**East Anglia SCIP Alliance Hub - Meeting**

**Weds 29 June 2022 (13:30 to 15:00)**

**Agenda**

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| **Date of Meeting** | Weds 29 March 2022 | **Time** | 13:30 – 15:00 |
| **Location** | Teams [**Click here to join the meeting**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGZlNWM1MWYtMGI0My00Y2Q0LTg5M2YtZTQyNDc1YmNiMTFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225f35c3da-39ae-4632-9ac1-afc2f25d2852%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22fff97013-a6fc-44c8-a334-f67325643ee2%22%7d) | | |

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| **Attendees** | **Apologies** |
| Katie Groves (Chair), Georgia Downs (minutes), Halliday Merry, Jim Brown, Kate Chamberlain, Phyllis O’ Grady, Sarah Kelleway, Kelly Thomas, Abbie Wood, Alexandra Stokes, Prof. Mike Almond, Margot Broadbent-Yale, Michelle Dunn, Emma Plews, Natalie, Freislich-Mills, Lou Short, Clare Bradshaw | Claire Bedingfield, Laura Davies, Jamie Jones, Anita Kemp, Zoe Prosser, Andy Tovell, Katherine Lawrence, Sophia Mousoulides, Rachel Wier, Miles Cole, Rebecca Lovell, , Lauren Godier-McBard, Stephen Pomfret, Hannah Mead, Tania Bingham, Lauren Keeble, Tariq Patel, Sarah Coote, , Ashley Lamprell, Beverley Herron, Aimee Hayes |

