

This meeting note has been written to provide a Learn Sheffield Update for sector partnerships and locality meetings. It will be distributed to all sectors, hence this version has some items that are sector specific.

Learn Sheffield Update

Learn Sheffield welcomes three new colleagues to the team as we start the new term:

Homaira Ibrahim has joined us as our new Race Equality Programme Manager. Homaira is part of the Policy and Democratic Engagement team in Sheffield City Council and is seconded to the Learn Sheffield team to support the work of the Sheffield Education Race Equality Working Group.

Helen Lane is well known to the team and was one of the authors of our independent evaluation last year. Helen has recently retired following ten years working for the North East, Yorkshire and Humber Region of Ofsted, most recently as Senior His Majesty's Inspector and Assistant Regional Director. Helen brings a wealth of experience as a secondary senior leader, school improvement partner and system leader.

Steve Shaw also joins Learn Sheffield from a Senior HMI role. Steve joins Learn Sheffield after seven years as an HMI with Ofsted. Most recently, he was the senior HMI in Ofsted's national policy team for SEND and Alternative Provision. In this role, he was responsible for the Area SEND inspection framework, and for Ofsted's approach to the schools inspection of SEND and AP.

We also have a number of the existing team starting the new school year with new roles, including Sam Dunker who is now the Deputy CEO. These changes follow a re-structure and build our capacity to enable Learn Sheffield to take on further responsibilities, including relating to SEND and Inclusion in the coming months. We are currently working on a more detailed update for our members, to share later this half term.

Learn Sheffield Communications

September Opportunities Bulletin:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/sNmlwgAO0UCQq8sG?ref=Link&loc=play>

This contains the usual wide range of opportunities for Sheffield colleagues and settings.

Autumn 1 Leader Briefing: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/msAfiDimnCIL43qv?ref=Link>

This includes:

- Two LSIP inputs- one on early reading and the other feeding back on the learning from LSIP work in schools and inspections last year.

- A series of partner updates, including an input from the PE, Swimming and Outdoor Learning service, a health protection briefing, information from South Yorkshire Maths Hub, an update from South Yorkshire Creators Hub and some key resources from the Family Hubs Infant Feeding team.
- A Learn Sheffield update, which now includes the half termly meeting note that is produced to support sector and locality meetings.

Autumn Training Sway: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/z2IxOPeqwMFwBLnd?ref=email>

This contains all of the training opportunities available in the subscription this term. It is a quick way to review what you can access and book places, especially if you use the button (below) to access the Sway as a menu displaying each individual section.



We will share further tools to support you in making the most of your subscription in the coming weeks, but in the first few days of term look out for a series of specific emails which advertise specific upcoming events, training and programmes. Each of these will be sent to ‘enquiries@learnsheffield.co.uk’ – so searching your inbox for that should always throw up all of this comms!

Learn Sheffield Events

An event poster for 'Autumn Leadership Breakfast: Civic Education Issues for Sheffield'. The poster has a dark background with white and red text. At the top, it says 'AUTUMN LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST' and 'CIVIC EDUCATION ISSUES FOR SHEFFIELD'. Below that, it lists the date and time: 'Friday 6 September 8.30-10.30am' and the location: 'Learn Sheffield'. There are two circular inset photos of speakers: Kate Josephs, Chief Executive of SCC, and Meredith Dixon-Teasdale, Strategic Director for Education and Skills of SCC. The Learn Sheffield logo is at the bottom left. A large red curved graphic element is on the right side of the poster.

Our first big event of the year comes up this Friday (6 September). Each term will start with a Leader Briefing at Albion House on the first Friday of the term. This week we are looking forward to hearing from Kate Josephs (SCC Chief Executive) and Meredith Teasdale (SCC Strategic Director for Education and Skills).

At the time of writing this event is close to being sold out but the link to sign up is here.

Later in the month we will publish our first policy briefing. These online Sways are new for 2024/25 and will provide a termly briefing for school leaders on key education policy changes from Ofsted and

the DfE in order to stay up to date and scan the horizon. These briefings will have inputs from Sam Freedman, the Learn Sheffield Improvement Partner team and Huntington research school.

Schools who have bought the Core Subscription Offer will have unlimited access (subject to availability) to this programme. Settings who have not purchased the Core Subscription offer can access these briefings for £250.

