

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee

Date: 18 January 2016

Title: The North Tyneside Learning Trust

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

As part of its agreed work programme for 2015/16, the sub-committee had agreed to receive information on the progress the North Tyneside Learning Trust (NLT) was making against its priorities, how it had developed over the last five years and its relationship with the local authority.

2. Recommendations

The sub-committee is recommended to consider the information provided and determine whether any recommendations and/or further work by the Sub-committee is required.

3. Background

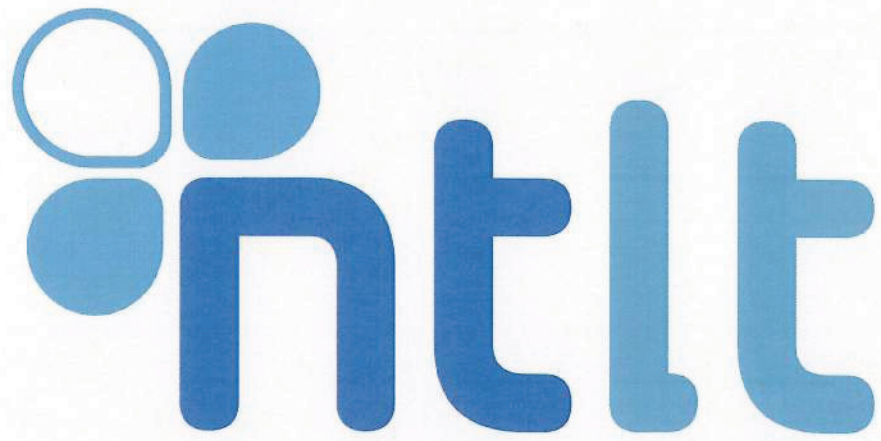
At its meeting on 20 July 2015, the sub-committee reviewed the report submitted to Cabinet on 13 July 2015 which provided an update on progress of the Education Review and sought approval for the next set of proposed actions. During discussion the NLT was mentioned and the sub-committee agreed that information on the work of the Learning Trust be submitted to a meeting (previous minute 16/07/15).

Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive of the NLT, has agreed to attend the meeting and will make a presentation. As background information, please find attached the NLT Annual Review 2014/15 and the Star Awards commemorative brochure.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 - NLT Annual Review 2014/15

Appendix 2 - Star Awards commemorative brochure



North Tyneside Learning Trust

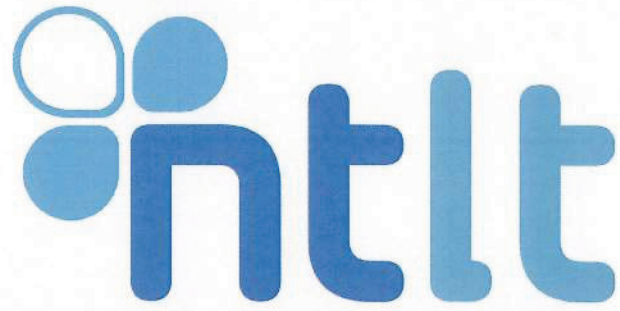
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North Tyneside Learning Trust

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2014 was a year in which North Tyneside Learning Trust really came of age and so it is with great pride I welcome you to read our fourth annual review report and summary of accounts.

The Trust was delighted to welcome a further 5 new schools into membership during 2014, demonstrating the growing interest in our collaborative partnership model of school to school support.

2014 witnessed the departure of Paul Mitchell a founding member of the Trust Board who championed the Trust model and played an instrumental role in shaping Trust priorities over the past 4 years. Thank you to Paul for his valuable support, dedication and commitment.

Board level vacancies provided an opportunity to further opportunity to further strengthen, refresh and extend the Trust Board with the appointment of two new Employer Directors, both senior executives in global business and industry.

There have been many impressive and exciting developments over the past 12 months which have served to extend our geographic reach far beyond North Tyneside and strengthen our offer to Trust schools. I hope you enjoy reading about this and other achievements in the Annual Review this year.

I am immensely proud to continue to Chair North Tyneside Learning Trust, an organisation that with the help and support of our strong and growing membership continues to go from strength to strength, year on year.



David Baldwin
Chair





It's been an incredibly busy and successful year for North Tyneside Learning Trust, a year in which we have extended our geographic reach and firmly cemented our reputation as a leading school improvement partnership within the region.

In April the Trust was awarded Science Learning Partnership status with a contract to operate across the north east.

In June the Trusts bid to run a regional Maths Hub was approved, further strengthening our regional presence.

Our School Improvement Team has been further extended and now provides valuable support to Trust schools in English, Maths and Science. The team will be strengthened further in 2015 with the appointment of an E-Learning and ICT Specialist Lead Teacher.

The Trust continues to support and invest in Apprenticeships for our school leavers. Our apprenticeship bursary scheme has already created over 80 apprenticeships with further investment planned for 2015.

I do hope you enjoy reading about the Trust's activities and achievements over the past 12 months and very much look forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

K Ellis

Kehri Ellis
Chief Executive



The Trust has an agreed Vision, Mission and Values to ensure that everyone involved can continue to work collaboratively with a common sense of purpose.

VISION

Excellent schools, delivering a world class education, enabling all children and young people to realise their aspirations and reach their full potential

VALUES

- Collaboration at the heart of everything we do;
- Improving standards, raising achievement and promoting excellence;
- Embracing innovation and creativity;
- Levelling the playing field for all children and young people.

