

Supporting Trust & Foundation Schools



Why should universities get involved?

Becoming a Trust School partner offers universities the opportunity to work with schools through a formal framework that unites schools and Higher education in a strategic and sustainable partnership.

'Liverpool John Moores University, through the Centre of Excellence for Leadership and Professional Learning within the Faculty of Education, Community and Leisure, is committed to working in partnership with The Trust School. A significant area of development for the university in working with Trust schools is the creation of lifelong learning pathways of opportunity that meet the individual needs of all pupils whatever their age, status, ethnicity or gender.'

Professor Pat Shenton

Director of Quality and Strategic Development, Liverpool John Moores University

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‘As Chief Executive of The Fiveways Trust I have been overwhelmed by the level of support offered to our pioneering project from our Higher Education partners. The Fiveways Trust has received unrivalled support for strategic development, curriculum enrichment, research, leadership development, whole school Professional Development and the innovative use of emerging technologies to transform teaching and learning’

Denise Barrett-Baxendale,
Chief Executive, The
Fiveways Trust

What is a Trust School?

A Trust School is a state-funded primary, secondary or special school supported by a charitable Trust. The charitable Trust is made up of one or more schools supported by a range of external partners that can include businesses, charities, universities and colleges. The Trust appoints governors to the school governing body and supports the school in a variety of ways to provide new opportunities for young people.

Trust Schools capture the energy, enthusiasm and fresh-thinking of their partners for long-term benefit, not just short-term impact.

Why should a university get involved?

Key benefits to universities choosing to partner with a Trust School include:

- Increased opportunities for university staff and students to plan and undertake research and scholarly activity with students and teaching staff of trust schools
- Working with Trusts Schools to plan pathways of opportunity for pupils to gain understanding and access to university
- Increased opportunities to align university programmes with business and the local community
- Providing access to professional development opportunities for school staff, the community and other Trust partners such as local businesses
- Increased opportunities for collaborative projects and ventures between university-based staff, school staff and employees from local businesses
- Opportunities to share resources, teaching expertise and facilities across multiple organisations
- Involvement in a stable and enduring partnership that will benefit the school and future generations of learners
- Opportunities to put in place a coordinated approach to involvement with education
- Trust School partners, including universities, are not required to make a financial contribution to a Trust School

How do universities work with Trust Schools?

Many universities already work in partnership with schools in their local community, however, the unique nature of Trust School Partnerships means that universities and schools can now build a more collaborative and strategic partnership in order to create lifelong educational opportunities.

Trust Schools – a practical example

A university is the Trust School partner for a large secondary school. The university is looking at teacher research fellowships and joint appointments and staffing between the school and university. They are working together to help staff grow professionally, to strengthen teaching and learning and to develop practice through research. This will help the university to remain in the forefront of educational research and to enhance its national and international reputation for excellence.

How can I find out more?

The Trust and Foundation Schools Partnership (TFSP) can provide information on facts about Trust Schools, support in developing and establishing links between schools and suitable business partners, case studies on Trust school business partners and the role and responsibilities of trustees.

The TFSP is a partnership between The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT), The Youth Sport Trust (YST) and The Foundation and Aided Schools National Association (FASNA).

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