

## Virtual SCiP Alliance South West Hub Event

### Voices, Vision & Action

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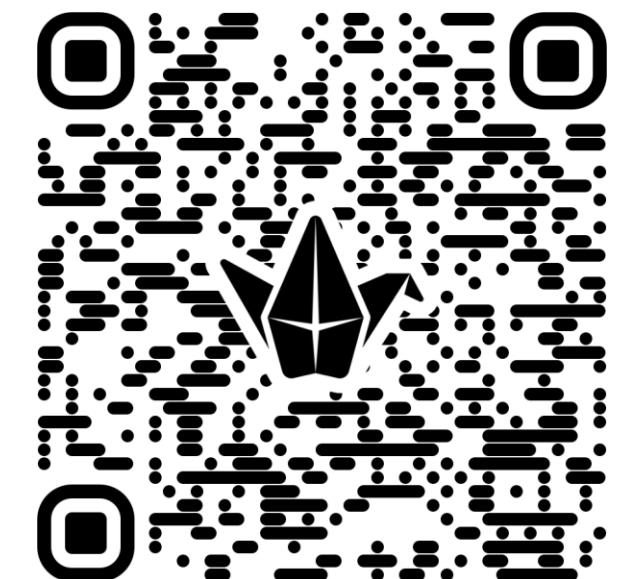
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# THE SCiP ALLIANCE VISION – Phil Dent, Director, SCiP Alliance

## **The SCiP Alliance's vision:**

**Thriving lives for Service children**

## **The SCiP Alliance's Mission:**

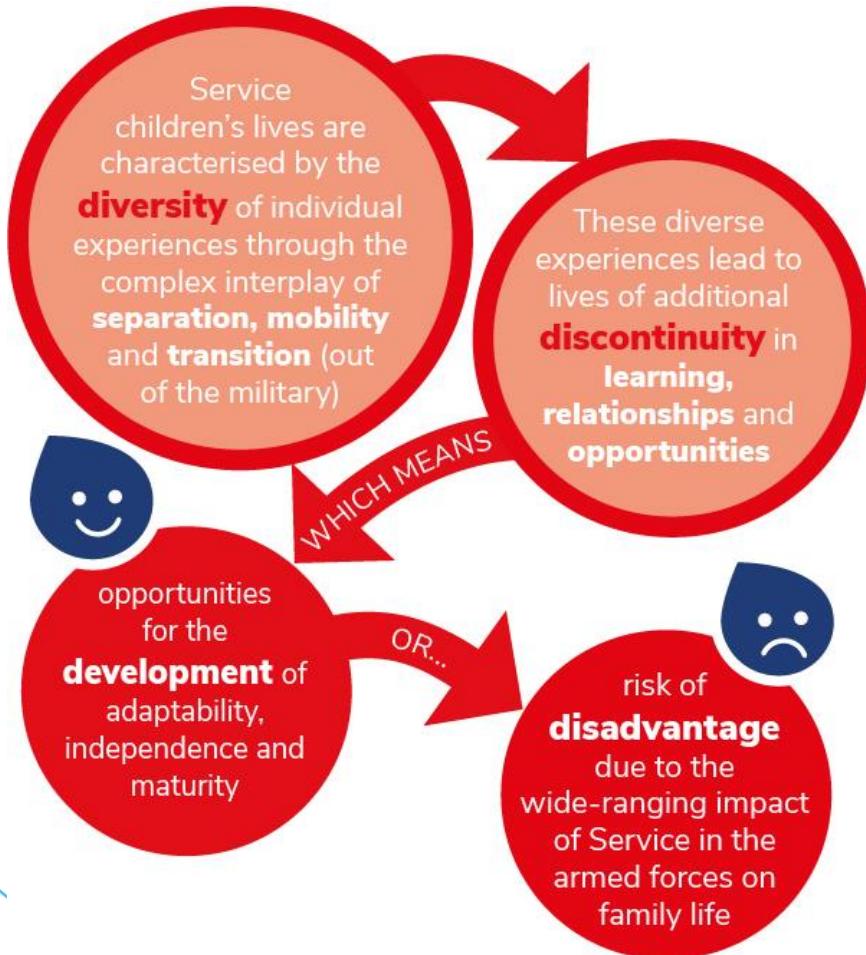
We bring together practitioners, researchers, policymakers and funders to build a stronger evidence-base, better policy, and enhanced support for Service children's education and progression, placing their voices at the heart of all we do



