

RSN Seminar: Rural Education, Training & Apprenticeships

Date: 27th January 2021

Subject: Rural Education, Training & Apprenticeships

Chair: [Graham Biggs MBE](#), Chief Executive, Rural Services Network¹

Host: Online Event via Zoom

Learning Outcomes

Nicola Coupe, Diocese of Salisbury

- Rural Teaching Partnership has been launched between Teach First, Chartered College of Teaching and Church of England.
- The partnership will run in ten pilot regions across England and will see trainee teachers, trained by Teach First, start two-year placements with Church of England primary schools in September 2021.
- Aims to overcome issues of recruitment and retention in rural schools and give teachers the skills to teach in often smaller classes, and classes which contain a mixture of year groups.
- Part of the recruitment process includes consideration of the challenges relating to transport and cost of housing in rural areas.

[Click here to see news article on Teacher Training on Rural Teaching Partnership](#)²

Dr Oliver Jenkin, [CSW Group](#)³

- A not-for-profit social enterprise offering information, guidance, and support to individuals as they move through different stages of their lives.
- Contracted by the Local Authorities of Devon, Cornwall, Plymouth, Torbay and Somerset to provide services to encourage, enable or assist young people in effectively participating in education or training.
- Barriers facing young rural people:
Limited public transport:
 - Impacts young people's ability to access education, employment, training, medical appointments, and social opportunities. This in turn can adversely impact mental health.
 - Ability to travel can be limited by geography, finances and ability to rely on friends/family for transport (the latter must fit this around work and other commitments).
 - Difficulties accessing transport means young people often have to look for work in the immediate surroundings, often applying for what is available rather than what they are interested in.

¹ <https://www.rsonline.org.uk/page/our-team/graham-biggs>

² <https://www.rsonline.org.uk/church-of-england-to-provide-teacher-training-in-rural-schools-in-new-partnership-with-teach-first>

³ www.cswgroup.co.uk

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- Some young people also lack the confidence to access public transport and may need support with this.
- CSW Group helping young people by providing Transitions Contract, Online innovations and Focus 5 (Consistent support to targeted groups of young people).
- Useful link – [Helping Young People in Rural Areas](#).⁴

Claire Whitworth, [Hartpury College](#)⁵

- Land based colleges provide wide range of courses and levels.
- Focus on resilience and confidence alongside practical skills development.
- Engage with industry and businesses to inform curriculum and ensure teaching is appropriate to the future skills needed by workforce.
- Close contacts with businesses to enable work experience and substantial industry placements which is vital to enable students to understand the industry.
- Hartpury focus on collaborative working enabled through Landex group of colleges.
- Future considerations include the Skills for Jobs White Paper, T Level changes in 2023 and increased focus on Climate Commission.
- Major issues with capital funding for colleges – insufficient funds to support all development needs.

Additional areas discussed in the seminar

- Transport and access are a big issue for young people in rural areas.
- Not just about young people (under 18) but those in their 20's and older that are unskilled and have lost their employment through the pandemic. How can we try to support them to retrain and develop appropriate skills?
- Funding settlement for Further Education is vital.
- Rurality costs more
- 'It's a specific skill set to deliver teaching and services to rural communities, and we need to teach it, or we will lose it.'

⁴ <https://www.cswfocus5.co.uk/news/helping-young-people-rural-areas>

⁵ www.hartpury.ac.uk

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Cllr Stephen Bunney
Nicola Coupe
Lois Dale
Cllr Colin Day
James Elliott
Harriet English
David Fisher
Cllr Marion Fitzgerald
Katie Fitzsimmons
Dr Rebekah Gilbert
Dr Cathy Gristy
Simon Grundy
Lizzi Hearn
Michael Hewitt
Ian Hobbs
Paul James
Dr Oliver Jenkin
Liz Johnson-Idan
Valerie Johnston
Sarah Jones
Simon Kenny
Cllr Phil King
Jo Martin
Craig Matthews
Abi McCartney
Guy McQueen
Cllr Sandi Merifield
David Moore
Pranali Parikh
Steven Porter
Hilary Porter
Nicola Radford
Cllr Mary Robinson
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Sonia Simons
Laura Smith

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The Diocese of Salisbury
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Uttlesford District Council
South Northamptonshire Council
Plunkett Foundation
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Allerdale Borough Council
The Diocese of Truro
Rye Town Council
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Bicton College
CPRE
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Cotswold District Council
CSW Group
Chard Town Council
Tees Valley Rural Action
Shropshire Council
Norfolk County Council
Harborough District Council
Rural Business Network
East Hampshire District Council
Rugby Borough Council
Lewes District & Eastbourne Borough Councils
Uttlesford District Council
Rugby Borough Council
Melton Borough Council
Landex
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