

Norwich Opportunity Area

Offers to support Primary & Secondary schools (Sept 2021)

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Projects listed below are available as fully funded offers to support schools and EY settings in the Norwich Opportunity Area. Some of these offers may be extended to our “twinning areas” in other parts of Norfolk, please speak with your point of contact from the NOA team to find out more.

- Breckland (Swaffham, Thetford & Dereham): Ashley Cater - ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk
- Great Yarmouth: Janet Cockburn – janet.cockburn@norfolk.gov.uk
- Greater Norwich schools (on the Norwich border) – Emma Van Deventer – emma.vandeventer@norfolk.gov.uk

You can find out more about NOA projects and support in our latest newsletter – [NOA Newsletter July 2021](#)

Upcoming network meeting dates can be found on our website under News - [Network Meeting Dates](#)

Communication, Speech & Language Offers - Primary Schools & Early Years Settings

Funded Offer	Next steps:
<p>New! Funded Signalong Workshops The North Norwich Communication Hub have funded Signalong workshops on: 12th October 6.30-8.30pm & 19th October 5-7pm. Please contact Eileen to book.</p>	<p>Email Eileen directly: senco@milecrossprimary.norfolk.sch.uk</p>
<p>New! Early Years Transition Workshops NOA in collaboration with NCC will be running a series of fully funded, CPD packed, training workshops focused on improving early years transition. For more information and details on how to apply, please see the flyer here. Deadline for sign-ups: Friday 15th October, first workshop: Wednesday 20th October</p>	<p>Sign up with NOA team - norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk or contact Ashley for more info - Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Reminder ... Early Years ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) NOA are working with Norfolk County Council to offer funded ELSA training specifically for Early Years practitioners. Schools and settings are encouraged to sign up via the NCC Early Years portal by Friday 17th September. Summary information here.</p>	<p>Contact Ashley for more info - Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Reminder ... NELI Programme – Nuffield Early Language Intervention NOA offer additional funding for training and delivery of the NELI intervention (1:1 and group sessions) for schools new to NELI for 2021-22. £2,000 per school is available from NOA to contribute towards this programme. This is offered to support schools who have signed up to the new offer for 2021-22 and did not receive DFE NELI funding in 2020-21. The DFE deadline to sign up has now passed for this academic year.</p>	<p>NOA NELI Support offer info pack return to Claire Sparrow – claire.sparrow@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Feedback Please! Please feedback about EY Virtual Tours If you have had a virtual tour funded by the NOA in either in 2020 or 2021, we would love you to give us your feedback via this google form for schools by Friday 15th October. If your school/setting has had more than one virtual tour created, we kindly ask that you complete one google form per tour. We are also still gathering feedback from parents on the virtual tours therefore please resend this survey link to your parents in you September correspondence https://forms.gle/kqXPyMxJaNWFpGPWA</p>	<p>Thank you in advance for your help and support. Contact Ashley for more info - Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... Communication Champions – Core & Leadership Training A final round of the full Core & Leadership Communication Champions training will take place in 2021-22. Any NOA school or setting can apply to participate in this training.</p>	<p>Sign up with the NOA team by Friday 22nd October via email –</p>