MISSION

- To improve education and life chances for all children and young people;
- To work in partnership with employers and higher and further education;
- To raise achievement and transform learning through innovative, high quality teaching and create curriculum development;
- To operate at the centre of research and development activity geared towards improving social mobility and tackling disadvantage;
- To strengthen pathways to further and higher education and employment;
- To support the transformation of North Tyneside and the wider region into a high wage, high skill economy characterised by enterprise, ambition and success.

Our Priorities

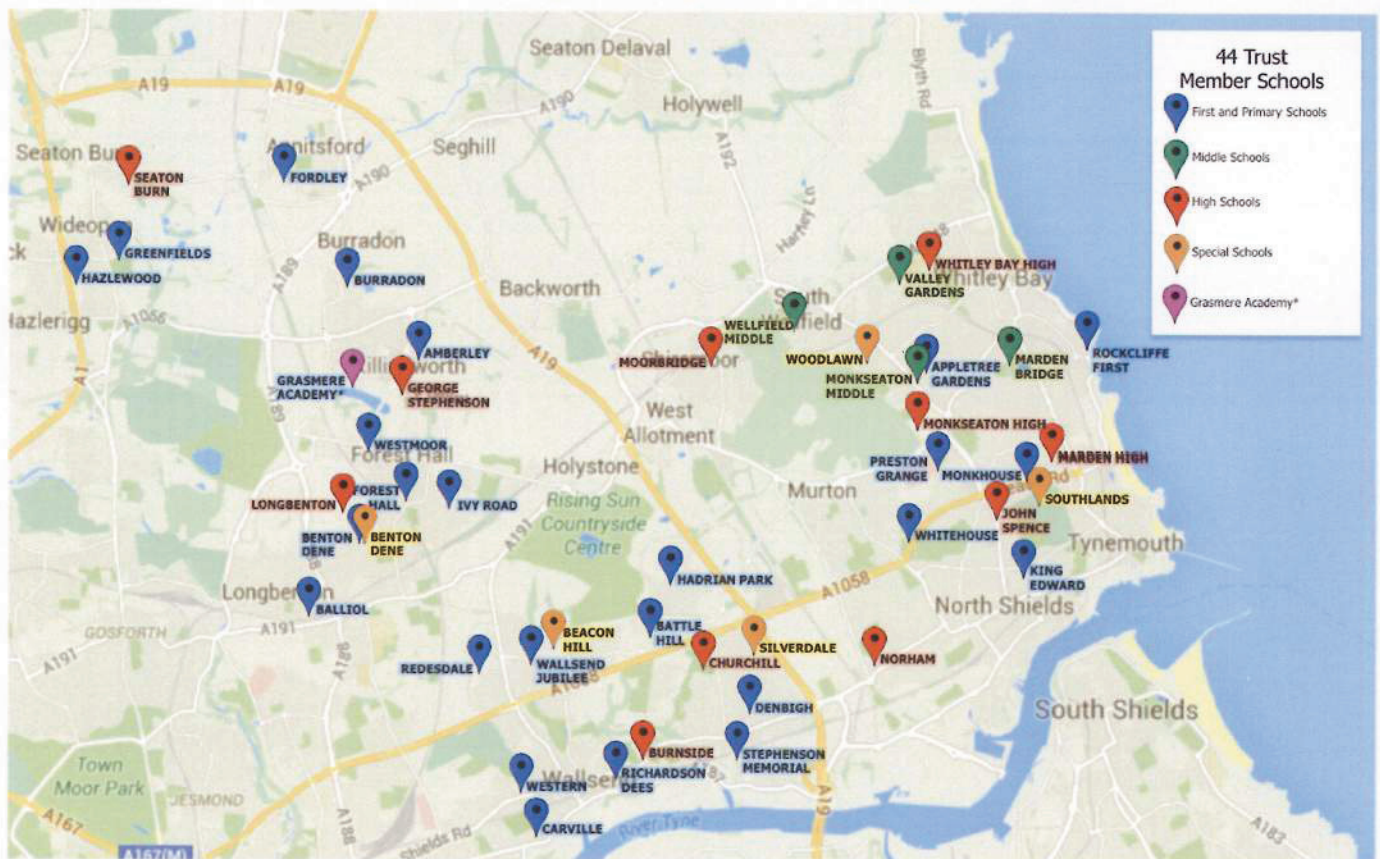
Strengthen Governance & Leadership	Support & secure School Improvement	Increase participation & Attainment in STEM	Increase progression to further & higher education
Support & invest in Apprenticeships	Build collaborative partnership	Create education to employment pathway	Engage in research and development
	Support the transformation of NT into high skill high wage economy	Support early years development	

5 New Member Schools

In April 2014 North Tyneside Learning Trust attracted an additional 5 new primary schools (**Balliol, Ivy Road, Preston Grange, Richardson Dees and Whitehouse primary schools**) into membership.

The Trust now supports 45 schools across North Tyneside.

Map showing schools supported by North Tyneside Learning Trust in 2014



*The Trust continues to work with and support Grasmere Academy, a former Trust school, now sponsored by North Tyneside Academy Foundation.

Secondary Schools

Burnside Business & Enterprise College, Churchill Community College, George Stephenson High School, John Spence Community High School, Longbenton Community College, Marden High School, Monkseaton High School, Norham High School, Seaton Burn College, Whitley Bay High School.

