

## SCiP Alliance Hub update to Practice Group 24/4/2019

Hub name: Yorkshire and North East

Lead institution: FutureHY and York St John University

- Effective practice
- Challenges
- Ideas
- Priorities
- Questions

### Hub activity summary:

#### Creative Forces Days

We held two Creative Forces Day events in April. 42 students from 3 schools attended the Secondary event at York St John University and around 40 students from 6 schools attended the Primary event at University of York. As well as generic HE activities and a campus tours, Matt Blyton led a youth voice workshop at each event. The pupils were asked about particular issues from the Kin and Country Report and the Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey and were asked to think of ways all the issues could be fixed. Both days were a success!

We trialled the new evaluation pack, and more feedback will be available at the meeting.

#### MRes by Research

Evidence gathering is going well for this MRes on aspirations to HE for Military Service Children in North Yorkshire. So far the researcher, Lewis, has spoken to students in one school and gathered more evidence at the Secondary School Creative Forces Day event.

#### Government Reports

FutureHY were asked to contribute to an OfS report to Chris Skidmore on how NCOPs are working with Military Service Children. They also submitted evidence for an independent report on service families authored by Andrew Selous MP, and Matt Blyton went to give evidence to him in person.

#### Army Welfare Service

We have developed a really good working relationship with the Army Welfare Service, based at Catterick Garrison. They are supporting the delivery of the Creative Forces Day by delivering a session to the teachers. They've also attended 3 CPD sessions delivered by FutureHY around Body Image, Bullying and Perfectionism.

## HELOA

York St John University and FutureHY were finalists for the Innovation and Best Practice award for Recruitment and Outreach at the HELOA conference on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. They were shortlisted for their collaborative project working to address the educational needs of their local military service cohort.