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<p>However, priority will be given to those schools or settings without 2 trained CCs. This training will be delivered by Emma Ferris (Lead S&L therapist, Communicate).</p> <p><u>Training dates:</u> Core Training: 03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 01/12, 08/12/2021; 4-5:30pm or 6-7:30pm Leadership: 05/01, 12/01, 19/01, 26/01, 02/02, 09/02/2022; 4-5:30pm or 6-7:30pm</p> <p>Sign up with the NOA team - norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk - by Friday 22nd October by sending us the following details: - Name of school/setting - Names, roles and email addresses of your delegates (up to 2 per school/setting) - Whether your school/setting would like to receive an Early Years WellComm Toolkit (Only applicable to schools/settings that have not received one via NOA before)</p>	<p>norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Contact Ashley directly for more info - Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Continuing ... Communication Champions ONLINE TRAINING All staff can continue to access the NOA's online, self-led Communication Champion Training – this is available online for free here.</p>	<p>Online for free here</p>
<p>New! ... Communication Champions Network grant funding Schools and settings from Norwich who are active members of the Communication Champions network can access additional funding for CPD or sustainable projects or initiatives that support the ambitions of the CC network.</p>	<p>Grant funding form available here - return to the NOA team: norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Continuing ... Communication Champion Hubs & Networks Meetings 2021-22 Half-termly network meetings are led by NOA Communication Champion Hubs. These meetings share best practice around SLCN approaches, engage in CPD, troubleshoot issues and build relationships between local schools, settings and organisations.</p> <p>The North Norwich Communication Hub: The first 2021-22 network meeting will be held online on <u>21st September</u>, and it will focus on supporting EAL children. Further meeting dates and plans can be found here and on their website. Please email Eileen to be added to the distribution list - senco@milecrossprimary.norfolk.sch.uk</p> <p>The 0-2 Communication Hub: The first 2021-22 network meeting will be held online on <u>29th September</u> and will focus on SLCN and self-regulation. Please email Suzie Squirrel Hughes or Yvonne Hamilton to be added to the distribution list. enquiries@little-squirrels.com or nrp@chestnut-nursery.co.uk</p> <p>The Lakenham Communication Hub The first 2021-22 network meeting will be held online on <u>4th October</u>, and it will focus on parental engagement and speech and language referrals. Email Office@lakenham.norfolk.sch.uk to be added to their distribution list.</p> <p>The Peapod Communication Hub: This hub will be undertaking a new piece of work in 2021/22, focused on supporting SLCN in Community and Parent & Toddler Groups.</p>	<p>CC Hub contacts are listed here - Norwich Opportunity Area</p> <p>Contact Ashley for more info about 0-2 Hub - Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! ... Glasses in Classes Glasses in Classes is a new project (successfully trialled in Bradford Opportunity Area) which provides children with a second free pair of glasses to be kept in school and sharing vision screening information for reception years with schools. Full info here! Interest schools should contact the DFE to express your interest by Friday 1st October, with details of your point of contact for the project - training will take place in October.</p>	<p>Contact the DFE by Friday 1st October to express your interest - OA.PROJECTS@education.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... Mental Health & Wellbeing Support & Therapeutic Approaches Schools and settings can apply for funding to support the cost of CPD such as MH first aid training, peer coaching and art, animal and play therapies. Complete an initial Expression of Interest form with your proposal - Online here.</p>	<p>Complete the EOI form by Friday 24th September and return to – norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>

Attainment, Transition & Careers Offers – Primary & Secondary Schools

Funded Offer	Next steps:
<p>New! Transition Leads Role (Y6-Y7) Schools can access a new support programme focused on Transition between Year 6 and Year 7, open to all staff responsible for leading on transition, both in primary and secondary schools. The programme will include tools to audit current approaches, exploring the current evidence base around transition, and access to a network of Transition Leads to share ideas and develop shared solutions. More info online here.</p> <p>Schools who are active members of the Transition project can access additional funding for CPD or sustainable projects or initiatives that support the ambitions of this work.</p> <p>Schools are reminded that Joint Transition Week for 2022 is planned for Monday 11th – Friday 15th July, with Monday 4th – Friday 8th July for more vulnerable students.</p>	<p>Contact Emma for more info and to sign up. Complete the MOU form and return by Friday 1st October - emma.vandeventer@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! Implementation Leads Schools can access funding for an Implementation Lead, this role aims to provide in-school capacity, research evidence-based support and bring together Leads to develop a community of practice with a focus on developing their school's pupil premium strategy and plans to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Final call for this offer - training has started so interested schools contact us ASAP</p> <p>Schools who are active members of the Implementation Leads network and participate in this project can access additional funding for CPD or sustainable projects or initiatives that support the ambitions of this work.</p>	<p>More info here - Norwich Opportunity Area Contact Claire for the school info pack – claire.sparrow@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! NOA Champions We want to support colleagues at any level who have been involved in NOA projects to share their learning and expertise with colleagues and give you a platform and support to do so, as well as continuing to develop your expertise – anyone who wants to share their experience with others – please contact us! Please complete and return this form</p>	<p>Contact the NOA Team to sign up as Champion – norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! KS1 & KS2 Literacy Project A new partnership project between NOA, EEF, Norwich Research School, Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk English Hub has been developed with a focus on vocabulary and reading. This will include expert training, coaching support visits and peer networks. Schools have been invited to sign up – express your interest in case spaces are left.</p>	<p>To express your interest please contact Claire - claire.sparrow@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! Angles Maths Hub – Year 5-8 Transition Programme (and more) Maths Hub CPD opportunities for teachers includes a Year 5-8 continuity project for KS2-3. More information here and expression of interest form. <i>NOA will pay cover costs for staff on the Y5-8 programme, speak to Emma for details.</i></p>	<p>Sign up via Maths Hub & speak to Emma about cover costs - emma.vandeventer@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! Literacy Support at KS2 & KS3 Available for Year 6 & 7 teachers in NOA, schools are invited to express their interest in a Literacy Fluency project, to be delivered by VNET and funded by NOA. This will focus on supporting the lowest 20% of readers in Year 7 and raising reading achievement in Year 6. Teachers will work together across primary and secondary schools. A summary of the project is available on the VNET website – contact NOA to sign up. A briefing session with the Course Leader will take place on Thursday 30th September at 9.30am.</p>	<p>To sign up to the funded programme contact the NOA team + to sign up to briefing session on 30th Sept – norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... Commit to completing the SHEU wellbeing survey (+ funding incentive) Primary and secondary schools are asked to roll out the penultimate student survey - to be completed by October half term. This is a wellbeing survey completed by students and captures attitudes to wellbeing, behaviours, home life, aspirations and learning.</p>	<p>Confirm your participation in the survey by emailing Dr David Regis by Friday 17th September -</p>