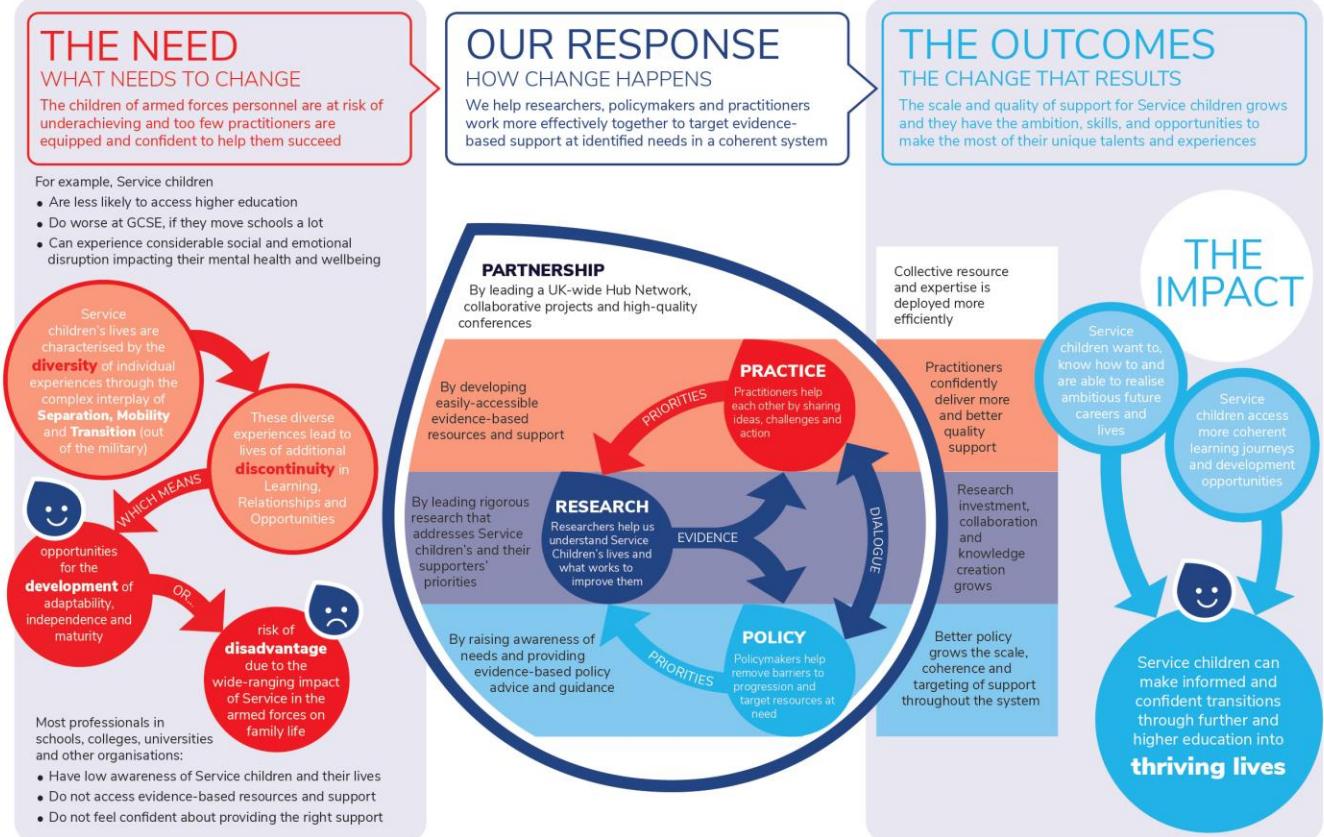
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# THE SCIP ALLIANCE – THEORY OF CHANGE



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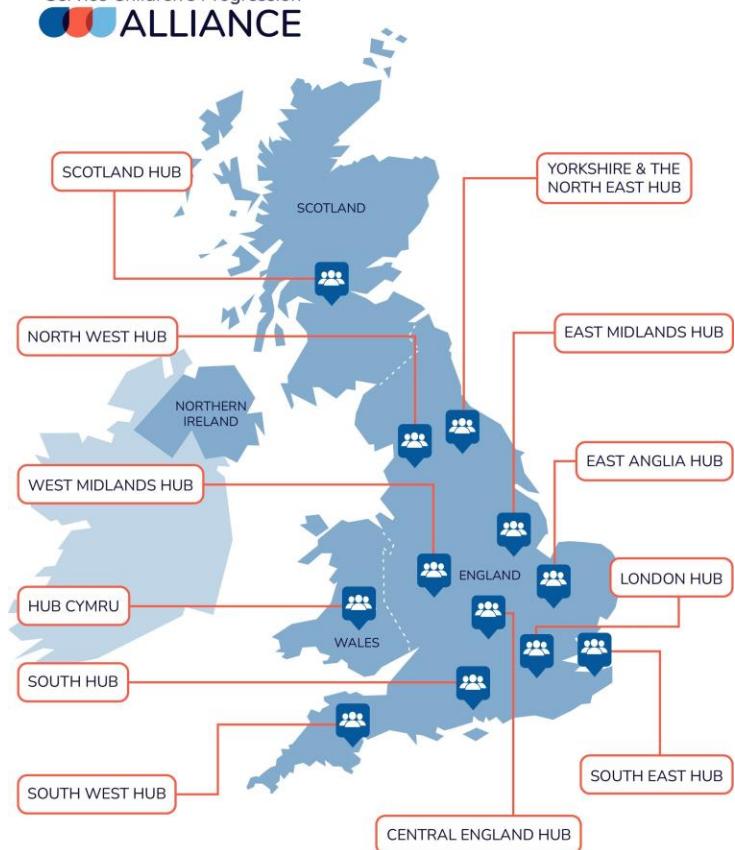