First and Primary Schools:

Amberley Community Primary, Appletree Gardens First, Balliol Primary, Battle Hill Community Primary, Benton Dene Primary, Burradon Community Primary, Carville Primary, Denbigh Community Primary, Fordley Community Primary, Forest Hall Primary, Grasmere Academy, Greenfields Community Primary, Hadrian Park Primary, Hazlewood Community Primary, Ivy Road Primary, King Edward Primary, Monkhouse Primary, Preston Grange Primary, Redesdale Community Primary, Richardson Dees Primary, Rockcliffe First, Stephenson Memorial Primary, Wallsend Jubilee Community Primary, Western Primary, Westmoor Primary, Whitehouse Primary.

Middle Schools

Marden Bridge Middle, Monkseaton Middle, Valley Gardens Middle, Wellfield Middle.

Special Schools

Beacon Hill, Benton Dene, Silverdale, Southlands, Woodlawn.

During 2014 the Trust secured Vision for Education as a formal Employer Partner, the Trust now has 22 formal employer partners as well as many more businesses engaged in activities to support Trust schools.

During 2014 the Trust also established a number of sector specific partnerships with groups of businesses within the manufacturing and digital technologies sectors and is seeking to maximise the potential of these new relationships for the benefit of schools during 2015.



Strengthening Governance and Leadership

The Trust has made significant progress in the recruitment of Governors and currently has 74 Foundation Trust Governors serving on Trust school governing bodies. Trust Governors are generally selected from business and industry to offer both challenge and support to existing school governing bodies. Trust Governor appointments continue to provide a cost effective way of strengthening and supporting governance and leadership in Trust schools. The Trust continues to invest in the Trust Governor Support Network established to facilitate opportunities for Trust Governors to meet, share experiences and engage in training and peer support.

Supporting Outstanding Teaching

During 2014 the Trust made available an extensive range of training and development opportunities for staff within schools to further strengthen teaching standards in Trust schools and improve subject knowledge in key curriculum areas.

- The Trust continued to offer opportunities on the **Outstanding Teaching Programme** in 2014, supporting 54 teachers from across 18 schools to complete the course;
- During 2014 the Trust supported 15 Teachers from across 13 schools to complete the **Elkan Speech and Language Support** accredited course designed to support the development of language and communication in primary age children;
- The Trust also supported 16 Teachers from 12 schools to complete the **'Talk 4 Writing'** programme during 2014.

Increasing Participation in Science Technology Engineering and Maths

The Trust continues to promote and develop opportunities for children and young people to engage in activities designed to increase participation and attainment in STEM subjects.

During 2014 the Trust supported schools to enter teams of students on the **Engineering Education Scheme, Go4Set** and **Primary Engineer** programmes enabling children and young people in our schools to access STEM enrichment opportunities at every age and phase of their education.



Apprenticeships

During 2014 the Trust continued to invest in the highly successful Apprenticeship Bursary Scheme established in 2011. The scheme has resulted in the creation of over 80 apprenticeships for Trust school leavers in a variety of roles including Engineering, ICT and Business Administration. Many of the apprentices are employed directly within Trust Schools.

The Trust will extend its programme during 2015 by making available a further twenty bursaries to support young people across North Tyneside.

Wireless and ICT Hardware Grants programme

In 2014 the Trust completed the £400k match funded grants programme established during 2013 to support member schools with the installation of high density wireless access and the purchase of ICT hardware to support 21st Century teaching and learning.

Member schools matched the funding allocated by the Trust resulting in an overall investment of approximately £800K across our network of schools.



build IT

During 2014 the Trust worked in partnership with North Tyneside City Learning Centre and employer partners in the digital technologies sector to support schools with new ICT curriculum challenges.

The Trust supported 20 Teachers from across 20 Trust schools to complete the Build IT training programme designed to support schools to deliver the new IT curriculum. Participating schools receive 17 Build IT Boxes as part of the programme each containing a Raspberry Pi and associated kit to enable them to deliver the IT curriculum in an innovate way back in school and participate in an annual Trust schools competition based on the most innovative use for a Raspberry Pi. The Build IT programme complements the Wireless and hardware grants programme.





Leading a Regional Science Learning Partnership

In April 2014 the Trust was successful in its bid to lead a Science Learning Partnership for the North East Region offering high quality, needs led Science CPD to teaching staff and technical support staff across the north east. The Trust SLP was officially launched on 19 June 2014 and has successfully delivered over 1000 hours of Science CPD to teaching staff across the region.

Leading an SLP enables the Trust to play a key role in Science CPD needs identification and programme development, ensuring that the CPD offered is tailored to the needs of local schools. During 2014 the Trust SLP supported both primary and secondary schools across the region preparing to deliver the new science curriculum through specially designed CPD programmes.

Delivery of the Science Learning Partnership contract provides a valuable source of income for the Trust to re-invest in schools. The Trust will bid to renew its contract to lead an Science Learning Partnership for the north east region in 2015. The Trust Science Lead Teacher is the designated Science Learning Partnership Lead and income from the Science Learning Partnership will help ensure the long term viability of the Science Lead Teacher post.

The Trust's involvement in leading a Science Learning Partnership for the North East has served to extend its geographic footprint beyond North Tyneside and raise the profile of its work both regionally and nationally. Leading a Science Learning Partnership has also opened up new national networking and communication channels.

The Trust attended a lunchtime reception at the House of Commons on 3 February 2015 hosted by Members of Parliament to raise the profile, awareness and influence of the national network of Science Learning Partnerships. A Trust presence at events of this nature will serve to raise the profile of the Trust at a national level and help position the organisation to take advantage of future funding opportunities and partnership developments that may emerge in 2015 and beyond.