<p>The edited (shortened) survey takes 20 mins to complete, and each school will receive a full breakdown of findings for their school and trend data over time.</p> <p>We strongly encourage all schools who have taken part in the survey previously to do so again, to enable schools and the OA to capture and measure changes over the past 3 years. These schools can access up to £250 as a funding incentive to repeat the survey – to support school improvements for any areas identified by students in the survey.</p>	<p>david.regis@sheu.org.uk - copying in Emma - emma.vandevanter@norfolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Contact Emma to access the funding incentive.</p>
<p>Reminder ... English Curriculum Bridging Project Resources</p> <p>Stunning, newly designed resources available now for secondary schools to use to support the English Curriculum Bridging project with video resources and an intro webinar led by the teachers who created them.</p>	<p>Find all resources and links on our website</p>
<p>New! ... Careers Facilitators Network grant funding</p> <p>Schools from Norwich who are active members of the Careers Facilitator network can access additional funding for CPD or sustainable projects or initiatives that support the ambitions of the Careers Facilitator network and improve schools' Careers Programmes.</p>	<p>Grant funding form available here - return to the NOA team: norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! ... Careers - Governor Briefing Session (Primary & Secondary schools)</p> <p>Governors from primary and secondary schools are invited to a networking and CPD event led by the Enterprise Adviser Network – exploring a school governors' insight into outstanding careers provision. An opportunity to discuss what careers provision looks like in schools from a school governor's perspective, the role of a link Careers Governor and the role a school's governing body can play in supporting a high quality and engaging careers programme. Meeting details TBC (hopefully face to face).</p>	<p>Contact the NOA team to register your interest and meeting details - norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... Primary World of Work Activities – “Year Five Futures”</p> <p>Primary schools can access funded world of work activities for Summer Term 2022. This is an extension of the work funded through NOA in 2019-20. Schools are asked to submit an Expression of Interest form by October half term at the latest for this work to be planned and employer volunteers recruited - EOI form online here.</p>	<p>Complete EOI form and return to the NOA team: norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! ... Digital Inclusion Support for Families</p> <p>NOA have linked with Norwich City Council to support their work around Digital Inclusion. Through support from volunteers, adults can access support with digital skills at home or in the community. Any schools interested in being involved in potential project work to support families with digital literacy - contact us to talk through ideas.</p>	<p>Contact the NOA Team for a conversation - norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>

Inclusion Offers – Primary & Secondary Schools

Funded Offer	Next steps:
<p>New! ... Inclusion Champions Network grant funding</p> <p>Schools from Norwich who are active members of the Inclusion Champions network at primary and secondary phase can access additional funding for CPD or sustainable projects or initiatives that support the ambitions of the Inclusion Champions network.</p>	<p>Grant funding form available here - return to the NOA team: norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! NELSAN – Funding for Lead Schools</p> <p>NOA plan to set up a Norwich Emotional Literacy Support Assistant Network and are looking for schools who are interested in being a Lead NELSAN school. Funding of £5,000 per school will be provided to support this role for 2021-22.</p>	<p>Contact Jan for more info if you are interested - janet.cockburn@norfolk.gov.uk</p>

