

# Generate Teaching Hub Bulletin

## May 2023



Connecting schools in Halton, Warrington and Wigan to great professional development.

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin for 2022/23 academic year from Generate Teaching Hub.

We are the Teaching School Hub for *all schools* in Halton, Warrington and Wigan. Inside you will find information for school leaders and teachers.

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Please forward this to all school staff and share with online and in person networks in Halton, Warrington and Wigan.

To clarify details within this bulletin or add information into our next bulletin please contact [hub@wpat.uk](mailto:hub@wpat.uk) Past [copies of all bulletins are saved on our website.](#)



# 1. About Your Teaching School Hub

As *the* Teaching School Hub for all schools in Halton, Warrington and Wigan, the purpose of Generate Teaching Hub is to **connect great teachers to the best professional development in Halton, Warrington and Wigan.**

We are responsible for connecting high quality professional development services to all teachers, from point of entry into the profession through to senior leadership roles. The name 'Generate' was consciously chosen to describe our active approach:



- **Generate Improvement**
- **Generate Collaboration**
- **Generate Learning**

We are part of Warrington Primary Academy Trust and our designation is through Evelyn Street Primary School. [Our central team](#) is based in our Halton office (at Kingsway Primary School):

Abby Rice, School Direct Administrator  
Amanda Quirk, EYFS Lead  
Bernard Clarke, Director  
Cath O'Neill, Administrator

Deborah Sharples, Manager  
Jen Hamer, Project Coordinator  
Linda Humphries, School Direct Manager

Most importantly, around our central team are a network of nearly 100 local school leaders and experienced teachers who support in the planning, preparing and delivery of our programmes. The team can be reached on [hub@wpat.uk](mailto:hub@wpat.uk) or by calling 07897 280909.

# 2. Our Local Partners

Generate Teaching Hub is designated to work across all of Halton, Warrington and Wigan schools. To support good local engagement and communication we have local lead schools in each area.



### 3. Valuing Local Leaders Conference 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 9am-1pm

Bookings are now open for leaders to attend our end of year conference on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. **Places are fully funded** and suitable for school and trust leaders, including SLT members.

[To reserve a place, please register here](#)

The event runs from 9am to 1pm and finishing with a networking lunch at the Mercure Hotel, St Helen's.

The whole event is focused on leaders sharing good practice, inspiring each other and recognising the great work that happens in our Halton, Warrington and Wigan schools.

We are delighted to have some great keynote speakers, including Akeim Mundell from William Hulme Grammar School, sharing the impact of promoting diversity in our workforce.

[Full programme details are online here.](#)



The poster features the Generate Teaching Hub logo at the top, with the tagline 'Together we Forge our Tomorrows' and 'WARRINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST'. A green circle on the right says 'Fully Funded\*'. The main title is 'VALUING LOCAL LEADERSHIP'. Below this, a map highlights the regions of WIGAN, WARRINGTON, and HALTON. The event details are: WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY, MERCURE HOTEL, ST HELENS WA10 1NG, 9.00AM - 1.00PM FOLLOWED BY A NETWORKING LUNCH. A paragraph describes the event as reflecting on school leadership and inspiring one another. Logos for partner schools/trusts are shown at the bottom: Balbarnie High School, Lime's Heath Primary School, The Challenge Academy Trust, Wicks Deacons Trust, and Warrington Primary Academy Trust. A large button says 'CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE'. At the bottom, it states 'Generate Teaching Hub are the designated Teaching School Hub for Halton, Warrington and Wigan.'

## 4. Key Note Speaker Announced 12<sup>th</sup> July - Akeim Mundell

We are delighted to announce that our closing keynote speaker at our Valuing Leaders Conference on 12th July 2023 will be **Akeim Mundell, Assistant Headteacher of William Hulme's Grammar School.**

Akeim will be sharing his experience of the value and importance of harnessing and enabling diversity in our staff teams. We know that this is a crucial issue and one that all school leaders are committed to supporting and enabling. As with all of our conference speakers, we are connecting local leaders to share and support with other leaders, to inspire, encourage and inform.



### Introducing our Speaker: Akeim Mundell, BEM

Akeim has dedicated his life to ending gun and knife crime, after the death of a close friend in 2007 - Since, he began to campaign with the Reclaim Project, encouraging leadership in children and working class communities. He is a core team member of the network [Black Men Teach](#).