The Trust is keen to ensure that its SLP leadership role results in increased networking among Science teachers across the north east and the Trust is planning to host a series of Science Teachmeet events next year including the first ever Primary Science Teachmeet in February 2015.





In July 2014 the Trust led a successful bid to run one of a national network of 32 Maths Hubs being established through an £11m initiative funded by the Department for Education. The Trust Maths Hub is being hosted by Churchill Community College as the appointed lead school. The Great North Maths Hub will attract resources totalling £96k in year 1 and a further £195k in year 2.

Activity in Year 1 has included several national and local projects including:

- * An England-China Teacher exchange programme focussing on Primary Maths mastery. Benton Dene Primary School was selected as the Trust school to participate in a national exchange visit to Shanghai in October 2014 and the school successfully hosted a reciprocal visit in November 2014 which enabled over 70 Teachers to observe Shanghai Maths Teaching methods;
- * Singapore Textbooks project (Primary);
- * Developing specialist subject knowledge in post 16 Maths and Further Maths;
- * Developing Primary Maths subject knowledge, a 12 month mentoring programme for 9 primary maths teachers;
- * Supporting the new Maths curriculum and qualification changes;
- * Increasing participation in Level 3 Maths; and
- * Supporting Newly Qualified Teachers.

The work of the Great North Maths Hub has placed a strong focus on networking, hosting several regional networking conferences and supporting the emergence of a team of Professional Development Leads across the region to ensure the long term sustainability of the project. Securing the Maths Hub leadership role represents another important strategic development for the Trust as it further strengthens the regional presence of the organisation whilst also attracting valuable financial resources for this important area of the curriculum.

The Trust attended the national launch of the Maths Hub Network at a reception at 11 Downing Street on the 2nd July 2014, further strengthening the Trust's name nationally.

Step Into STEM

During 2014 the Trust continued to work with four of the largest engineering education charities in the UK (Smallpiece Trust, the Engineering Development Trust, Arkwright Scholarships and STEMNET), to deliver Step into STEM. Step into Stem is a five year programme of hands on career focused activities geared towards increasing participation and attainment in STEM subjects and encouraging young people to consider engineering as a career option. The project has been made possible through a series of successful grant applications made by the Trust to The Shears Foundation, The Barbour Trust, The Ballinger Charitable Trust and RW Mann Trust. In 2014 the Trust secured the final £50K required to deliver the project from the Reece Foundation.



During 2014 the Trust extended its school improvement function and now offers support to schools in Primary Maths, Primary English, as well as Primary and Secondary Science. The Trust school improvement team work alongside and complement the work of the Local Authority's School Improvement Function to offer additional support to schools in these important curriculum areas. In January 2015 the Trust will extend its school improvement function further, offering support with ICT and digital technologies through the appointment of an e-Learning Lead Teacher.



Jackie Glazzard
Primary English
Lead Teacher



Claire Blair
Primary English
Lead Teacher



Colleen Stephenson
Primary English
HTLA



Deborah Hughes
Primary English
HTLA



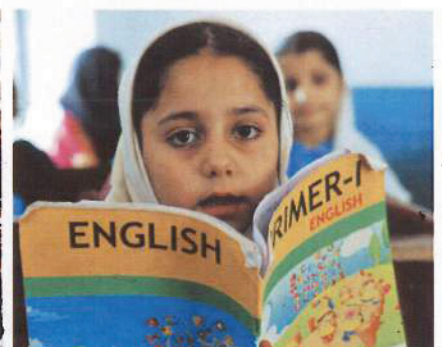
Wendy Mitcheson
Primary Maths
Lead Teacher



Victoria Raynor
Primary Science
Lead Teacher



Louise Maule
Primary Science
Lead Teacher





David Baldwin
Chair



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Chair of Governors
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Primary



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(appointed 10.11.14)



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(Resigned 08.09.14)



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Chair of Governors
(Resigned 08.09.14)



Chloe Mortimer
Company Secretary

(Including income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)

For the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	*Restated
	Fund	Fund	2014	Total 2013
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	989	0	989	1,366
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	78	0	78	65
Other incoming resources	2	0	2	1
Total incoming resources	1,069	0	1,069	1,432
Resources expended				
Resources expended Cost of generated funds:				
Charitable activities	(564)	0	(564)	(374)
Governance costs	(109)	0	(109)	(114)
Other resources expended	(19)	0	(19)	(4)
Total resources expended	(692)	0	(692)	(492)
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers	377	0	377	940
Gross transfer between funds	58	(58)	0	0
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	435	(58)	377	940
Net Movement in Funds				
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Reconciliation of Funds				
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Total funds brought forward	896	58	954	14
Funds carried forward at 31 December	1,331	0	1,331	954

All of the Trust's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods. The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the period. North Tyneside Learning Trust's full audited accounts are available at www.ntlearningtrust.org.uk

Assets held under Trust

The following Assets are held under Trust. As a result of changes to accounting regulations in 2014 the value of these assets are shown within North Tyneside Council's balance sheet and not on the Trust's.

Asset: Land & Building

Value of Assets £183,385,000

The Trust wishes to thank all of its funders:

• North Tyneside Council • National Science Learning Centre • The Reece Foundation • The Barber Foundation



Trust Star Awards



In January 2014 the Trust established a Star Awards scheme to honour and celebrate the achievements of children and young people across Trust schools. The awards attracted over 400 nominations and 48 finalists were invited to a glittering awards ceremony at the Village Hotel on 23 June 2014. The awards recognise non-academic achievements across a range of areas including Resilience, Volunteering, Entrepreneurship, Diversity, Fundraising and Leadership. The Star Awards were made possible through the generous support of Vision for Education, the main awards sponsor, as well as the companies which sponsored each of the 12 individual award categories.