| **Time** | **Description** | **Lead** |
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| 13:30 | **Welcome/introductions**  Previous minutes were confirmed, and actions discussed. | KG |
| 13:35 | [Minutes and Matters Arising](https://myaru.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/VT-100378/ERSvDhTIfHlDmsTwBXNa9k0BJFA8Lz8vcdkoE2GYKQZiug?e=LhXGsr)   * Add ‘improving school/college networks’ to hub action plan and adjust dates for data to align with SPP returns.   *Complete: a list of Secondary Schools data can be accessed via HEAT which is now available in the SCiP TEAMS area.*   * Send expressions of interest for Co-Chair role to KG   *Ongoing: SP expressed interested but due to changing roles will no longer be appropriate. Action readded to action record.*   * Discuss, and possibly establish, VFI links to increasing networks with schools/colleges. *Complete* * Continue to pursue student targeting data  *Complete: Activity to this extent will be captured in Action plan aims.* | KG |
| 13:40 | **Creative Forces Day**  MBY described the Creative Forces Day as a success with 40 Service Children from 1 School (years 7-10) in attendance. There were challenges with Schools being able to identify service children within their community and therefore presenting inconsistency across the schools contacted. ARU Schools and Colleges Team and NEACO developed the event in collaboration. The day ran as a carrousel with clusters of yr 7/8s and yr 9/10s. The aim was to host the event across different campuses but due to poor uptake in Chelmsford, the event went ahead in Cambridge only (the school decided to adopt an opt out approach which boded well for numbers).  Activities consisted of ‘Why go to uni’ talk with Q&A, campus tour and Pathways in a box, tailored for service children. More information on Pathways in a box activity can be requested from Tania (Make Happen).  19/40 completed the feedback survey, 69% were fairly likely/very likely/certain that they wanted to progress to HE. 75% were more likely to pursue HE after attending the day. It is worth noting that some of the 7/8s were interested in cost of HE. MBY would be happy to share further information upon request.  Next time: Run the event at different campuses with a larger running time for preparation. Offer the opportunity for each child to bring a ‘buddy’. Finally, consider running the event in the Autumn term.  Questions were raised around optimum number of participants and timing. MBY explained that suitability of timing depends on the School and the activities can be adapted to suit cohort sizes. | MBY / TB |
| 14:00 | **Grant funding for schools with children from service families**  JB updated the hub about several funding opportunities available in the coming year. The minutes will be complimented with slides relating to this agenda item.  MOD Education support fund: £3 million budget to support service children with their education. Eligibility is available online but worth noting that HE and FE are not eligible to apply.  Armed Forces Education Trust have Project Collective Grants and Individual Grants, usually for service children that have had their education disrupted significantly. (More information can be found here: armedforceseducation.org)  Covenant Fund: Force for Change grants of up to £10,000 for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration; supporting post-Covid recovery in local Armed Forces communities affected by isolation. Deadline: midday 8th August 2022.  Operation Camouflage is a collaborative project that is being relaunched this summer for children from military families and those with access to free school meals. | JB |
| 14:10 | **VFI Update**  The research centre provides information regarding education and training relating to veterans and service family’s via [www.vfrhub.com](http://www.vfrhub.com). VFI have set up an Armed forces and veterans breakfast club which takes place regularly on campus for both the community and ARU students. Armed forces week was last week, whereby ARU hosted two reserve units on campus.  In the interim of UCAS collecting data regarding students being service children, ARU will be running a census in line with the SCiP definitions to gain access to this information.  There is a plan to develop a uniform service-connected campus to attract service children to ARU. This will combine activities already taking place with things such as open days, tailoring talks and events for service families. This comes with long term aspirations for ARU to reduce their admissions requirements for those from a service family. | MA |
| 14:20 | **Looking Forward:**  An overview of activity within the [Action Plan](https://myaru.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/VT-100378/Eb2rWPb8qtdFgBRi6CtQ-CAB_vmq3_8TI0tk0h-cC_wzUQ?e=5JY4BN) was discussed and has been updated accordingly. As part of this conversation, AS requested that we continue the CPD training moving forward. NFM received positive feedback from attendees that completed CPD but raised concerns about participation from the targeted geographical areas. *Action: Target CPD for professionals working with service children by utilising the latest data set of service children in secondary schools, available via SCiP TEAMS area.*  PO suggested that there is value in physically taking students to campuses and therefore a physical IAG conference could be considered.  LM has offered to disseminate information via the HIVE network, noting that this isn’t restricted by region and goes out to all HIVEs.  Each station has a Community Development Officer and a young peoples board which would be a good link for promoting SCiP hub information. Additionally, ‘Airplay’ is a new platform that the SCiP hub could utilise to reach young people that do not live on stations.  Promotional material should be sent to LM in the first instance.  JB highlighted that moving forward we should be mindful how activities are marketed to avoid alienation, e.g., children that have parents no longer serving but would still fall under our targeted reach.  Due to running low on time, members were invited to look through the following in their own time:   * [Terms of reference](https://myaru.sharepoint.com/sites/VT-100378/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FVT%2D100378%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FCentral%20Information%2FSCiP%2DAlliance%2DHubs%2DTerms%2Dof%2DReference%2Dtemplate%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FVT%2D100378%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FCentral%20Information&p=true&ga=1) * [Hub handbook update](https://myaru.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/VT-100378/EWdgDRaQAX9JhCs6Hudczx4BzPtIUhGkpln7vb1VGhnwMw?e=jBPZfh) * [Case Study – Developing the South Hub](https://myaru.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/VT-100378/EZaVgYsYlWtMnaOKAuWWFtoBcCLsFjgCmu0TiRznnRa_bQ?e=tnz2yH) | KG / All |
| 14:50 | AOB  No AOB raised. | All |
| 15:00 | Close  Next agreed meeting will be in September 2022. | |

**Action Log**

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| **Action** | **Lead** |
| * KG to update contact list in TEAMS with relevant helpful information of the membership. | KG |
| * Bring a plan to the September meeting of what your organisation would like to do to support thriving lives of service children, noting how the hub network could be utilised. | ALL |
| * Send expressions of interest for Co-Chair role to KG | ALL |
| * GD and AS to meet and build on community networks | GD/AS |
| * Give Michelle Dunn access to the TEAMS area. | KG |
| * ALL to contact KG if they are having issues access TEAMS SCiP area. | ALL |
| * There are sector wide challenges of gaining information of those from military families in FE. The hub is actioned with looking into this further and has been listed as an additional item to the Action Plan 2022. | Uni Connect |
| * Upload [Regional\_Report\_2019\_East-of-England.pdf (covenantfund.org.uk)](https://covenantfund.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Regional_Report_2019_East-of-England.pdf) in relevant TEAMS area in response to *Research: Establish veteran dataset* element of the action plan | KG |
| * Norfolk County Council to liaise with SCiP hub members to collaborate on IAG conference and broaden reach beyond Norfolk and post 16 as highlighted in the Action Plan 2022. | PO |
| * Target CPD for professionals working with service children by utilising the latest data set of service children in secondary schools, available via SCiP TEAMS area. | Make Happen (NFM) |
| * Share access of age and potentially postcode data that the hub can use to target activity. | LM |