This will be followed, on Wednesday 18 September (5:30-7pm online) by the Governance Briefing for this half term, with Emma Balchin (the new CEO of the National Governance Association) as the keynote speaker. Sheffield colleagues will also get an update on PE, swimming and outdoor education from Emma Banks.

[Book here](#)

The next Governance Chairs Forum, which launched last term, will also take place this half term, on Wednesday 16 October (5:30-7pm in person at Albion House). If you or your Chair would like to attend this session, please contact andy.wynne@learnsheffield.co.uk



The conference will include input from:



Emma Balchin
CEO of the National Governance Association

Governance Briefing Autumn 1

Wednesday 18th September 2024
5.30-7.00pm

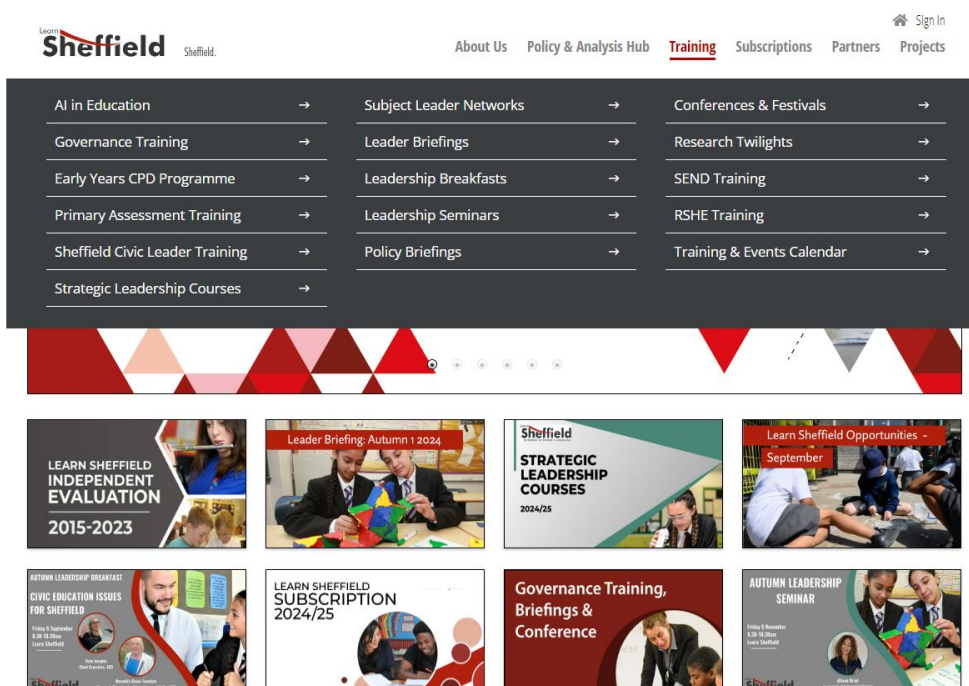
This session will cover the following areas:

- Keynote: Challenges and Opportunities for school governance in the year ahead: Emma Balchin, CEO of the National Governance Association
- Local: Learn Sheffield/RoSIS Update

BOOK HERE
These briefings are free to all governors and trustees in schools subscribed to the Learn Sheffield or RoSIS subscription offers and are designed to keep everyone involved in governance up to speed.

For additional info get in touch at enquiries@learnsheffield.co.uk or 0114 2507417

The [Learn Sheffield website](#) is home to all of our event information and booking links. As we start the term it is being updated with the programme for the coming year, so please go back soon if the event you would like to book isn't there yet.



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Wider Updates

The following updates have been shared so far this term:

