

# Sector-led improvement: taking a fresh look at Children's Services

The sixth annual Summer Think Tank, 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017

The Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire

We invite you to join us at the sixth annual Summer Think Tank, which is your opportunity to spend time out in a relaxed environment together with your peers reflecting on the challenges that you have faced over the last 12 months and, making use of the collective wisdom of the group, to consider what may lie ahead in the coming year.

This year the theme will provide the opportunity for DCSs, their direct reports and others in senior leadership positions across the public sector to reflect on how we might design and implement a sector-led model of continuous improvement in children's services. To achieve this the Think Tank content will be split over the two days in order to permit a specific focus on the ADCS proposed new model of sector-led improvement for children's services on day 1 and emerging new LA arrangements for school-led improvement on day 2.

Our programme includes contributions from:

<b>Day 1:</b>	<b>Eleanor Schooling</b> , National Director Social Care, Ofsted
<b>Day 2:</b>	<b>Dean Jackson</b> , Lead Director Education & Skills, Newcastle City Council, on the journey to schools-led improvement in Newcastle



## Cost

Subscribing local authorities are entitled to one place for the DCS or their nominee free of charge on either of the Summer or Winter Think Tanks. A reduced rate also applies to any additional places for subscribing LA employees, to find out more please click [here](#).

For non-subscribing local authorities the following charges apply:

Attendance	Price
<b>Full attendance:</b> both days of the Think Tank, inclusive of dinner, bed and breakfast at the venue	£385 + VAT
<b>One day attendance:</b> attendance at only one day of the Think Tank, either 21st or 22nd August excluding dinner, bed and breakfast	£140 + VAT
<b>Monday attendance including dinner:</b> attendance on only the first day of the Think Tank, 21st August, excluding bed and breakfast	£185 + VAT
<b>One day attendance including dinner, bed and breakfast:</b> attendance at only one day of the Think Tank, including dinner, bed and breakfast	£265 + VAT
<b>Tuesday attendance including bed and breakfast:</b> attendance on day 2 of the Think Tank, including bed and breakfast the night prior	£220 + VAT

## How to book

Places on the Think Tank are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a place please complete the [booking form](#) and return to [Jessica.Drummond@thestaffcollege.uk](mailto:Jessica.Drummond@thestaffcollege.uk).

Please note: This event is subject to our cancellation policy, which can be found [here](#).

# Outline Agenda

DAY 1 – Sector Led Improvement in Children’s Services	
Timing	Activity
11:15 – 11:45	Registration
11:45 – 13:15	Welcome, introductions & context setting Anton Florek, Chief Executive, The Staff College
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 1 – Improvement in children’s services: Towards a sector-led model</b> This first session of the day will aim to provide the opportunity for a broad ranging discussion on the current context of children’s social care in England, the existing models for improvement and the lessons learnt from the current cycle of inspection and regulation. <b>Anton Florek</b>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Session 2 – Improvement in children’s services: Towards a sector-led model</b> During this session participants will be introduced to the emerging model of sector-led improvement which the ADCS Task & Finish Group has been working on over the past few months. <b>Anton Florek</b>
17:00 – 18:30	<b>Session 3 – Improvement in children’s services: Towards a sector-led model</b> Using the collective wisdom of the group, participants will be invited to review the proposed model and using their own locality models of sector-led approaches to inform their discussion, work towards a final version to be considered by the Association during the autumn of 2017. <b>Anton Florek</b> <b>Eleanor Schooling</b> CBE, National Director, Social Care, Ofsted
18:30	Networking time
19:30	Dinner
DAY 2 – School-led improvement	
Timing	Activity
09:00 – 09:15	Review and reflection <b>Anton Florek</b> , Chief Executive, The Staff College
09:15 – 10:45	<b>Session 4 – Improvement through collaborative professionalism: Creating the conditions for school-led solutions</b> We will use this session to draw upon lessons from national and international research that provide important insights on how school systems achieve excellence – <i>improving through peers and innovative collaboration</i> – and consider opportunities for schools to work together with local authorities to co-design new school improvement models. <b>Anton Florek</b>
10:45 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Session 5 – Creating a local school-led system in Newcastle</b> This case study will share the Newcastle story detailing its journey towards developing a sustainable sector-led system, highlighting the key steps to date. The session will share the successes and challenges along the way and conclude by outlining the next steps in the development of a city-wide approach to school-led improvement. <b>Dean Jackson</b> , Lead Director Education & Skills, Newcastle City Council
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Session 6 – Emerging models: stories of systems and solutions</b> This session will provide the opportunity for participants to share their own local developments towards school-led school improvement using their peers to reflect on the implications of the features of the various models for their own policy and practice. <b>Anton Florek</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Session 7 – From fragmented centralism to connected localism: maintaining public sector schooling in a diverse system.</b> This last session of the day will focus on futures thinking and consider the likely challenges facing LAs and schools in a direct funded model of state education. <b>Anton Florek</b>
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