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Host a trainee

in South Yorkshire and Peak District schools

Support trainees with one of the region's biggest and longest established teacher training alliances.



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Who we are

By hosting and mentoring a trainee teacher, you will be providing them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to influence their future careers. This makes mentoring an extremely rewarding opportunity for schools.

We provide the initial training that new teachers are required to complete before starting their first teaching job. Offering training for anyone wanting to teach in primary, secondary, early years and special schools, we focus on training, guiding and supporting you not only through the process of becoming a teacher, but throughout your entire professional teaching career.

With our mix of academic learning, specialist training and placements in schools, trainees will learn the relevant theory backed by practical experience.

We work with our educational partners to ensure they receive high-quality training and our goal is to provide them with the skills, knowledge, expertise and confidence to become a successful well-rounded teacher.



Mentor the future generations of teachers

Mentoring can be an incredibly rewarding job. Mentors will have a huge influence on the start of a teacher's career, can broaden their horizons and inspire their futures.

There are various reasons why staff in your school might choose to mentor a trainee:

- They enjoy mentoring and coaching.
- They are passionate about a particular subject area/phase.
- They have been inspired through their own experience of education.
- It allows them to use their skills to give something back.
- They are keen to develop personally and enhance their own skill set.

What can hosting a trainee do for your school?

There are many reasons why schools would want to host a trainee teacher:

- Professional development of your staff through coaching and mentoring a trainee.
- You will play a direct role in shaping and guiding the next generation of teachers - potential future staff for your school.
- Get up to date with the new research and methodologies that a trainee can bring.
- Inspiring the next generation of teachers and leaders.



I used to work in retail and the desire for a career that offered more job satisfaction led me to pursue teaching. Throughout my training I've been immersed in a world that brings new challenges and triumphs, but the true highlight has been the opportunity to work in schools and see the growth and development of the students. Knowing that I have played a part in shaping their futures has provided me with a sense of fulfilment.



During my school placement, I taught maths for the term, culminating in a class-wide assessment. Seeing the excellent results was heartening and affirmed the impact of my teaching on student learning.



Why choose to host a trainee?

We work with a range of partners to ensure that our teacher training provides participants with specialist teaching skills, knowledge and experience. You can be rest assured that we will do our best to prepare trainees fully for their new career as a teacher.

We are an Associate College of the National Institute of Teaching, offering a fully immersive school-centered programme. Our structured programme combines academic study with specialist training delivered by STTA's expert colleagues, alongside two school placements. This approach blends the best of theory and classroom practice, giving trainees two types of training and two types of placement.

Trainees benefit from research-informed practice, specialist support from STTA, and hands-on classroom experience, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive as teachers.



100%
of trainees agree that they feel positively challenged to be the best teachers possible.*

The best thing about training with STTA is the constant support provided. There is always someone available to ask questions, to provide advice, or support you in any way that you need. Additionally, the friendships you form with fellow trainees creates a sense of family. STTA believed in me from day one. They are supportive, engaging and really care about your progress and your individual needs.



*STTA secondary end of year survey 2023/24

Training

Our training is led by outstanding practitioners who teach every day and by experienced professionals who are at the cutting edge of educational research.

Academic training

Trainees will start their school placement at the start of their training, will be supported by STTA and a school mentor. They will also attend weekly online central training sessions taught by specialist academic staff from the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT) and have the opportunity to explore their own subject knowledge away from the classroom, reflecting on their own experience.

STTA enhancement training

We plan and deliver our own professional learning sessions to enhance the NlOT programme. Our expert academic staff have years of teaching experience and they will guide you in preparing for a career as a teacher. All trainees will meet together at certain points throughout the year, offering valuable opportunities to network and share insights.



Getting experience in two contrasting schools is great as you get to know how different schools work in different ways. You get a lot of hands-on experience. Learning as you go, and being able to adapt is the best way to learn.



Placements

Trainees have two placements in our partner schools. This means that they will spend time in two contrasting schools gaining the essential hands-on experience in the classroom, learning from experienced teaching staff and becoming part of your school team giving them the opportunity to build lasting relationships with colleagues.

We would love you to be part of our large network of partner schools as this means that we can provide a range of schools for trainee placements across our region and spread the pool of talent to ensure everyone gets the best experiencing of hosting a trainee.

*STTA primary end of year survey 2023/24

Our partners

We work with a range of partners across South Yorkshire and the wider region and train over 100 trainees every year. We are one of the biggest and longest established teacher training alliances in the region, with a large network of highly experienced and well qualified staff.

National Institute of Teaching

Through our partnership with the National Institute of Teaching and over 100 local schools, our trainees gain nationally recognised, research-informed practice that is firmly rooted in local contexts. Schools hosting a trainee benefit from working with well-prepared, reflective trainees who bring evidence-informed approaches into classrooms, while also contributing to a strong culture of professional learning and development across the school.



Our partners



We are part of the Chorus Education Trust, rooted in the belief that education can change lives. It is a growing local trust committed to providing the very best education for all children in our region. Chorus recognises the outstanding expertise that is available across our region and this can be harnessed by drawing on one of the biggest strengths in the education world; the willingness to share, support and collaborate.



STTA is part of the South Yorkshire Teaching Hub, a one-stop shop of everything related to teaching. It brings together the DfE's golden thread to help teachers throughout their entire career. This includes:

- Initial teacher training.
- Early career framework (ECF).
- Appropriate body (AB).
- Continuing professional development (CPD).
- Delivery of national professional qualifications (NPQs).
- Supporting the local education community.

They will be able to point you towards everything you need to start and develop your career as a teacher.



Our sister organisation runs the only national teacher training courses dedicated to modern languages. The course have been designed by experts in the teaching of modern languages. They provide training opportunities throughout the country through their geographical hubs, which makes them uniquely different from other routes into teaching.



The founding school of our alliance is Silverdale, a highly successful secondary comprehensive school in the south of Sheffield.



We work closely with this national charity for effective professional development in schools and colleges.



Get in touch with us and let's talk about teaching.



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