He joined the education sector at the age of 16 and has worked within various roles, starting in the primary sector and now being in the secondary sector. Throughout his employment, Akeim studied six years in university and is now one of the UK's youngest Assistant Principal's, at a school a few yards from his family home, within the community where he has always lived.

Two of Akeim's proudest moments are: Receiving a British Empire Medal from the Queen in 2017 for his dedication and commitment to the community & Being awarded an Honorary Alumni Fellow of The University of Bolton in 2022.



## 5. Appropriate Body Changes Sept 2023 – Important News

### **\*\*FAO of Induction Tutors and School Leaders\*\***

The DfE are changing the organisations who are designated to provide the Appropriate Body service to schools. The Appropriate Body service is the assessment function for an Early Career Teacher (ECT), monitoring how they complete their 2-year induction (or equivalent for part time teachers). **These changes are separate from the Early Career Framework, which supports an ECT's development and does not affect this service.**



Generate Teaching Hub will be able to continue to offer the Appropriate Body service to schools across Halton, Warrington and Wigan.

The changes are listed in detail by the DfE here but the key points are:

- From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, only Teaching School Hubs can register new ECTs for the Appropriate Body induction service.
- Local Authorities will be able to continue to offer an Appropriate Body service to ECTs *already registered* with them who started in post before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.
- From **1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, all ECT registered with a Local Authority for their Appropriate Body Induction service will need to be transferred by their school to another provider.** Generate Teaching Hub will from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 be the local provider able to offer Appropriate Body Induction services.

### **New ECT Starters**

Generate Teaching Hub and the Local Authorities in Halton, Warrington and Wigan have been communicating about the changes. *Schools who have ECTs starting in Summer term 2023 can choose to register with the Local Authority or Generate Teaching Hub.* To register for Generate Teaching Hub as your Appropriate Body for ECTs starting this term (Summer 2023) please go to: <https://generateteachinghub.org/early-career-teachers/appropriate-body>.

**From 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 Generate will be using ECT Manager for its AB service. A link to register all new ECT from this date will be shared on our social media and website.**

## 6. ECTs in September 2023 – Registering Soon



Schools that employ an Early Career Teacher (those in their first 2 years of teaching since gaining QTS) for September 2023 will again be able to access our full induction programme.

Our programme will again be run with local lead partners in Halton, Warrington and Wigan areas, enable ECTs and their Mentors to access local cohorts. Induction sessions for the ECTs, their Mentors and Induction Tutors in schools will be published as far in advance as possible.

Generate's local registration system will be open from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and the DfE portal from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Details and links with full instructions will be announced later this month. **To receive details follow our social media or email [ecf@wpat.uk](mailto:ecf@wpat.uk)**

## 7. Teaching School Hub 5 Minute Feedback

Every summer term we seek feedback from our schools on your views about the Teaching School Hub's services to inform our planning for the next year.

**School / Trust leaders and teachers in Halton, Warrington and Wigan can share their views – anonymously if preferred – [through this brief 5 minute survey](#).**

**[Share your views on Generate Teaching Hub here](#)**



Views are gathered together and reported to the DfE as part of our quality assurance process. We will then publish our learning and actions from your views on our website, [as we did last year](#).

## 8. NPQs Starting Autumn 2023 – Applications Now Open

We provide all 8 NPQ programmes allowing teachers to develop specialist knowledge and progress through leadership qualifications. All are fully funded again for 2023/24 for state funded schools; full eligibility if listed on our website. **Colleagues who have completed NPQs can sign up for another programme and build a portfolio of qualifications from these specialist or leadership offers.**



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### NPQs

We work with two Lead Providers to deliver the full suite of NPQs. The following two NPQs are delivered by Teach First

<p><b>Leading Literacy</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for developing teachers who have responsibilities for leading literacy across a school, year group, key stage or phase</i></p> <p>15 months long Each module cycle features:</p> <p>Online content A formative assessment A face-to-face seminar Record reflections and consolidate learning</p>	<p><b>Early Years Leadership</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for leaders qualified to at least level 3 who are/are aspiring to be managers of nurseries, headteachers or childminders</i></p> <p>21 months long Each module cycle features:</p> <p>Online content A formative assessment A face-to-face seminar Record reflections and consolidate learning</p>
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For more information please go to: <https://generateteachinghub.org/npqs/>