# THE SCIP ALLIANCE UK-WIDE HUB NETWORK

SCiP Alliance Hubs help allies...

**“do together what they cannot do alone.”**

- Share challenges and solutions
- Innovate and collaborate to improve impact
- Reduce duplication, increase funding, improve return on investment



THRIVING LIVES FOR SERVICE CHILDREN

## AIMS OF A HEALTHY HUB - Tian Barratt, SCiP Alliance Hub Leads Group & South Hub Chair

**Connect** – establish a structured approach to connecting and communicating with a diverse range of stakeholders.

### Signs of success:

- Stable leadership – Chair/Vice-Chair roles and hub members know who they are
- Meet regularly and consistently – min. twice a year and with a format that enables;
  - Learning opportunities (externally delivered)
  - An open floor for members to share and collaborate
- Newsletter or distribution list – providing updates, agendas, meeting minutes
- Has diverse partners – a broad mix of different stakeholder groups representing the local and wider context of your region (ToR)
- Hub details accessible – SCiP Alliance website up to date with contact info, aims and action plan
- Hub leads group – hub representation at the Hub Leads group

## AIMS OF A HEALTHY HUB

**Equip** – tools and resources to support the hub and its stakeholders in helping service children thrive.

### Signs of success:

- Action Plan – a clear action plan is developed, monitored and maintained. Used to drive meeting agendas.
- Thriving Lives Toolkit – is actively promoted and used to engage and support stakeholders
- Collaboration – collaborative work and outputs stemming from the hub

## AIMS OF A HEALTHY HUB

**Inspire** – promotes the needs of Service children, raising awareness and championing their experiences through different platforms and initiatives.

### Signs of success:

- Increased visibility of the hub within the region - enquiries
- Increased engagement with the hub and the Thriving Lives Toolkit – sign ups and engagement stats
- Events and initiatives being promoted through the hub, hosted by the hub and developed within the hub
- Evidence of impact of those initiatives
- Evidence of Service children's needs being highlighted – through the learning and collaboration that takes place

## HUB ACTIVITY

Examples of activities which have taken place in the South Hub and across the network:

- Webinar Series – aligned to the Thriving Lives Toolkit
- Festival of Friends
- Creative Forces Days
  - Some including Thriving Lives Toolkit CPD for school staff
- Development Events
- Beyond the Barracks, a project to promote equality of opportunity in higher education
- Service Child Awards
- Networking Events
- STEM Events for Service Children



# SOUTH HUB ACTION PLAN

## Key aims 2025-26

- Increase access to Creative Forces events (and other activities) for Service children across the region
- Increase engagement with the Thriving Lives Toolkit to facilitate whole-school improvement for Service children