Young Campaigner

Allen Oghene - Churchill Community College, Kurt Atkins - Silverdale School
Alicia Jackson-Jones - Redesdale Primary Schools
Kieron Marshall - Churchill Community College,



Inspiration

Rachel Winter - Monkseaton Middle School, Jessica Wann - Southlands School
Molly Nelson - Hadrian Park Primary School, Taya Gracen - Norham High School



Volunteering

Nathaniel Warwick-Wake - Southlands School, Joseph Harvey - John Spence High School
Makenzie Dillon - Grasmere Academy, Stephen Thornton - Whitley Bay High School



Fundraising

Lauren Adams - Stephenson Memorial Primary School, Maisie Dodds - Battle Hill Primary School
Owen Grant - Whitley Bay High School, Rhianna Hogg - Burnside Business & Enterprise College



Achievement

Steven Discombe - Longbenton Community College, Codie King - Beacon Hill School
Eliadh Matthews - Benton Dene Primary School, Emily Alderson - Hazelwood Primary School



Resilience

Chloe Cowley - Forest Hall Primary School, Harrison Young - Hadrian Park Primary School
Jake Oakes - Marden High School, Sophie Gregan - George Stephenson High School



Trust Star Awards



Diversity

Anthony Greer - Monkseaton Middle School, Harrison Lynch - Redesdale Primary School, Holly Appleby - Carville Primary School, Lauren King - John Spence High School



Green

Freya Woods - Rockcliffe First School, Bryan Ward - Stephenson Memorial Primary School, Harry Wheatey - Redesdale Primary School, Kelsie Jones - Churchill Community College



Entrepreneurship

Tanya Wilson - Whitehouse Primary School, Chloe Burns - John Spence High School, Conor McCauley - Southlands School, Matthew Mordue - Churchill Community College



Leadership

Amnik Melaco - Monkseaton Middle School, Callum Jones - Monkhouse Primary School, Chelcie Lyon - Seaton Burn High School, Faye Carr - Stephenson Memorial Primary School



Can Do

Elliot Caswell - Marden High School, Helen Elliot - Whitley Bay High School, Luke Craddock - Monkhouse Primary School, Muhammad Guweddeko - Monkseaton High School



Special Recognition

Molly Clark Henderson & Dzesika Zajda - Western Primary School, Daniel Topping - Churchill Community College, Chizoba Dimgba - Wallsend Jubille Primary School





Supporting the Trust

David Hodgson, Safety Director at Shasun Pharmaceuticals UK has served as a Director on the Trust Board since April 2013 and brings with him an important business perspective to help shape the strategic direction and priorities of the Trust

Supporting Trust Events

Shasun Pharmaceuticals have kindly hosted the Trust's Annual Members Meetings for three consecutive years making available their conference facilities to accommodate members and stage an exhibition showcasing the work of the Trust.

Supporting the curriculum in Trust schools

Development Chemist Anupama Sethi enhances the STEM curriculum in schools, delivering master classes, career talks to secondary and sixth form students and bringing Chemistry to life by staging soap making demonstrations in primary schools.

Educational Visits

Shasun Pharma also host educational visits for schools to their onsite Nature Reserve as well as site tours of the factory.

Employer partners provide valuable support to the Trust and its schools in a variety of ways including;

- * **Work Experience**
- * **Trust Governors**
- * **Guest Speakers**
- * **Master Classes**
- * **Career Talks**
- * **Educational Visits**
- * **CV Writing**
- * **Mock Interviews**
- * **Business Safari's**
- * **Hosting Events**
- * **Assembly Talks**
- * **Sponsorship**

If you believe your business can help support our schools in this way please get in touch!







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A large, colorful graphic for the Ntlt Star Awards 2015. The text 'Ntlt' is in blue, 'Star Awards!' is in a large, white, bubbly font with a blue outline, and '2015' is in purple. The graphic is surrounded by various colored stars and starburst shapes in shades of blue, yellow, green, orange, and pink, set against a purple background.

Ntlt Star Awards! 2015

Wednesday 1st July 2015

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Introduction

North Tyneside Learning Trust is a collaborative partnership of schools working with colleges, universities and businesses to improve education and life chances for all children and young people.

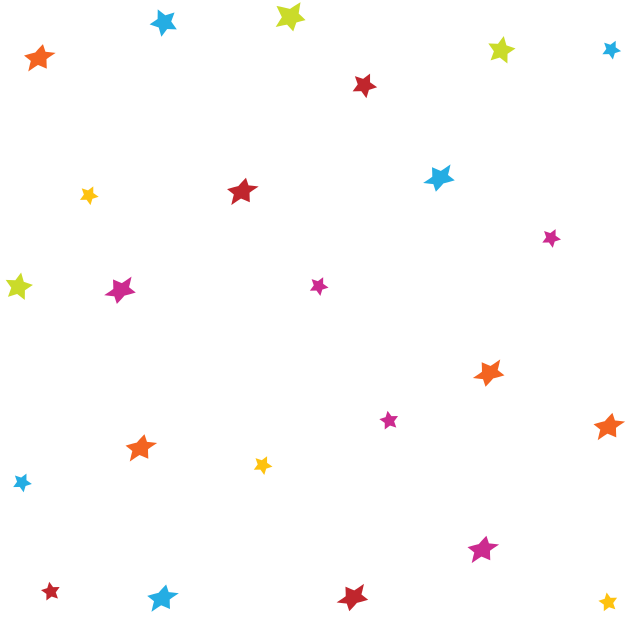
North Tyneside Learning Trust Star Awards honour and celebrate the exceptional achievements of children and young people in our schools across 12 award categories.

