

Serving the Local School



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Date	Activity	Theme
Tuesday 25 th April 2023 4-5pm	National session 1	What are schools currently facing? Sean Harris – Trust Improvement Lead, Tees Valley Education Aleishia Lewis – Headteacher, St Mary's Prittlewell, Essex Karuna Duzniak – Assistant Head, St Mary Redcliffe & Temple, Bristol
May 2023 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 1	Unpacking the national inputs locally
Monday 26 th June 2023 4-5pm	National session 2	The importance of relationships and building trust What do schools want to say to churches? (Unpacking the school leaders' survey) Wayne Dixon – Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS) Charlotte Nobbs – Children's Mission Enabler, Peterborough Diocese Elizabeth Olulari – National Education Lead for Racial Justice Hannah Persaud – Networks Lead, Growing Faith Foundation
July 2023 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 2	Unpacking the national inputs locally
Monday 25 th September 2023 4-5pm	National Session 3	?What is the school already doing Joining in with curriculum, seasons and traditions How can the church support diversity, equity and inclusion Bola-Alysia Ayonrinde – National Education Lead for Racial Justice Rev'd Canon Beverley Hollins - Rector, St Peter's, Northampton Krys McInnis – RE Lead, Westminster City School
October 2023 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 3	Unpacking the national inputs locally
Monday 27 th November 2023 4-5pm	National session 4	Chaplaincy Mike Haslam – Chaplaincy Development Advisor, Bath & Wells Erik Aidoo – Chaplain, St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School, Bristol Garry Neave – National FE & HE Policy Advisor, Church of England
December 2023 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 4	Unpacking the national inputs locally
Monday 15 th January 2024 4-5pm	National session 5	SIAMS and Christian Vision Margaret James – National Director of SIAMS Simon Atkinson – Head of Curriculum and Inclusion, Church of England Education Office
February 2024 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 5	Unpacking the national inputs locally
Monday 18 th March 2024 4-5pm	National session 6	Partnering with other organisations The Growing Faith Network for Parachurch Organisations
April 2024 TBC by diocesan facilitator	Local network session 6	Unpacking the national inputs locally Celebration, feedback and next steps

Who are we?

We are a network of people from churches, parishes and dioceses would like to serve our local schools. Some of us already work with our schools, some of us are in the process of making links, some of us are new to this.

The purpose of this network is to:

- provide **peer support** for people who are working in their local schools
- to **equip and empower** churches who want to serve their local school
- to **share** stories, ideas, resources and encouragement
- to **broaden horizons** of what is possible
- to **build relationships** and **regional support**.
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How do we connect?

6x 60min per year on Zoom (facilitated by the Foundation):

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6x 1 hr discussions in diocesan groups in May, July, October, December, February and April.
(These dates will be arranged by diocesan facilitators).

What are our aims?

We hope that:

- We will **gather regularly and build long-term, supportive relationships**
- We will understand the Growing Faith commitment and how and where we are contributing, and that this **knowledge will help us in our work**
- We will **share** our **knowledge, experience, resources and skills** for the common good of the group, and ultimately the benefit of the children and young people we serve
- We will **learn together** from experts in the field, and from each other
- We will work increasingly in **collaboration to support the spiritual flourishing** of children and young people
- We will serve our local schools more effectively and build meaningful, long-term relationships with staff, pupils and families

Can I join in?

Yes! You are so welcome.

This network is for people who lead or are involved in a church and would like to better support their local school

"BUT I'm not qualified..."

"BUT my school isn't a Church of England school..."

"BUT I don't have a leadership role in my church..."

"BUT I'm very new...."

"BUT I'm a volunteer...."

.....YES! You are welcome!

This network is for you and wouldn't be as good without you! Do join us.

Please [sign up here](#) so that we can welcome you properly and send out some information and the Zoom link to you in advance of the first meeting. If you need more information before taking the plunge, please contact hannah.persaud@churchofengland.org