



Life Ready Primary Network

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Agenda



1. Welcome and introductions



2. Guest speaker: Skills Builder Partnership



3. Local and national progress update



4. Roundtable discussion



5. Primary resources & ideas to support you



6. Question & AOB

Skills Builder Partnership

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Local Update

- **Survey** sent out to Life Ready primary network in Nov 2021
- Planning to attend the five **Solihull school collaborative meetings** across the spring and summer terms to continue to raise awareness of the Life Ready programme
- Plans in place to hold a **STEM CPD session** for Primary schools on Wednesday 16 March, 3.45-5.15pm (during British Science Week)
- Plans in place to hold a **Governor Training** session specifically for Primary Link Governors for Careers in summer term 2022 – ask your governor to email hannah.lardner@solihull.gov.uk if interested in attending
- Updating the [Life Ready online portal](#) primary section to focus more on ‘local’ resources to support schools

National Update

- Nationally the Careers & Enterprise Company are looking at two themes around Primary:
 1. Transition – Guide due to be released late Feb/early March
 2. Parental Engagement

Any examples to feed in to the national team on these areas?

- CEC event: [Transition from Primary to Secondary on Thursday 3rd March, 3.30-5.00pm](#)
- Meeting with other areas nationally who are working with Primary schools to share best practice and resources including:
 - [North East Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (pilot project supporting primary schools with the Gatsby Benchmarks in ‘Good Career Guidance’)

Pre meeting information

- Any questions on the national research findings sent out prior to the meeting?
 - Careers & Enterprise Company Primary Fund Evaluation July 2021
 - Education & Employers: Starting Early 2021
 - CDI Handbook for Primary

Dates for the Diary: Spring Term 2022

- **Friday 4 March – World Engineering Day**
- **7-12 March – National Careers Week**
- **Tuesday 8 March – International Women's Day**
- **11-20 March – British Science Week**

Roundtable discussion



- School challenges
- Best practice



Thoughts for future support

- Current resources
- Resources from other areas to develop
- Anything missing?

Life Ready existing resources

- Life Ready Primary Audit tool
- Sample Primary Careers Plan
- Skills for Success Matrix
- Pupil Self Assessment Forms
- Activity Agreement between school and provider
- Feedback forms for school and provider
- Life Ready logo
- Calendar of events
- Alumni guide
- Governor presentation
- Self management assembly presentation (local examples)
- Primary resources – weblinks to useful providers and subject areas

Primary resources from other areas

- Primary careers website guide
- Pupil careers learner journey
- Example feedback and evaluation forms from various stakeholders
- Labour Market Information – including careers friendly area in your school, what it is and how to use it
- Challenging gender stereotype resources
- Raising aspirations resources
- Exploring careers and skills resources
- Linking curriculum learning to careers
- Transition resources
- Strategic careers plan (examples of a long-term careers plan and careers strategy)
- [Following the 8 Gatsby benchmarks \(North East Pilot\)](#)

Primary resources: anything missing?



Ideas for Careers Activities

- Role play in reception
- School trips and visits
- PSHE curriculum
- Links to the world of work in existing topics
- Assemblies – talks from employers/parents
- Story time / group reading
- Enterprise activities or competitions
- Careers Fairs
- Careers websites
- University/college visits

Ideas for Embedding Skills

Linking careers/skills to your school values, focus on a skill per half-term, e.g. problem solving:

- Assembly focus
- How have we used problem solving today?
- How can we get better at problem solving?
- Which jobs may need problem solving?
- Support in finding governors, employers or parents who can talk about their role and how they use problem

Transition

Reach out to your local secondary schools. Could you:

- Create a skills focus or career-related learning transition project?
- Be involved in some of the careers activity going on at secondary level?
- Invite past students back to talk to your pupils about their experiences?

[Ho, ho, ho. Happy Christmas – Give yourself the gift of working with your feeder schools - Indigo](#)

Primary Resources to support your programme of activity

- [CEC Primary Platform](#)
- [Primary Futures](#)
- [Raising Aspirations in Primary Video](#)
- [STEM Learning](#)

Science Learning Partnership

Leading Primary STEM online conference, 25th March: this is a remote conference aimed at primary science leads, which will include a keynote speech from Dr Lynne Bianchi and a number of remote workshops throughout the day. More information can be found at the booking link here: <https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/507424/leading-primary-stem-conference-2022>

Improving progress in English and Mathematics through Inspirational Primary Science: this is a 2 day course taking place on 22nd March and 28th June at Coventry University, and there is a bursary of £800 available for each participant. More information can be found at the booking link: <https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/507803/improving-progress-english-and-mathematics-through-inspirational-primary-science>

Bespoke CPD is also available with one of our expert facilitators through the SLP, email slp@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



STEM Clubs

Does your school run a STEM Club? If so please complete this survey:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-clubs>, as a thank you, you could win Rapid kit for your club worth £100!

Any Other Business

- Would you like to meet again in the summer term? Suggested meeting date of Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th May after school
- ['Little Ripples'](#) – Australian Government initiative provides fun at-home activities to encourage children to consider their strengths and ambitions while addressing biases about the world of work
- Our Future Derby: [Year 2 Evaluation Report](#) of Career-Related Learning in Derby
- [Primary activities - GE Community: imagination at work](#)
- [HEPI publishes blog on the importance of tackling stereotypes at a young age - Education and Employers](#)
- [Mission X – Train Like an Astronaut](#)
- [ITV are inspiring the future - Education and Employers](#)

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