

SCiP Alliance Hub update to Practice Group: 12/09/2018

Hub name: Yorkshire and North East

Lead institution: York St John University

- Effective practice
- Challenges
- Ideas
- Priorities
- Question

Hub activity summary:

Overview

Since our last update on 30th April 2018 we have delivered a number of activities and events across the North East and Yorkshire area, including CPD and activities for young people. We have also represented the SCiP Alliance at the NEON Summer Symposium which was held at University of Sussex on 21st -22nd June.

North Yorkshire Creative Forces Days

The first ever Creative Forces Days in North Yorkshire were hosted in April in a collaboration that saw SCiP Alliance working with York St John University, University of York, NCOP Higher York and North Yorkshire County Council to deliver two campus visits for Primary and Secondary School pupils from military service backgrounds.

The Primary School event, hosted and run by Angela Purdham, University of York Widening Participation Officer, was attended by 42 pupils from 5 schools in and around Catterick Garrison whilst the secondary event, hosted by Louisa Dobson, NCOP Outreach Officer for Higher York, at York St John University, welcomed 75 pupils from 4 schools across the region.

The aim of the events was to provide a taster of Higher Education for military service children, and give them an opportunity to get to know service children from their own and other schools.

Students took part in a range of interactive activities about Higher Education, a campus tour and had the opportunity to explore shared experiences with other Service Children and design their top tips for schools to support them. These activities were also supported by current university students some of whom also came from a service background who talked about their own experiences, and transition from school to Higher Education. School staff also participated in a CPD workshop run by Annabel Hall and Nickie Young, Service Pupil Champions at North Yorkshire County Council. "The (best thing about today was) the amazing relatable people! Meeting more military service children"

Secondary School students from Richmond School and St Francis Xavier School have been designing a poster of 'top tips' drawing from all the information collected on the day. Students have had complete say on the design, colour and content of the poster, which will be distributed in schools and community centres and youth groups towards the end of the year.

Northumbria University Teacher Advisor Lounge

On Friday 29th June, we delivered a CPD session entitled 'How to improve service children's education outcomes'.

The event was attended by teachers and advisors from schools across the North East of England, many of whom were approaching this topic for the first time.

Content included:

Raising awareness
Issues and challenges for Service Pupils
What can schools do?
Working with Universities
Creating a plan of action

This CPD opportunity is available to all schools and colleges.

Toolkit for admissions and student recruitment teams

We are working on a resource/toolkit that will provide information, advice and guidance to university and college staff who work in admissions and/or student recruitment.

The toolkit will include a range of IAG including:

The challenges and opportunities Military Service Children face
Contextualized admissions advice
Resources for targeted interventions with this cohort
CPD training session delivered by a member of the SCiP alliance practice group
This new toolkit will be delivered in York St John University later this year, and will be available to anyone upon request.

MSc by Research Studentship opportunity

NCOP FutureHY, based in North Yorkshire, are offering a MSc by Research Studentship at York St John University on a commissioned piece of work titled:

“Service children’s thoughts on applying for university: A qualitative study exploring why young people from military families in North Yorkshire are underrepresented in higher education institutions.”

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is 18th September 2018 at York St John University. Our current agenda is to develop a delivery plan for 2018/19 across North Yorkshire.