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<p><b>Leading Teaching</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for teachers who are, or aspire to, lead teaching in a subject, year group, key stage or phase</i></p> <p>12 months long 3 training days 3 online courses 18 hours formative assessments</p>	<p><b>Leading Teacher Development</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for teachers and leaders who have responsibility for leading the development of other teachers in their school</i></p> <p>12 months long 3 training days 3 online courses 18 hours formative assessments</p>	<p><b>Leading Behaviour and Culture</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for teachers and school leaders who have responsibilities for leading behaviour and pupil wellbeing in their school</i></p> <p>12 months long 3 training days 3 online courses 18 hours formative assessments</p>	<p><b>Senior Leadership</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities</i></p> <p>18 months long 4 training days 3 online courses 20 hours formative assessments</p>	<p><b>Headship</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for experienced teachers who are, or aspire to be, headteachers leading across a whole school</i></p> <p>18 months long 5 training days 3 online courses 28 hours formative assessments</p>	<p><b>Executive Leadership</b></p> <p><i>Suitable for leaders who are, or aspire to be, executive leaders with responsibility across more than one school</i></p> <p>12 months long 6 training days 3 online courses 35 hours formative assessments</p>
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For more information please go to: <https://generateteachinghub.org/npqs/>





## How do I apply for an NPQ?

### Best Practice Network (BPN)

Use this process for applying for: Leading Teaching, Leading Teacher Development, Leading Behaviour and Culture, Senior Leadership, Headship, Executive Leadership.

**1. Complete BPN application form:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**2. Register on the DfE NPQ portal:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Deadline: 25th July 2023**

### Teach First

Use this process for applying for: Early Years Leadership, Leading Literacy.

**1. Complete Application form:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**2. Register on the DfE NPQ portal:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Deadline: 25th July 2023**

## 9. Early Years 'SELECT' CPD – Extra Dates - Warrington & Halton

We are hosting two more SELECT, Early Years training sessions **on 18th May and 8th June at Everglades Hotel, Derby Rd, Widnes WA8 3UJ from 1-4pm.**

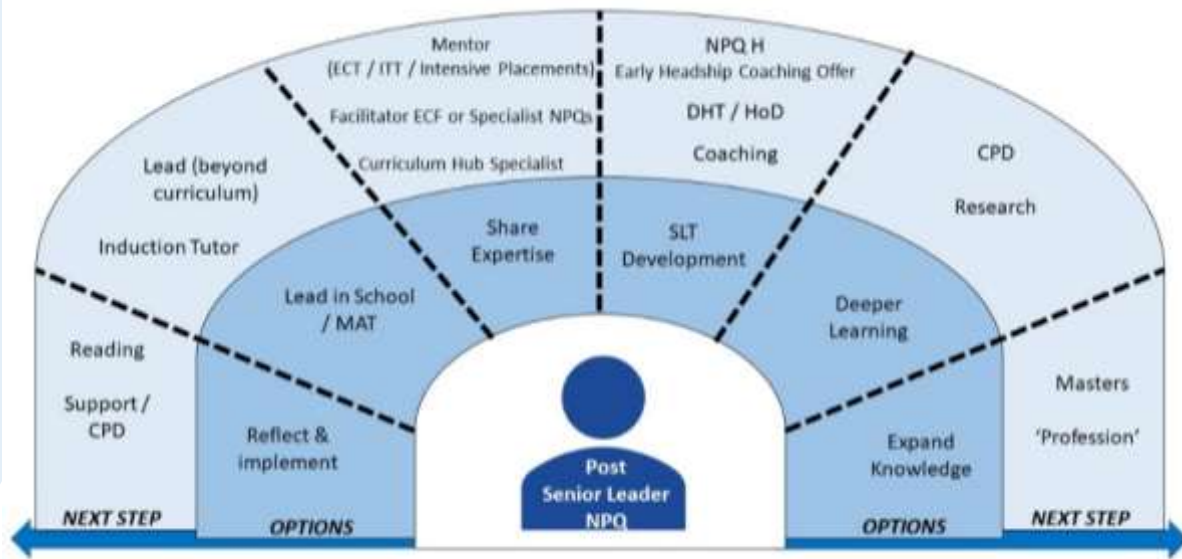
The sessions will be useful for alumni who missed the recent full SELECT programme, or would like to revisit the material, or for practitioners in an Early Years setting to provide an overview of Speech and Language and Self-Regulation. Led by our experienced EYFS facilitator, Leanne Barlow, the session will provide practitioners with strategies and tools to take-away and adapt to your setting with all training based on the most recent research and evidence.