<p>New! ELSA Supervision Costs NOA are offering a 50% contribution to the costs of supervision for trained ELSAs, up to the end of July 2022. Funding offered will depend on the current expiration date of individual ELSA supervision arrangements. Schools will organise supervision from a suitable EP. Costs for newly trained ELSAs will be covered in full for the first year of their practice and organised by NOA.</p>	<p>Contact Jan for more info - janet.cockburn@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... ELSA Training (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) Summary info about ELSAs can be found here. Any NOA school can sign up to ELSA training for Autumn Term 2021. Schools with fewer than 2 ELSAs will be given priority to access this funded offer. This includes funded ELSA supervision costs for 1 academic year for newly trained ELSAs. Schools can sign up via the application form here by Friday 17th September.</p>	<p>Complete the application form and submit to Jan by Friday 17th September - janet.cockburn@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>New! Inclusion Assessment Tool Grant Funding The NIC Assessment Tool is supported by a grant fund from NOA to respond to identified needs. Once schools have completed their first iteration of the assessment tool the fund is intended to overcome key gaps evidenced by the tool. Schools will complete a short grant funding form and submit their assessment tool report as evidence. Any schools who can't access the Inclusion assessment tool online – this was launched in May/June – your named Inclusion Champion has been sent a login (please check junk folders in emails!)</p>	<p>Contact Jan for more info and a copy of the grant funding form - janet.cockburn@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Extended ... Mental Health & Wellbeing Support & Therapeutic Approaches Schools can apply for funding to support the cost of CPD such as MH first aid training, peer coaching and art, animal and play therapies. Complete an initial Expression of Interest form with your proposal by Friday 24th September. Online here.</p>	<p>Complete the EOI form by Friday 24th September and return to – norwichopportunityarea@norfolk.gov.uk</p>
<p>Continuing ... Parent Support Programme (Benjamin Foundation) The Benjamin Foundation support is fully back up and running, offering families a bespoke “Pathway to Inclusion” plan. Intervention plans will typically involve parent coaching, home visits, communication between visits, multi-agency meetings and signposting. Parents can also attend a 6 week “Nurtured Heart Approach” parenting programme.</p>	<p>Contact TBF directly for referrals - inclusionproject@benjaminfoundation.co.uk</p>

Autumn Term Events

Admissions Information Events for Y6 Parents

Following successful events in 2019, secondary schools are invited to participate in a series of events for Y6 parents. Events aim to improve parent engagement in the transition process and parents and children of any NOA primary school are invited to meet representatives from local secondary schools and NCC admissions team. It is a good opportunity for secondary schools to explain their admissions policy in person and to invite parents to Open Evenings later in the Autumn Term.

- **South City** – Harford Community Centre, Hall Road - Thursday 23rd Sept, 3-4.30pm
10 The Lastings, Hall Road, Norwich, NR4 6ET (Park at ASDA)
- **Central City** – Silver Road Community Centre – Tuesday 21st Sept, 3pm – 4.15pm
Silver Road, Norwich, NR3 4TB
- **North City** – Phoenix Centre, Mile Cross – Wednesday 22nd Sept, 3.30-5.30pm
132A Mile Cross Road, Upper Hellesdon, Norwich, NR3 2LD

Secondary schools - please nominate 2 members of staff to attend by **Friday 17th September**

Primary schools – please be aware and promote to your families in September. [Full info about these events is on our website with promotional resources to share.](#) Email Emma for more info - emma.vandeventer@norfolk.gov.uk

Greater Norwich Opportunities Fair – Post 16 Options Event for Y11s

Following a successful event in September 2019, this is an event for Year 11 students and their parents, to learn about education and employment options after GCSEs, including apprenticeships and T levels. Students will get the chance to meet people from different organisations – sixth forms, colleges, other educational routes, as well as employers – who can explain what they offer and answer your questions. [Full info on our website](#)

School groups and students can [sign up to attend here](#) / Exhibitors [can sign up here](#)

Primary School Information Event – Wednesday 29th September, 3.30-4.15pm

Primary schools with students who feed into the below secondary schools are invited to join NOA for an informal online meeting to find out more about the resources and opportunities available to you as our “Greater Norwich” twinning schools. NOA is broadening its remit to include schools on the Norwich border next year, so don’t miss out. Email Emma for the invite – emma.vandeventer@norfolk.gov.uk

