



NST Newsletter: Monday 9th October 2023

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award Update
- DPO Refresher Training Session – Wednesday 18th October
- ABLE Autumn Conference – Working Towards Net Zero
- Maths Hub Working Groups (**1 attachment**)
- NATRE Update and RE Today **Resources (2 attachments)**
- Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award Update

Helen Richardson (Deputy Headteacher at Seely) has been investigating the possibility of Local Authority funding for schools to apply for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award, following our online meeting for interested schools which took place in the summer term.

Unfortunately, it does not seem that funding from the Local Authority will be possible. RRSA have therefore offered NST schools a 25% discount off their 2023-24 membership (usually £2 per pupil).

They are also willing to extend this offer to 2024-25 if there is still no Local Authority funding available. It is expected that schools could achieve Bronze: Rights Committed and Silver: Rights Aware during those two years.

RRSA members schools have access to:

- Accreditation at Bronze, Silver and Gold
- [Training courses](#) – delivered virtually by the RRSA team – if we get 8+ schools we could deliver bespoke training for Nottingham schools.
- [Support workshops](#) – shorter sessions with a member of our team to address your questions and an opportunity to share practice
- [E-learning](#) – accessed on demand by any of your staff or governors
- Support from me as your Professional Adviser, as and when you need it, to progress on your journey
- Online teaching and learning resources, including [Article of the Week](#) and [Spotlight](#)
- Termly network meetings to share good practice

As mentioned at the summer term meeting, schools can meet termly (or more frequently if desired) to support each other to achieve the awards.

If you are still interested in becoming a Rights Respecting Schools Award school and the costings work for your school, please confirm by emailing helen.richardson@seely.nottingham.sch.uk and kathya@unicef.org.uk

DPO Refresher Training Session – Wednesday 18th October

DPOs should all have received a diary invite for an annual refresher training session that Pat Fielding is delivering on Wednesday 18th October, 9.00am to 11.00am, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre. If you haven't received the invite then please let [Emily](#) know and she can re-send it to you.

ABLE Autumn Conference – Working Towards Net Zero

ABLE has opened up registration for their autumn conference. The theme is Net Zero and there will be specialist workshops and a panel for Q&A. Plus a great selection of other workshops and speakers to choose from covering Getting your Office Ofsted ready, Strategic Estate and Business Management Planning, Excel Tips and Tricks and much more! [Click here to view the ABLE Autumn Conference Agenda 30th November 2023](#)

All SBMs or equivalent role are invited to register for the ABLE autumn conference held at Eastwood Hall. NST buys one membership per school and it is transferable between colleagues, as long as only one attends per event.

To register click here: <https://ablepro.info/conferences/>. You must register to attend.

If you have further questions please email frances.rowland@nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk

Maths Hub Working Groups

Please find a flyer from the East Midlands West Maths Hub, detailing the working groups that they are running for both primary and secondary. The flyer contain QR codes which you can use to find out more or to sign up, or you can visit their website here: <http://emwest.co.uk/>

NATRE Update and RE Today Resources

Please find attached two documents which have been forwarded to us for circulation from Heidi Shewell-Cooper (Nottingham City SACRE):

- NATRE membership flyer, which includes details of their virtual RE conference (Strictly RE) on 27th and 28th January 2024. You can read more about the conference including details of sessions online here: [Strictly RE 2024 – RE teacher virtual conference \(natre.org.uk\)](https://natre.org.uk)
- RE Today flyer which details their classroom ready resources including lesson plans. If you would like any further information contact Chris Hooper at RE Today at chris@retoday.org.uk

Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

Dates for the following meetings are now available to book on Eventbrite (click on the hyperlinks below to book):

- [PSHE Network – Monday 9th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Tuesday 10th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Curriculum Leads Network – Friday 13th October, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Tuesday 17th October, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- [Art Network – Thursday 19th October, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [English Network – Tuesday 7th November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 10th November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 16th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [History Network – Monday 20th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE Network – NST funding one place per school for PE Leaders to attend the Active Notts conference on Monday 20th November. Contact [Emily](#) for further information.
- [Phonics Network – Tuesday 21st November, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Wednesday 29th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 6th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Science Network – Thursday 7th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)