The poster features the Generate Teaching Hub logo at the top. Below it, the word 'SELECT' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, it says 'Early Years Practitioner CPD Opportunity'. Two cloud-shaped boxes contain the details: 'Self Regulation 18th May 2023' and 'Speech and Language 8th June 2023'. At the bottom, it lists the location 'Everglades Hotel, Widnes WA8 3UJ' and a 'Register Here' link. The bottom edge of the poster is decorated with colorful illustrations of children playing with blocks, a ball, and a toy house.

Complete our [registration form to attend one or both SELECT sessions.](#)



## 10. What Is Next After an NPQ?



We hold termly briefings for colleagues who are about to, or have, completed their NPQs. These informal online sessions share future options for your career development.

[Our briefing guides can be accessed independently here](#); they are also ideal for line managers and leaders considering how to support colleagues' career development.

The next briefing is 4.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Register by emailing [hub@wpat.uk](mailto:hub@wpat.uk)

## 11. STEM CPD Courses – Warrington and Halton



Warrington STEM are holding [courses which includes a variety of sessions specifically for Primary and Secondary colleagues in Halton and Warrington](#) schools during April to July 2023. The courses include:

- Help! How do I lead primary science? Starting 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Teaching A-level Physics 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Making an Impact in EYFS: A science subject leaders guide to developing good practice 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Metacognition and self-regulated learning 27<sup>th</sup> June

## 12. EEF Early Years Teacher Resources & Support



As part of the DfE roll-out of new Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs across England, the EEF have released more Early Years focused material to support schools and early years settings, including:

- [Early Years Evidence Store](#) to share good practice and guidance to Early Years practitioners.
- [Early Years Toolkit](#) to summarise the best available evidence on key areas for learning and development.
- [Early Years Professional Development Guide](#) to support Early Years practitioners and leaders in planning and assessing the right training and development.



## 13. Maths Hubs Resources, Training & Numeracy Day

Schools in Halton, Warrington and Wigan are each served by a different Maths Hub offering specialist training, resources and advice to teachers and school leaders.



There are several events coming soon in our area:

- Secondary teachers in Wigan schools can join the next SKTM (Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Maths) course starting 29<sup>th</sup> June at Up Holland School. There is no charge. [Sign up here](#).

- In Halton schools can participate in [several forum coming events](#) including Primary Headteacher Maths update on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Primary Maths Subject Leader Networks 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The **17th May 2023 is National Numeracy Day**, for which the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) is recommending schools view the [National Numeracy Day website](#) for information, resources and ideas to maximise the date!

The EEF have appointed a Maths specialist, Grace Coker, who has shared views on [Purposeful Play](#) and [Meaningful Moments in Maths Talk](#).

The DfE have [announced that the Maths Hub programme will be expanded](#) increasing the resources and support to Primary and Secondary schools. This will include an NPQ in Maths due in 2024.

## 14. English Hubs Showcase 18<sup>th</sup> May



[English Hubs](#) offer support to local schools, academies and free schools to improve the teaching of phonics, early language and reading in Reception

## English Hubs

St John Vianney English Hub

[St. John Vianny is taking bookings for a free, in person showcase event from 8.30am-1pm in Blackpool, FY1 6RD on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.](#)

## 15. Black Curriculum Resources

The Black Curriculum have produced a series of classroom resources which are free or low cost, including handouts, guides and videos.

These can be [downloaded from their resources page](#).



## 16. Supporting Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Teaching

There is a greater awareness of the disparity teachers and school leaders from ethnic and culturally diverse backgrounds experience when joining and progressing through our profession. Generate Teaching Hub would like to engage those with lived experience to ensure our services empower colleagues from ethnically diverse cultures and communities.



We welcome hearing about the experiences and views of colleagues from Black communities, Asian communities and other diverse ethnic communities.