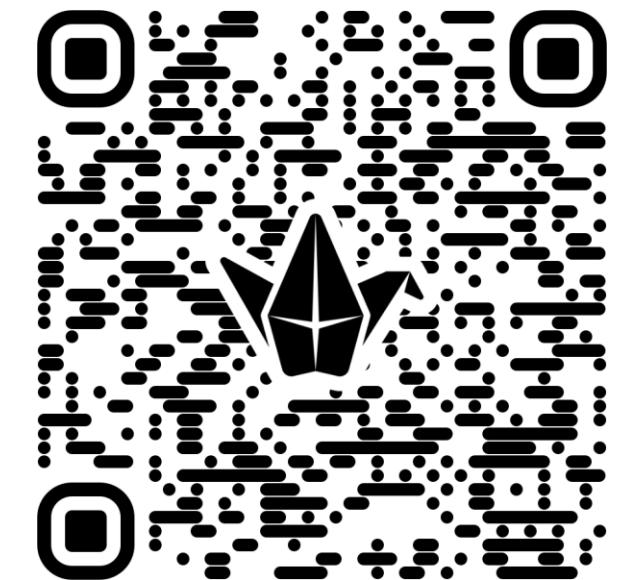
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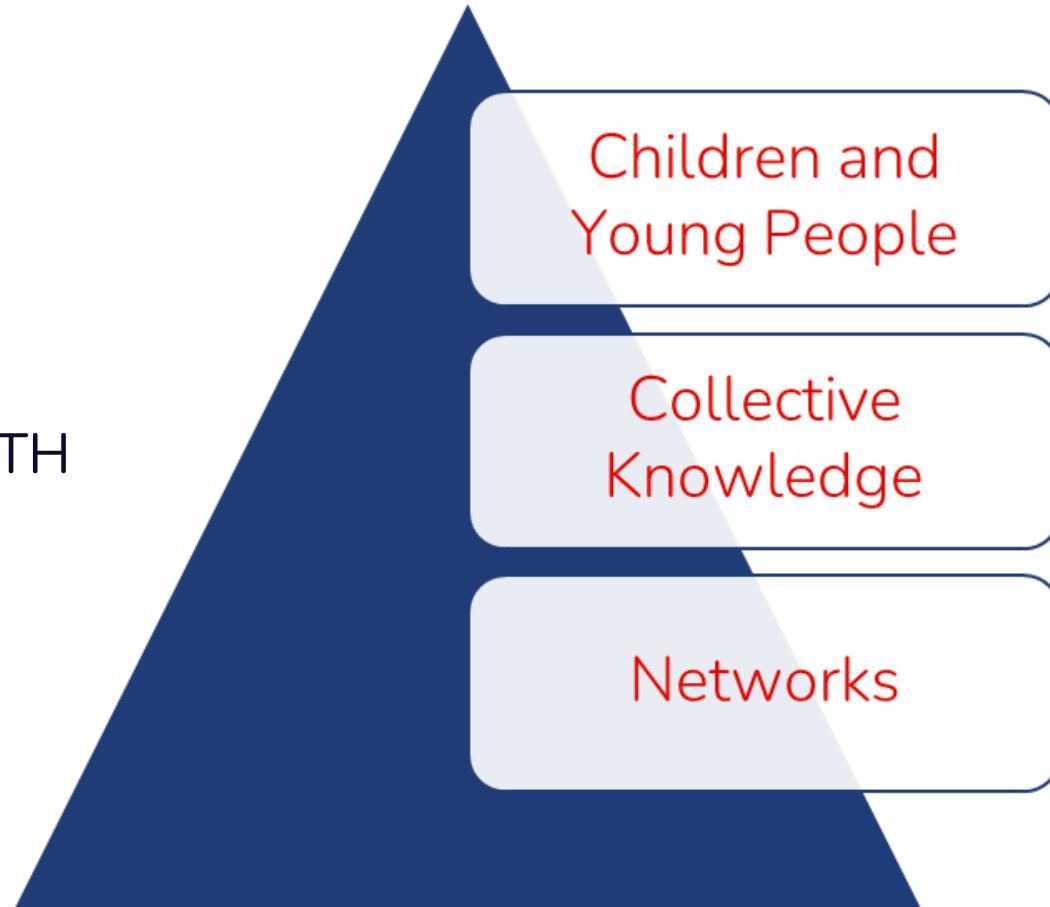


# WHAT WOULD HELP YOU HELP SERVICE CHILDREN THRIVE?

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Would be lovely to hear from the young people themselves what sort of resources and knowledge they feel they might be lacking about their options after leaving school, to help us (universities, schools, colleges, etc) develop resources and information to meet that need.		Data on the differentials between children of officers and children of 'regular' service members; how many are there in schools, what schools are they at, and what their aspirations are especially as regards applying to university. (This would be massively helpful for potentially informing our outreach and widening access agendas).	We need to refurbish our Pastoral suite but have no funds to do this.
What can I do for our service children? Would like some guidance on how often to meet them etc and should I run a program.		Data collection and presentation - How do people collect the data and then present it to show attainment mainly.	Raising Awareness - Reading Force has free books and resources available for all service children (and veterans' children!) but many still don't know about our charity. We are national!
How do we join in the Creative Forces Events?			Currently have no funding within our school. Its a secondary school with 40 service pupils out of 700. I have been told the pupil premium is just used in the "pot". As a ta and just starting this under my own initiative I don't feel I can challenge that so would like guidance and help to apply for.
We'd love the Healthy Hub to help us run our Day of the Military child events How could we tap into this awesome resource.			

## SOUTH WEST HUB VISION – Carol Atkinson, RAF Community Development Officer

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Next South West Hub Meeting: 26th February 2026, 1530 – 1630