



Southampton Inclusion Partnership Newsletter



Spring Term 2024

Dear Colleagues and SENCOs,

It has been a busy year for Southampton Inclusion Partnership so far, with a number of programmes being delivered for teaching assistants, teachers and parents. This includes designing and delivering a number of programmes in Portsmouth which we hope to offer Southampton schools during 24-25.

The Autism in Schools Project also continues to receive extremely positive feedback and it has been a pleasure to train reviewers to lead on peer to peer reviews. If you have completed the AIS project and would like to be considered as a reviewer next year, please get in touch to find out about the application process.

And finally, very exciting news!...Southampton has been selected by the University of Warwick to take part in research entitled, *Inclusive Schools: what works in local areas to encourage inclusive practices for children and young people with SEND?* We look forward to taking part and celebrating the amazing work we do in Southampton to support inclusion.

Best wishes,

Clare Belli
Head of Southampton Inclusion Partnership



Have you checked out the Whole School SEND CPD Units yet?

<https://onlinecpd.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/>
These on-line sessions, which are accessible at any time, only take about 20 minutes!



Telephone Consultation Service



We have reintroduced our telephone consultations. These sessions take place every Wednesday between 3.15pm and 4.30pm. Please call Springwell School on 02380 445 981 extension 3.

This is an opportunity to speak to one of our Specialist Support Assistants about a pupil with SEND you have concerns about and to ask for advice.

Details are also on our website.



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Inclusive Education Support Event

For Headteachers, SENCos, Senior Inclusion Leaders and Professionals and Practitioners linked with Inclusive Education

on Wednesday 24th April 2024 (13:30 – 15:30) at HighPoint.

This event will include the city-wide launch of the Inclusive Education Audit following the recent pilot. Funded through the Delivering Better Value for SEND programme, this is an annual self-reflection tool for all settings to utilise.

There is a range of implementation and Inclusive Education support available to all settings as part of the process.

The event will also include information on the new SEMH and Sensory/Physical outreach support, including criteria and the referral process. There will also be updates on other areas of support currently available to all settings, including the Graduated Approach, the Inclusion Charter, and the Ordinarily Available Provision Guidance Report.

Please check your emails and reply to your invitation.



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Inclusion is about everyone feeling welcomed, valued, respected and supported

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Event Focus

Who: Headteachers, SENCos, Senior Inclusion Leaders, Professionals and Practitioners
Phase/Settings: All Phase and Education Settings across Southampton City Council

Event focus:

- Inclusion Charter
- Updated Ordinarily Available Provision Guidance Report
- The Graduated Approach
- Inclusive Education Audit City Wide Launch (including audit and implementation support)
- Inclusive Education Support available for settings
- SEMH Outreach Support
- Sensory/Physical Outreach Support



Event Details

Where: HighPoint Venue (Bursledon Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO19 8BR)

When: Wednesday 24th April 2024 - 13.30 - 15.30

Additional Info: Limited Parking available on site, car sharing recommended where possible



The SEND Local Offer website provides information, guidance and support about Special Educational Needs and Disability services, activities and events in the City. Enquiries: localoffer@southampton.gov.uk



soton.cc/SENDLocalOffer



Nasen Live 2024

5th July 2024 at Resorts World, NEC Birmingham.

This year our Whole School SEND region (South East and South London) will deliver a session on alternative provision. This will be delivered by Amelie Thompson, Tina Harvey and Clare Belli and will feature case studies of alternative provision pathways working successfully in Southampton. To book your ticket please visit:

<https://nasen.org.uk/events/nasen-live-2024>

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Supporting pupils with SEND in Mainstream Schools

A two year programme for school leaders.

This programme for school leaders is based on materials written by **Southampton Inclusion Partnership** in partnership with **HISP Teaching School Hub** and developed by **Whole School SEND**. It has been a very collaborative project involving 9 Teaching School Hubs and 5 Research Schools across the region, as well as the **Education Endowment Foundation**.

Further information

It is a sustained programme of 6 facilitated sessions and follow-on professional development groups to support SENCOs, Inclusion Leads and Senior Leaders to understand and implement the five recommendations from the EEF's Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools Guidance Report.

During the programme, participants will:

- secure their knowledge of SEND leadership and be able to apply this to their own practice
- understand their role as leaders of SEND and be able to use this to influence and lead effective provision
- develop and implement a strategic plan to improve outcomes for pupils with SEND in their settings
- understand and be able to apply the core elements of effective implementation
- develop self-sustaining networks of good practice.

In order to express your interest, please get in touch with Lisa Benham at

info@southamptoninclusion.net

SENCo Hubs

These meetings are especially designed to support SENCOs and provide local and regional updates.