City Academy Norwich, City of Norwich School, Hewett Academy, Hellesdon High, Jane Austen College, Notre Dame High School, Open Academy, Ormiston Victory, Sewell Park Academy, Sprowston High, Thorpe

Sharing Learning Hub Launch – Thursday 30th September, 3.30-4.30pm

You are invited to join us for the launch of the Ipswich and Norwich Opportunity Areas Sharing Learning Hub. The hub is a platform to capture the learning and insights of 5 years of opportunity area investment in Ipswich and Norwich, with case studies, evaluations, tips, insights, CPD and practical resources from the schools, settings, colleges and partner organisations that have made up the two OAs.

Alongside the wealth of resources, local Evidence Leaders in Education and Champions in local settings can add value to schools interested in implementing successful approaches. Please do join us to find out more about how you can use the Hub as a local resource, contribute your own projects and how we can use the Hub as a powerful tool for collaborative local support between education settings. **Zoom link to follow**

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Offers from other organisations

Norwich Good Economy Commission (Norwich City Council & UEA) - Collaborative community building game

Secondary schools are invited to be involved in a creative research piece asking people how they feel about living in Norwich, what is important to their wellbeing and sense of community and what things would they like to change. More info about the NGEC is here: <https://www.norwichgoodeconomy.com/>

NGEC has designed and created The New Horizon Experiment - a collaborative community building game - it opens up conversations exploring ideas of what things are important for a community to survive and flourish. Input from young people is welcome! The outcomes of the game will help the NGEC develop a better understanding of the things which are important to Norwich residents. Participants will be supported to creatively express and capture thoughts and aspirations, ideas for change and experiences of living in Norwich. OPEN DOORS is the theme of collating creative input from people – art, music, film, video recordings, collage, murals and much more! Work is underway to make this work fully accessible and feedback is welcome about how this could be achieved.

Grants are available for application for people to run their own game playing and creative events and contribute data of what it is like to live in Norwich as part of the Norwich economy. Contact Dandelion at Norwich City Council for more info – dandelionsnowley@norwich.gov.uk

Angles Maths Hub – Secondary and Post 16 Opportunities

Maths Hub professional development opportunities for teachers and schools in Norfolk and Suffolk for the academic year 2021/22 Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. To express your interest - fill in this [form](#)

NPQs

From autumn 2021, [a reformed suite of NPQs](#) will be available for teachers and leaders who want to develop their knowledge and skills in school leadership and specialist areas of teaching practice. These reforms include:

- reforming the 3 existing NPQs in senior leadership, headship and executive leadership
- replacing the current NPQ in middle leadership with 3 new NPQs for teachers and leaders who want to develop their expertise in specialist areas of teaching practice

The funding approach targets deprived areas. Teachers and leaders from schools in the top 30% of schools in relation to % pupil premium will be able to access a fully funded NPQ from a list of approved providers. Contact The Julian Teaching School Hub (for Norwich) for further details. [Julian Teaching School Hub - Home](#)

Multi-Agency Support Panel (MASP) – for education providers

A one stop approach to engage support for vulnerable children, young people and families. MASP is a partnership of organisations who support education providers to prevent the escalation of need for vulnerable children and families who are NOT subject to an existing support plan. The aim of the panel is to support education providers to respond to the emerging worries about children and families to prevent escalation. Full info here - [Norfolk Schools](#). Call the NCC partner and community focus service and ask for a MASP referral – Norwich – 01603 222812

“Who cares?” – Award-winning young carers play coming to Norfolk

Free young carers awareness-raising opportunity for secondary schools - LUNG, The Lowry and Gaddum (who support young carers in Salford) are bringing their award-winning show 'Who Cares' to Norwich Playhouse. Who Cares is a gripping verbatim theatre production based on a year of interviews that offers a rare insight into a year in the lives of young carers from Salford.

The play aims to help identify ‘hidden’ young carers in society and signpost them to support available through local young carers services. The team are working with Caring Together to help ensure that schools and young people know about the support available to young carers in Norfolk, through Carers Matter Norfolk as well as other sources. There is a performance on **Friday 5th November** that is **free for school groups** and workshop.

Please see the [school pack](#) for more details about the show and the offer. If you would like to express your interest in your school taking part in this opportunity, [please fill in this form here](#) (spaces are limited).