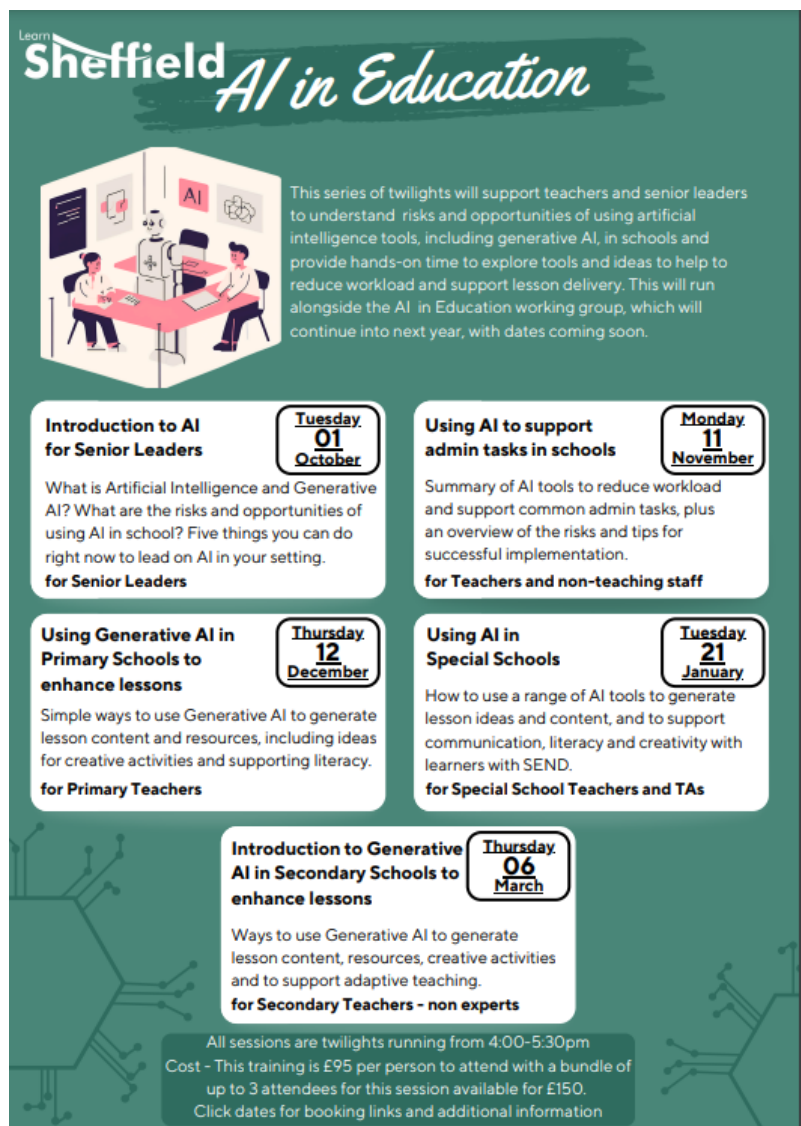
AI Training

This is a new AI programme Learn Sheffield are offering this year. It is not part of the subscription and so there are charges for these sessions.

We will continue to also provide the AI in Education working group., which will continue to run each term and is free to access.

More information about the individual sessions can be found below:

- [Introduction to AI for Senior Leaders](#)
- [Using AI to support admin tasks in schools](#)
- [Using Generative AI in Primary Schools to enhance lessons](#)
- [Introduction to Generative AI in Secondary Schools to enhance lessons](#)
- [Using AI in Special Schools](#)



Learn Sheffield AI in Education

This series of twilights will support teachers and senior leaders to understand risks and opportunities of using artificial intelligence tools, including generative AI, in schools and provide hands-on time to explore tools and ideas to help to reduce workload and support lesson delivery. This will run alongside the AI in Education working group, which will continue into next year, with dates coming soon.

Introduction to AI for Senior Leaders **Tuesday 01 October**
What is Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI? What are the risks and opportunities of using AI in school? Five things you can do right now to lead on AI in your setting.
for Senior Leaders

Using AI to support admin tasks in schools **Monday 11 November**
Summary of AI tools to reduce workload and support common admin tasks, plus an overview of the risks and tips for successful implementation.
for Teachers and non-teaching staff

Using Generative AI in Primary Schools to enhance lessons **Thursday 12 December**
Simple ways to use Generative AI to generate lesson content and resources, including ideas for creative activities and supporting literacy.
for Primary Teachers

Using AI in Special Schools **Tuesday 21 January**
How to use a range of AI tools to generate lesson ideas and content, and to support communication, literacy and creativity with learners with SEND.
for Special School Teachers and TAs

Introduction to Generative AI in Secondary Schools to enhance lessons **Thursday 06 March**
Ways to use Generative AI to generate lesson content, resources, creative activities and to support adaptive teaching.
for Secondary Teachers - non experts

All sessions are twilights running from 4:00-5:30pm
Cost - This training is £95 per person to attend with a bundle of up to 3 attendees for this session available for £150.
Click dates for booking links and additional information

Any questions, please contact Catherine Elliott: celliott@sheffieldclc.net

Projects and Programmes

The Leader Briefing contains a 'Projects Overview' which shares information about some of the projects that Learn Sheffield is currently involved in. This year we will use both the Leader Briefing and this half termly meeting note to keep colleagues updated.