

Operational Sub-Group

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Summary This paper provides a summary update of the major YPES work strands.

Recommendations OSG members are asked to note/comment.

1 Data

- 1.1 Both *Theme 1: Understanding the learning landscape* and *Theme 2: Attainment and Progression* individual local authority summaries have been released by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) on its website. This was preceded by a four week release window on the secure Provider Gateway to allow for borough comment. *Theme 3: Participation* local authority summaries will be released by the end of July.
- 1.2 The pan-London versions of the theme reports are well underway. The Theme 1 report, jointly produced by the YPLA and London Councils, has now been released on the YPLA's website following a pre-release window on the Provider Gateway. A final draft of Theme 2 is now complete and will be released on the Provider Gateway next week, and then on the website early August. Theme 3 will be released on both the Gateway and YPLA website by the end of August. All three pan-London reports will then be used as the basis for the renewed *14-19 and London: an evidence base*, due to be released in the Autumn.
- 1.3 The 16-19 Learner Responsive Residency Data and MI Reports for individual local authorities are also now available on the YPLA's website..
- 1.4 The YPES has been working closely with the Department for Education to provide feedback on their Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Destination Measure work. It has gathered feedback via the DAG and ICYP Group and fed it back to the Department. A workshop on progression and the destination measures was also jointly delivered by the YPES and the Department at the Learning Plus UK Conference.
- 1.5 YPES is supporting the data sharing aspect of the cross-departmental Participation Strategy, which will set-out how to maximise the participation of 16-24 year olds in education, training and work. Stephen Hall from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) briefed the DAG, and it was agreed that the YPES will create a survey for all London local authorities containing the key questions the DWP has concerning data sharing and participation.
- 1.6 London Councils is working with i3 Education to support phase 2 of its pilot to share data relating to young people through Cloud Technology ('Project Marconi'). DAG

members have been invited to participate in this pilot to test the platform. YPES is continuing to develop Intelligent London – a page on the London Councils website which will host analyses and visualisations of the latest data available.

2 Improving Choices for Young People

- 2.1 The Group met on 10 June and received updates on the transfer of CHOICE to UCAS and in the establishment of the National Careers Service. It also considered the introduction of destination measures at Key Stages 4 & 5 and received a report on the progress towards the 2012 Apprenticeships target.
- 2.2 Further detailed work to effect the transfer of CHOICE is well in hand and a small Task & Finish Group has been established to explore in greater depth the issues around the transition to the National Careers Service. Following the first meeting of this group on 29 June, a draft transition plan has been created which will be considered at the next ICYP Group.
- 2.3 The next meeting of the Group is due to take place in July. The meeting will cover feedback on the DfE's approach to measuring destinations at Key Stages 4 & 5, and Julie Toher from the DfE will be attending the meeting for this item. Apart from the core business of the group, other items that will be covered include discussion of the findings of the Greater London Authority (GLA) London Survey 2011, full participation and changes to management information including CCIS and NEET reporting.

3 ESF

ESF Preventative NEET and Apprenticeship Activity

- 3.1 Delivery has now commenced on the ESF Preventative NEET and Apprenticeship contracts. Feedback is invited on the activity which was encouraged following the event on 26 May which gave local authorities and the successful contractors the opportunity to consider the mutual dependency of their relative roles and the chance to network. Working arrangements at a cluster and local authority level should seek to maximize effective ways of working between contractors and local authority colleagues.

ESF NEET Activity

- 3.2 The ITT for the ESF NEET specifications will commence at the end of July and be followed by assessment, moderation and contract award in September. Activity is unlikely to start before October.

ESF Borough Programme

- 3.3 A proposal is going to the ESF Steering Group on 20 July to consider a submission from 4 London boroughs to deliver supplementary NEET programmes, subject to ESF funding being identified. It will be necessary to ensure that any proposed activity is complementary rather than duplicative with the agreed NEET specifications which were developed in partnership with YPLA and London local authorities.

4 LLDD

- 4.1 The workshops carried out since the last OSG meeting were well attended and produced material of great use in compiling the London response to the SEND Green Paper.
- 4.2 The LLDD Working Group will have met twice since the last OSG meeting and continues to take forward a series of initiatives:

- a proposition, agreed with ALDCS, that 'host' boroughs should conduct reviews of LLDD on behalf of their 'home' borough;
 - further developing and trialling the protocol for common criteria for referrals to Independent Specialist Providers (ISPs);
 - a cross-borough approach to ISP negotiations and an initial trial with an ISP with several referrals from multiple boroughs;
 - a pan-London protocol for minimum standards for review panels for specialist placements
 - developing a good-practice sharing community on the *Communities of Practice for public service* website;
 - working with the YPLA to discuss and develop a 'DIY Toolkit' approach to replicating existing proven programmes (e.g. the Rose programme) in other boroughs.
- 4.3 The meeting to be held on 21 July is due to consider local complex needs / placement panels and to be updated on the above actions.

5 Worldskills London 2011 (5-8 October 2011)

- 5.1 London secondary schools are still significantly under-represented in terms of registrations at the WorldSkills London event, although Junior WorldSkills is now oversubscribed. Bursaries for travel have now been made available to schools and an increased campaign to encourage school registration. Mary Vine-Morris wrote to all Directors of Children's Services, copying 14-19 Leads, asking them to encourage as many schools as possible to sign up to the event before applications closed on 15 July 2011.
- 5.2 ESF funding support has been secured to support the attendance and involvement of young people who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET. Activity will be co-ordinated with existing London ESF activity and planned IAG support.
- 5.3 On 29 June London Councils hosted a special event for primary schools taking part in the One School, One Country programme to both provide further information on the program and get feedback on how to best manage the day for schools. WorldSkills are now collating this information to provide a comprehensive package for schools to fully enjoy One School, One Country. Information will be shared with partners on participating schools so that local media can be encouraged to celebrate the school's international hosting arrangements.
- 5.4 Worldskills is still seeking volunteers to help staff the event. Further information about volunteering can be found at www.worldskillslondon2011.com/get-involved/volunteer. YPES can put OSG members directly in touch with the head of volunteering if your organisation is able to offer volunteers on a more corporate basis.