The dates for this year are as follows:

Thursday 7th March, 2-4pm at Cantel School

Thursday 7th November 2-4pm Venue tbc

Please see our website for details:

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>

Please get in touch if you have something to share with the city, as your presentations are particularly valued by SENCOs who really want to know what works on the ground!



Train to Teach & Specialise in SEND at The University of Winchester

Are there teaching assistants within your school with undergraduate degrees that wish to become teachers and have a keen interest in special educational needs and disabilities? This could be the route for them!

Students on this new **PGCE Primary with SEND** route learn to teach within a special school and a mainstream school over the course of a year with the full support of the class teacher (their mentor for the placement). Training is a collaborative approach with **The University of Winchester** leading on the building blocks of teaching including inclusive practice and the **Southampton Inclusion Partnership** taking the lead on all things SEND.

For more details see our website at:
www.southamptoninclusion.net/initialteachertraining



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NEW NPQ for SENCOs

From October 2024, the new NPQ for SENCOs will replace the current NASENCo as the mandatory qualification for SENCOs. **HISP Teaching School Hub** will be delivering this across the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth regions in partnership with **Best Practice Network**.



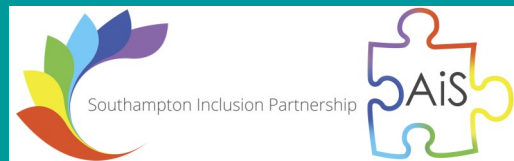
Please click [here](https://www.hispteachingschoolhub.org/page/?title=New+NPQ+for+SENCOs&pid=210) or visit: <https://www.hispteachingschoolhub.org/page/?title=New+NPQ+for+SENCOs&pid=210> for more info.

Initial Teacher Training (HISP) SEND in mainstream

Southampton Inclusion Partnership has been working closely with **HISP Multi-Academy Trust** to place SEND and inclusion at the heart of their new initial teacher training programme, Inspiring Future Teachers.

All modules and training days have a SEND Spotlight, providing opportunities for trainee teachers to develop their knowledge of effective pedagogy for SEND and to apply their knowledge to the classroom in mainstream settings. Applications for this national programme are already coming in thick and fast.

For further information please contact Helen Salisbury at teachertraining@hispmat.org



Delivering Better Value (DBV)

We are delighted that the Local Authority has secured funding through the **DfE Delivering Better Value** funding stream to deliver four key workstreams in Southampton.

One of the workstreams is the roll out of the very successful **Autism in Schools** programme, delivered by SIP, to all schools across the city. Tammy Glaire (Assistant Headteacher, Springwell School) has led the training this year for Cohort 3 schools in collaboration with a range of partners.

Enthusiasm from this year's cohort has been marvellous! It's been fantastic working with colleagues from schools across the city to make sure our schools are inclusive for pupils on the autism spectrum.

Please note, next year will be the final year of funding, so do make sure you are on the waiting list for Cohort 4 which will end in July 2025.



We are thrilled to be able to offer **Autism in Schools** to **Post 16** colleagues beginning in May 2024. The training will be led by Kate Henty, Assistant Headteacher Post 16 & Vocational at Great Oaks school.

Invitations will be sent out to colleagues very shortly.

Contact Lisa Benham for more details at info@southamptoninclusion.net

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New to the Outreach Team

As you are aware, **Rachel Martin** is our Outreach Service Lead, supported by **Janice Singleton**, the Outreach Administrator.

We have introduced **Vicky Langdon** as our Outreach Advisory Teacher and **Clare Bradshaw** as Outreach Advisory Teacher for SEMH. We now also welcome **Beccy Gibson** as Outreach SSA.

We will have more information about how you can request support from Clare shortly.



SIP Annual SEND & Inclusion Conference

Tuesday 25th June 2024, 8:30-4pm and will be delivered on line via Teams.

“Intersectionality: Understanding the overlap of vulnerabilities and how they shape a learner’s identity”

We are excited to welcome **Amy Sayer** as our Keynote Speaker this year, who will deliver a session on supporting pupils who have experienced trauma.

We also extend a welcome to **Frances Akinde** who will talk about Intersectionality: Race & SEND, drawing on professional and lived experiences.

To book your place please go to our website at:

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>

Don't forget to book a free place for your SEND Governor!

Neurodiversity Hub launch

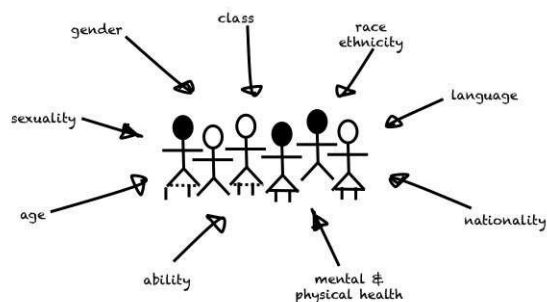
We are excited to announce the opening of the Neurodiversity Connections Hub to support autistic people and their families at the Lighthouse Building, 432 Bitterne Road.

