

SCEP Newsletter*3: July 2017

URNS OUT IT'S NOT QUITE TIME FOR LIFT OFF...

We have been giving a lot of thought to our readiness to achieve the things that we need to achieve at the S-CEP conference on 22nd September. We think we are ALMOST there, but – crucially – we think are not quite far enough along and we don't want the conference to become a day with too much incomplete thinking behind it.

So, autumn 2017 is time for our collective thinking to be completed! We have made the decision to **delay the SCEP conference**. Each of the 7 task and finish groups have made HUGE progress since they began in February, but as they've all happened simultaneously, there are only a handful of people who know what has happened in all of them. We want to use the autumn to circulate the thinking that has come out of the task and finish groups – first with the members of the groups themselves, and then by sending the draft plan out for wider consultation across the city.



Finance



Governance



Resources



Communications



Training



Research Collective

TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATES:

FINANCE

Finance group has worked out how to core fund the SCEP through a low-cost membership scheme, considered funding in the task and finish period. The thinking has also begun around opportunities for large-scale project funding linked to the SCEP's priorities – and has more to do, as plans progress.

GOVERNANCE

This group kick started the thinking about what the 'give and get' might be for different SCEP members. Then, ably assisted by Verity Clarke from IVE, the group has created the vision, mission and aims of the SCEP, and then used these to generate priorities.

RESOURCES

The thinking behind the SCEP offering resources has been progressed rapidly through working with Paper Studio. They interviewed 12 primary and secondary teachers on our behalf to help us begin to understand our education users needs. Their research has led us clearly to the decision that whatever we do, the USP must be that it is Sheffield-focused, quick and easy to use, and created with teachers.

COMMUNICATION

Led by the team at Eleven Design, the group has begun to shape the branding of the S-CEP. Based on a workshop they ran with the group, and the research led by Paper Studio, Eleven will come up with 3 ideas for new names over the summer. Autumn will be the time to test out a variety of names and logos, and we plan for it all to be ready for our launch conference.

TRAINING

This group has worked out how the training offer can be in part of the 'give and get' for SCEP members, and outlined an initial training offer for schools.

RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

One of the key aims articulated through the task & finish period has been that the SCEP will be research-led. This group has been working out what that means in practice – where data is useful and where we can all learn through action learning.

BEYOND JULY (CONFERENCE PLANNING)

And last but not least, the Beyond July group has assisted with conference planning – sharing thoughts ...

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...and ideas, helping find the venue and shape the day. Despite the date for the conference being pushed back, this thinking will still be invaluable when we get to early 2018, and will feed into the autumn consultation dates too: 22nd September (young people’s consultation) and 8th December (planning the first theme).

ANYTHING ELSE?!

Additionally, all groups felt it was vital to get some young people’s voices in at this draft plan/consultation stage, so we will use the original conference date (22nd September) to carry out some large group consultation with young people from across the city. We’re thrilled that Theatre Delicatessen have offered us their new space as a venue for the event.

We will then hold a planning and consultation workshop on 8th December to begin forming ideas and plans for our 2018/19 theme: Celebrating Sheffield. The results of this planning workshop will feed into the conference.

For all those who have been involved in a task & finish group.
 Please book onto 1 partnership plan consultation session. There are various dates/times in early September – please cut & paste the link and choose 1 meeting time:
<https://doodle.com/poll/k3nxpym6gbrhiepk>

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE AUTUMN?

August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New conference date sent out including speakers and further information. • Sophie and Stephen will pull together the draft partnership plan: an outline plan of the vision, the decisions and the suggestions for the SCEP made by the task & finish groups, including draft theme ideas for 2018 – 2020. • Planning for the 22nd September youth consultation day.
September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Early September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Draft partnership plan circulated to all 7 task & finish groups. – Communications group will be sent update from Eleven Design branding session. • <u>Mid September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a new ‘Partnership Agreement’ (short term) task & finish group will be formed, specifically to make decisions based on this consultation, to enable final decisions in absence of formal steering group. – 22nd September, youth consultation event. • <u>During September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – original 7 task & finish groups meet, discuss and amend the draft partnership plan – it then becomes the proposed partnership plan.
October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed partnership plan to be widely circulated across the city. • Responses gathered and fed back to ‘Partnership Agreement’ task & finish group, who create final partnership agreement, which will inform conference.
November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to conference we intend to start recruiting initial members to SCEP based on partnership agreement. This document will also inform the creation of the Steering group. • Recruitment of members will continue following the conference.
December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th: consultation and planning workshop to draw together ideas and projects focused on the 2018/19 SCEP theme: ‘Celebrating Sheffield’