The 2015 Star Awards ceremony was held at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle on 1 July 2015. The ceremony has fast become the highlight of the Trust calendar, an event dedicated to celebrating the phenomenal achievements of children and young people across North Tyneside.

This Star Awards Annual has been produced to share some of the wonderful pictures captured at the event and hopefully encourage and inspire even more fantastic nominations next year. I hope you will enjoy reading the 2015 Star Awards Annual featuring our 48 finalists and 13 Award winners who all deserve to join our prestigious hall of fame.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to Vision for Education our main awards sponsor again this year and to the award category sponsors Capita, Cofely GDF Suez, Gentoo, Muckle LLP, Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Newcastle United Foundation, Sage, Speech Genius and TES for their generous help and support.

Congratulations to all of our 2015 Star Award winners and finalists, you should all be very proud of your achievements, it was an honour and a privilege for me to meet you all.



Kehri Ellis
Chief Executive
North Tyneside Learning Trust



Fundraising Award

This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has raised money for a good cause, however large or small the amount.

Winner: Kieron Marshall, Year 9 Churchill Community College



Kieron Marshall, Geoff Phillips (Sage)

When Kieron sadly lost his mum to cancer last summer, he took it upon himself to raise money for Cancer Research, setting himself a very high target of £1000.

Kieron organised a special 'wear blue' non uniform day, as this was his mum's favourite colour, and arranged for the production of blue butterfly key rings to be sold in honour of his mum. He organised a large cake stall, chocolate tombola and face painting, as well as a raffle where local businesses donated prizes.

In total, so far, Kieron has raised £2616 for Cancer Research, but his aim for the future is to raise £30,000. Kieron is a true star, demonstrating resilience, determination and an inspirational attitude.

Finalists:

- Isabelle Fry – Year 1 Southridge First School, Kieron Marshall - Year 9 Churchill Community College, Stephen Gradwell – Year 11 George Stephenson High School, Shaunmichael O'Halleron – Year 5 Silverdale School



Stephen Gradwell, Beth Darby, Shaunmichael O'Halleron, Geoff Phillips (Sage), Kieron Marshall, Isabelle Fry

Award Sponsor: Sage

Sage is a leading global provider of business software and is the only FTSE 100 company based in the North East of England. A large proportion of our customers in the UK and IRE are start-up and small businesses – we help them to succeed with easy to use online software such as Sage One.



This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has demonstrated the qualities of leadership.

Winner: Ellie Florence Thompson – Year 6 Stephenson Memorial Primary School



Tony McPhillips (Muckle), Ellie Florence Thompson

Ellie is a House School Captain has lots of additional duties including representing the school to visitors.

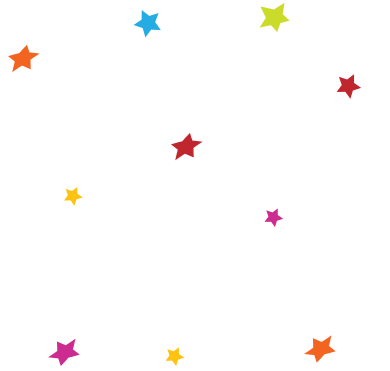
Ellie is also a Sports captain, organises PE questionnaires, acts as the students 'voice', runs lunch time sports groups for younger children and organises sports day. Ellie is also a fantastic STEM ambassador and delivers activities to younger children to engage them in learning.

Ellie has been described as a fantastic example to the younger children and a great leader!

Finalists:
 Matthew Sample – Year 13 Churchill Community College, Ellie Florence Thompson – Year 6 Stephenson Memorial Primary School, Beth Storey – Year 12 Churchill Community College, Jack Lightbown – Year 8 Wellfield Middle School



Matthew Sample, Ellie Florence Thompson, Beth Storey, Jack Lightbown



Award Sponsor: Muckle LLP

Muckle LLP is a commercial law firm based in Newcastle. Our proactive Education Team advises an extensive range of higher and further education establishments, schools, independent schools and academies across the UK. We have built our reputation by understanding the key legal challenges that organisations operating in the rapidly changing education sector face.



This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who gives their time freely and unpaid doing something to benefit the environment, individuals or groups other than close relatives.

Winner: Alexandra Gravell – Year 13 George Stephenson High School



Ian Richardson (Capita), Alexandra Gravell

Alex accessed support through PROPS following the death of her mum and has since began volunteering at the charity herself.

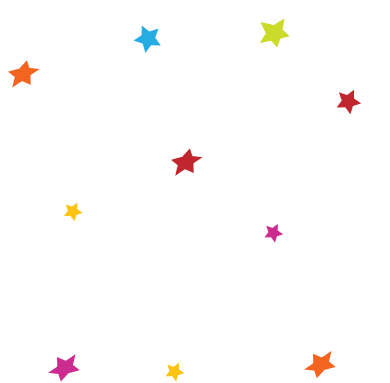
She has also acted as the Holocaust Education Trust's Ambassador, is an active part of the History Society organising activities for younger students, and volunteered as a student mentor.

Alex is also a police cadet and has undertaken a variety of volunteering during her time in this role, including volunteering at the Great North Run and completing the National Citizen Service programme, during which she raised money for the Salvation Army. She is also trying to make a difference to the issue of homelessness in North Tyneside. Alex is a serial volunteer and an inspiration to all.

