <p>As this is a pilot it will be free. We will provide Suffolk Libraries staff to handle all the set up and take down of the equipment, as well as film licenses.</p>	For more information email arts@suffolklibraries.co.uk letting them know what you would like to watch and when, or see their flier here
Mental Health Leads in Suffolk schools	<p>Education Mental Health Network meetings The next Education Mental Health Network Lead meeting is on Tuesday 5th October 3.30 – 5.00 and includes a training session on Circle of Friends - an approach that mobilises a young person's peers to provide support and engage in problem solving with the person in difficulty, in order to enhance the inclusion of that young person.</p> <p>Further network meetings take place on: Wednesday 3rd November 3.45 – 4.45 Wednesday 1st December 3.45 – 4.45</p>	In order to register a place at all or any of these network meetings please email EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk
Open to All	<p>Emotional Based School Avoidance guidance and resources A comprehensive set of resources continues to grow to support schools and families support EBSA – these can be found on the SCC website here</p>	
Open to all	<p>Unity Research School Offer As well as the bespoke events Unity have put together with the Ipswich Associate Research School for IOA funded projects they have a programme of events over the year to support Evidence Based teaching and learning Keep an eye on their website here: Events Unity Research School</p>	
Open to all	<p>Angles Maths Hub is working on a programme of CPD and support for Maths teaching – keep an eye on their website for details.</p>	

Transition for 21/22 and 22/23.

School leaders in Ipswich and Felixstowe have agreed in principle some dates for 'move up' days for children and young people who will be in years 2, 6 and 11 next summer. In 2022, the dates are **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June 2022**.

This is being supported by the LA and the suggestion going forward is that the final Wednesday and Thursday in June from 2023 onwards are used as part of the larger set of transition activities that are offered to our children and young people across Suffolk.

The IOA is forming a Transition Steering Group, this group will agree a strategy or charter for transition, if you wish to be involved in this work please contact Katrina at k.gardiner@uos.ac.uk

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The IOA website now has resources and information on all forthcoming events and network meetings for:

- [Family Support Assistants and Early Years Transition Leads](#)
- [Learning Behaviour Leads](#)
- [Early Years Implementation Leads and school/college Implementation Leads](#)
- [Mental Health Leads](#)

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