The service is available from 9am - 4pm with a variety of providers delivering services from one place.

Autism Hampshire are co-ordinating the building to enable local services to use the space to meet people that they are supporting.

The Information and Advice service at Autism Hampshire will be based here and will offer face to face appointments for autistic adults and families.

INTERSECTIONALITY



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Autism in Schools Top Up Workshops

Our top up workshops have been very well received. Designed to support schools with sustainability of the programme, they provide opportunities for additional training, problem solving, sharing of expertise and updates on resources. **A huge thankyou to Richard Cosford and his team for hosting this term's workshop at Bitterne Park School which was so useful!!**

Anyone who has attended AiS training previously is eligible to attend, including those on this year's programme. The date for the summer workshop is:

Tuesday 4th June 24. **Autism and Anxiety**
Venue to be confirmed.



Southampton Parent Carer Fun Day 2024

Is on Tuesday 9th April 10am to 2pm at Richard Taunton College.

Lots of activities for children and young people and a range of Local Offer Service providers will also be on site to offer advice, ideas and support to parents and carers of children with SEND.

See the **Southampton Parent Carer Forum Facebook page** for signup information.



SEND Staffing - SCC

We are delighted to announce that **Ashley Raynor** has now taken over from Kirsty Relton as the new Service Lead for the SEND Team.

Some of you may know Ashley from her previous role with the SENDIAS service at Rose Road.

Kirsty has now started in her new role as Strategic Lead for SEND and will be picking up more responsibilities over the next few months.

Phase Transfers

Most year 6 phase transfers have been completed on time and the SEND Team continues to work with those families who did not get their first choice of school.

Any queries please do contact the team on 0-25service@southampton.gov.uk



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The **SIP website** has a new and improved booking system.

Please take a look at our courses, SENCo support & conference at:

www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses

BOOK NOW

Finding
Common
Ground

So that young people thrive in school

The Finding Common Ground project

Many young people, for a variety of reasons, face challenges in school, particularly secondary schools. The Finding Common Ground project provides independent advice for families to give them the knowledge and understanding to work effectively and positively with their child's school.

Funding is based on voluntary contributions. The project also offers training for school staff and confidential advice and support for school leaders.

If you would like to find out more, please see the information on the project website:

www.findingcommonground.org.uk

or contact James Harris on james@findingcommonground.org.uk.

16-25 MENTAL HEALTH EVENT

10am-1pm 8th March 2024

upstairs at St James Road Methodist Church,
St James Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5HE

A chance to find out more about the support available within Southampton for professionals & parents/carers of young people with mental health needs

Quiet Space

a quiet space away from the main rooms

Stalls

Including: SCC Employment Hub, SENDIASS, Solent Mind, CAMHS, AMHS, supported internships, legal advice, Youth Options, National Autistic Society, No Limits, Primary Care Nurses, Kooth, Citizens Advice Bureau and more!

Speakers

- The new 16-25 Mental Health Support Service for young people and their parents/carers
- Primary Care Mental Health Nurses
- Solent Mind & their ADHD course for adults

A CHANCE TO CHAT PRIVATELY TO ALL SPEAKERS

Free refreshments



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SEND Workshops—Springwell School

Our SEND workshops/visitor mornings, costing £49 per delegate, are a wonderful opportunity to observe classes in a special school setting and discuss strategies for managing behaviour and meeting the needs of children with learning and communication difficulties.

If you need to see a specific year group or have other requirements for your visit, please notify Lisa Benham when you make your booking at info@southamptoninclusion.net

Dates available are as follows:

Thursday 25 April 2024

Thursday 23 May 2024



All start at 8:30 am and finish at 11:45 am

Please arrive on time for introductory presentation before going into class.

To book please visit our website at

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>



Working in collaboration with Portsmouth

We are delighted this year to be supporting Portsmouth with the development of SEND provision across the city. Programmes include:

- Making the best use of Teaching Assistants, delivered by Clare Belli and Steve Smith.
- Support for Teaching Assistants, delivered by Rachel Martin and Jules Wheeler.
- SEND in Mainstream Schools, delivered by Rachel Martin.

These programmes have been extremely well received so far. Please keep an eye on this newsletter and the Southampton Inclusion website to find out how these programmes will be delivered across Southampton next year. To express an interest in any of these programmes, please contact Lisa Benham at info@southamptoninclusion.net



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