Finalists:
 Matthew Parker – Year 11 Seaton Burn College, Piper McGregor – Year 3 Silverdale School, Alexandra Gravell – Year 13 George Stephenson High School, Joseph Stuart – Year 7 Valley Gardens Middle School



Matthew Parker, Piper McGregor, Ian Richardson (Capita), Alexandra Gravell, Joseph Stuart



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This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has demonstrated extreme courage and determination in overcoming adversity.

Winner: Cruz Hudson – Reception Monkhouse Primary School



Emily Childerstone (NHS Foundation Trust), Cruz Hudson, Dawn Waugh (NHS Foundation Trust)

Cruz was born with a serious congenital heart defect. Doctors said that Cruz would not walk or even crawl, but through his determination he was able to do both!

Cruz has had lots of difficulty with his speech and was unable to speak until the age of 3, but has worked hard with speech therapists, family and teachers, and now enjoys telling everyone he meets about his ideas and stories.

Cruz has been described by his nominator as a true superhero.

Finalists:
 Uriah Grebby – Year 4 Benton Dene School, Emily Kate Jackson – Year 4 Woodlawn School, Sophie Bell – Year 11 George Stephenson High School, Cruz Hudson – Reception Monkhouse Primary School



Uriah Grebby, Emily Kate Jackson, Sophie Bell, Cruz Hudson

Award Sponsor: NHS Foundation Trust
 Providing healthcare to over half a million people from North Tyneside to the Scottish Border and to Hexham and Haltwhistle in the west of Northumberland.



This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who pro-actively demonstrates care and concern for the environment and encourages others to do the same.

Winner: Charlie and William Pellow – Year 6 Forest Hall Primary School



William Pellow, Ian Richardson (Capita), Charlie Pellow

Charlie and his twin brother William are Eco Warrior Leaders at their school and recently they took a lead speaking role in an assembly organised by Friends of the Earth promoting the importance of bees and their role in the whole ecological system in which we inhabit. As well as this, the brothers demonstrate some fantastic leadership qualities as a school councillors.

Their nominator described them as 'modest and thoughtful, reliable and trustworthy', as well as being an inspiration to their fellow students and fantastic ambassadors to the school.

Finalists:
 Charlie Pellow – Year 3 Marine Park Primary School, Tilly Aveyard – Year 5 Monkhouse Primary School, William Pellow – Year 3 Marine Park Primary School, Hannah Kindred – Year 3 Whitehouse Primary School



Charlie Pellow, Tilly Aveyard, Ian Richardson (Capita), William Pellow, Hannah Kindred

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This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who demonstrates a positive attitude in everything they do.

Winner: Lucas Graham – Year 4 Monkhouse Primary



Michael Rickwood (Speech Genius), Lucas Graham

Lucas always gives 100% and has recently used his free time at break and lunch to help and support other students who were having difficulty learning samba steps for the class dance festival.

He supported one boy in particular who had some anxiety issues and would have been unable to take part in the dance festival without Lucas' wonderful encouragement.

Finalists:
 Kai Smith – Year 6 Silverdale School, Lucas Graham – Year 4 Monkhouse Primary School,
 James Wears – Year 10 Beacon Hill School, Aom Sueakeaw – Year 6 Grasmere Academy



Kai Smith, Lucas Graham, James Wears, Aom Sueakeaw,
 Michael Rickwood (Speech Genius)



Award Sponsor: Speech Genius
 Speech Genius makes overcoming the fear of public speaking accessible and helps you to deliver your words confidently and clearly.

This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has gone to extraordinary lengths to enhance the lives of others.

Winner: Andrew Gray – Year 10 Burnside Business and Enterprise College



Andrew Gray, Peter Harrison (Gentoo)

Andrew has greatly improved the life of his friend who has been diagnosed as having Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
 Andrew helps his friend in all areas of school, including organising his day, helping him to arrive to lessons on time and reminding him of any homework, plus more social aspects such as encouraging his friend to join clubs and out of school activities.
 Andrew has been described as a kind, considerate, selfless person who always thinks of others before himself.

Finalists:
 Shannon Byrne – Year 11 Norham High School, Taylor Charlton – Year 5 Monkhouse Primary School,
 Andrew Gray – Year 10 Burnside Business and Enterprise College, Chloe Blackwell – Year 6 Stephenson Memorial Primary School



Shannon Byrne, Taylor Charlton, Andrew Gray,
 Chloe Blackwell



Award Sponsor: Gentoo Group
 We are a "profit for purpose" organisation, using any profits from our commercial activity to reinvest in achieving our ambition to improve the lives of people, communities and the environment in which we operate. We call it "the Art of Living".

This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has improved the lives of those around them in their community.

Winner: Robert Lee – Year 6 Denbigh Community Primary



Robert Lee, Martin Heardman (Newcastle United Foundation)

Last summer Robert was on his way to school when he heard a smoke alarm coming from a nearby house.

Peering through a window, he spotted a lady lying unconscious in her burning home and he leapt into action. He raised the alarm with passers by who broke down the door and dragged the lady to safety.

Thanks to his quick thinking, the lady recovered and Robert was hailed a life saver by the Fire Service.

Finalists:

Amy Bell – Year 8 Wellfield Middle School, Sean Sansom – Year 1 Benton Dene Primary School, Libby Wright – Year 11 Burnside Business and Enterprise College



Amy Bell, Sean Sansom, Libby Wright, Robert Lee



Award Sponsor: Newcastle United Foundation

We use the local passion for football to encourage learning and promote healthy lifestyles that will make a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children, young people and families in our region.