An online form has been created - that can be completed anonymously if preferred – for colleagues to share their voice.

All replies will be kept confidential and collectively will be used to inform our learning and any future actions. Colleagues can also contact our Director on [bclarke@wpat.uk](mailto:bclarke@wpat.uk). **From the information received we will discuss with colleagues any plans, changes or further action that are appropriate.**

## 17. Diverse Educators Events



**DIVERSE  
EDUCATORS**

Diverse Educators have produced a 2023 calendar on diversity plus they have free toolkits and a host of events throughout the year for teachers to engage in. Including:

- Virtual Conference for ECTs on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion 30th June 2023.
- Diversifying the Curriculum Conference 10th November 2023.
- Leading the Diverse Curriculum Cohort 3 20th October 2023 to 5th July 2024. Leading the Diverse Curriculum Cohort 4 19th October 2023 to 4th July 2024.

## 18. Train to Teach Applications 2023/24 Still Open



Our School Direct offer is a school-based training programme with placement schools in / near Warrington and Halton. It is a full-time, one-year, non-salaried course with accreditation by Liverpool Hope University awarding a PGCE with QTS. [We offer 3 different routes to suit trainee career needs:](#)

- Primary 5-11 years [Course code 38LG]
- Primary 3-7 years [Course code 38LF]
- Primary 5-11 years SEND [Course code 38V9]

Application is via APPLY [Apply for teacher training - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and we are currently open for applications for 2023 - 2024. Our provider code is 15R.

Interested applicants can meet our team at one of our Question-and-Answer sessions hosted by placement schools in Warrington. This is a fantastic opportunity to see inside a school, meet the staff and ask any questions you might have. For more information and book your place email [schooldirect@wpat.uk](mailto:schooldirect@wpat.uk)

## 19. #TrainToTeachNW

Halton, Warrington and Wigan have several local providers of teacher training. As part of our designation from the DfE Generate Teaching Hub is supporting local provision of initial teacher training.



Nationally, applications to teacher training are dropping: without new teachers the profession, our children and young people (and profession) will be impacted. We are keen to promote the importance of a career in teaching and the local choice available.

We have [9](#)

We are encouraging all local providers to use and retweet the hashtag [#TrainToTeachNW on Twitter](#) to help promote teaching as a career.

Generate and other providers will be attending the next 'Get Into Teaching' event on **Saturday 20th May 2023 at the Manchester Midland Hotel between 10am – 2.30pm**. It is a brilliant opportunity to meet training providers. [Register here.](#)

## Keep Connected To Your Hub

To keep up to date with the latest information from Generate Teaching Hub you can...



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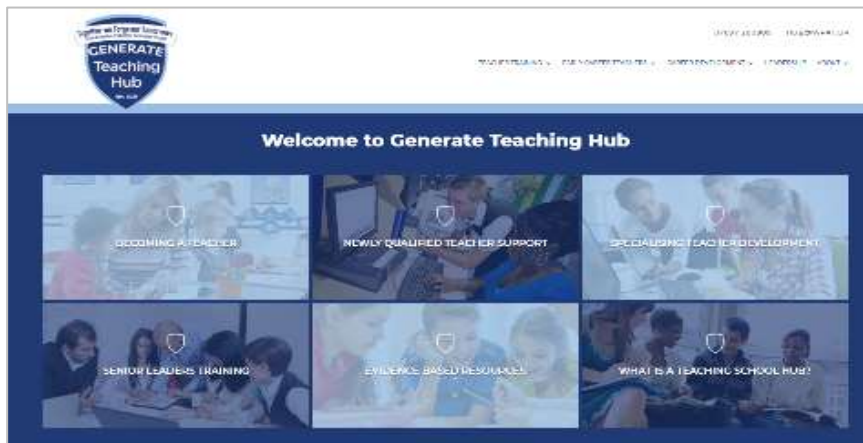
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**Bookmark [www.generateteachinghub.org](http://www.generateteachinghub.org)**

Our website is populated with resources and extensive links for teacher development at all stages of a teacher's career.

[Daily news posts](#) highlight offers to schools from the curriculum hubs and other key programmes.



**Please share this bulletin with colleagues, schools and networks in Halton, Warrington and Wigan to connect them to the offers above, the best resources and the latest evidence based support available.**

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