

Secondary Learning Network



The **Secondary Learning Network** is an open forum for sharing best practice and for networking by professionals who engage, or wish to engage, with secondary schools and their teachers and students (inclusive of sixth forms and FE colleges). Membership of the network includes those from the museums and heritage sector, cultural venues, the arts and bridge organisations.

We are open to new members joining from other sectors as long as they have an intention to, or already work with secondary schools. Professionals working as freelancers, artists, teachers and those belonging to smaller organisations are equally welcome to join the network.

Mission statement

The network promises to:

- Be a safe space for discussions
- Champion both big and small organisations
- Provide honest and practical support
- Encourage informal benchmarking
- Foster creative and positive discussions
- Be a forum of collaborative problem solving
- Prioritise discussions on government changes relevant to secondary schools as required.

How did we decide this?

This mission statement was developed in consultation with network members in spring 2019. The members were asked to reflect on how the network could best benefit them in the future.



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Our mission statement will be achieved through:

2019/20 academic year

- Offering termly structured meetings, to take place between 3-5pm, hosted by a different member each time
- Offering members opportunities to contact the network list in-between the termly meetings
- Improving the data that is kept on members to include:
 - Up to three examples of schools that you work with regularly
 - Up to three examples of strengths in the ways you work with secondary schools
 - Up to three examples of challenges in the ways you work with secondary schools

This data will be used to suggest meeting themes and topics for the future.

Within 18 months

- Creating an online presence to continue conversations, and celebrate and share best practice for working with secondary schools

Within two years

- Involving teachers within the network so they have a voice
- Delivering an annual event for both members and teachers to attend and contribute to

Suggested meeting agenda

Item 1

Welcome, refreshments and informal networking.

Item 2

Whole group introduction including names and organisations of all attendees.

Item 3

A maximum of three presentations on the themes of the meeting (to be decided by the host organisation). This could be, but isn't limited to:

- Training for members related to working with secondary schools
 - Presentations from members based on projects in which they wish to receive feedback
 - Presentations from experts from across the sector, eg subject specialists, exam boards, bridge organisations etc.
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Item 4

Structured discussions based on the presentations. It is recommended this starts with pair or group discussions/activities before leading to a whole group feedback session.

Item 5

Any shout-outs, issues or ideas from members not based on the meeting theme.

Item 6

Tour of the host venue. This is to take place before or after the meeting and is **optional** for attendees.