This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has worked hard and shown significant improvement in any area.

Winner: Pauline Kidd – Year 11 Moorbridge



Pauline Kidd, Will Washington (TES)

After a chaotic start in life, which resulted in Pauline being in the care system, mixing with the 'wrong crowd' and having no love for herself – she became pregnant at the age of 14. Becoming a mother inspired Pauline to turn her life around and whilst some were writing her off, Pauline proved them wrong – working with social workers and teachers to demonstrate her commitment to give her son the best start in life she possibly could.

Pauline is a fantastic presence in the student support centre - supportive, friendly, honest, funny and hard working. In her young life Pauline has experienced so many negative things and as a young mum life can be a struggle, but the way in which Pauline motivates herself, loves her son, works hard, supports others and refuses to give up has been described as "truly inspirational".

Finalists:

Erin Curry – Year 4 Grasmere Academy, Daniel James Allan – Year 5 King Edward Primary School, Pauline Kidd – Year 11 Moorbridge, Robert Ellis – Year 5 Silverdale School



Erin Curry, Daniel James Allan, Pauline Kidd, Robert Ellis



Award Sponsor: TES

Achievement Award

This award was designed to recognise the personal achievement of a child or young person which does not fall into any other category.

Winner: Abbi Savage – Year 8 Southlands School



Abbi Savage, Jon Ritchie (Cofely)

Abbi has some difficulties which impact on her social communication and language skills, however she is slowly engaging in more social situations and with a little gentle persuasion she has become involved in a number of school and afterschool clubs and activities.

Abbi has joined the drama club, which lead to her taking a part in the school Christmas performance in front of the whole school! This has been a revelation for Abbi, giving her strength and growing her confidence.

The distance Abbi has travelled in a comparatively short period of time is a shining example to all young people of what can be achieved with grit and determination in the face of adversity.

Finalists:

Luke Blacklock – Year 13 George Stephenson High School, Sam Bullock – Year 8 Burnside Business and Enterprise College, Abbi Savage – Year 8 Southlands School, Jamie Brown – Year 7 Churchill Community College



Sam Bullock, Luke Blacklock, Abbi Savage, Jamie Brown

Award Sponsor: Cofely GDF Suez

The Cofely Partnership delivers a range of back office services to North Tyneside Council. This includes working with the vast majority of the borough's schools delivering Finance, HR and Health and Safety services and support. At Cofely we play an active role in the community, supporting local groups, businesses, schools, and charities and are delighted to be involved with the NTLT Star Awards.



Inclusion Award

This award was designed to recognise a child or young person who has demonstrated an understanding and acceptance of other people and actively promotes tolerance and cohesion.

Winner: Caitlain Wright – Year 11 Monkseaton High School



Dawn Waugh (NHS Foundation Trust), Caitlain Wright, Emily Childerstone (NHS Foundation Trust)

Caitlain once had some real difficulties during her school life, however she is now a model student at Whitley Bay Student Support Centre.

She volunteered to welcome new students to the centre, and met with younger students sharing her personal experiences and encouraging them to make positive changes and engage with staff.

The staff at the Centre have described how her honesty and willingness to help others had a profound effect on her fellow students, and has inspired others to turn themselves around by leading by example.

Finalists:

Caitlain Wright – Year 11 Monkseaton High School, Sam Wardlaw – Reception Redesdale Primary School, Genna Archer – Year 6 Stephenson Memorial, Sarah Gilroy – Year 13 Burnside Business and Enterprise College



Caitlain Wright, Sam Wardlaw, Genna Archer

Award Sponsor: NHS Foundation Trust

Providing healthcare to over half a million people from North Tyneside to the Scottish Border and to Hexham and Haltwhistle in the west of Northumberland.



This award was chosen by the winners of the 2014 Star Awards from children and young people nominated by their peers in any of the above categories.

Winner: Tialeigh Smith – Year 5 Ivy Road Primary School



Emma Overton (Head of Stephenson Memorial Primary School), Gareth Gaston (Vision for Education), Tialeigh Smith

Tialeigh was nominated an incredible 13 times by friends and family for the Resilience Award.

Tialeigh has shown a fantastically positive attitude and bravery whilst coping with the daily struggles of Type 1 diabetes. She never complains, even when it prevents her from taking part in activities.

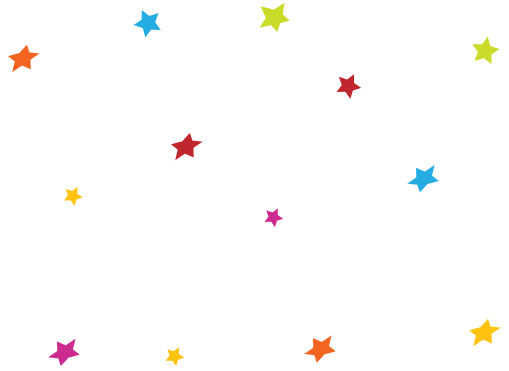
She has been described as extremely brave and determined, as well as having a positive outlook and never giving up.

Finalists:

Rosie Campbell – Year 2 South Wellfield First School, Casey McCartney – Year 5 Stephenson Memorial Primary School, Sophie Tonge – Year 5 Stephenson Memorial Primary School, Tialeigh Smith – Year 5 Ivy Road Primary School



Rosie Campbell, Casey McCartney



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