

Fenland and East Cambridgeshire (FEC) Opportunity Area (OA) Programme

FEC OA Year 5 Offer – How to get involved?

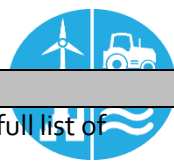


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| Ready to Learn | | |
| <p>Webinar Series</p> <p>The OA Webinar Series has been set up as an ongoing and sustainable central hosting site for information and CPD for education professionals.</p> <p><u>Topics covered include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject-specific training, e.g., English, maths, history, music, PE • Leadership • Mental health and wellbeing • NQT/RQT support • EAL • Governance | <p>All Education Professionals across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, West Norfolk and Kings Lynn</p> | <p>To sign up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to https://khub.net/sign-up • Complete your details and verify your account – you will be sent an email to verify • Sign in and accept the site terms <p>2021/21 webinar series launch document, webinar-series-year-5-launch-doc.pdf (wordpress.com)</p> <p>For more information, OA Webinar Series</p> |
| <p>EAL Resources</p> <p>The Opportunity Area has commissioned the EAL Academy to develop a series of resources on supporting pupils with English as an additional language (EAL), this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAL Handbook for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough • A series of four webinars, hosted on the OA webinar series, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New arrivals with little or no English • Pupils in the early stages of acquiring English • More advanced EAL learners • EAL new arrivals with SEND | <p>All Education Professionals across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, West Norfolk and Kings Lynn</p> | <p>The EAL Handbook is available here, EAL Handbook for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</p> <p>For more information, EAL Resources (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Ready to Learn Cluster Group Offer</p> <p>Headteacher cluster groups are invited to join this exciting new project which prioritises engagement, enrichment and wellbeing opportunities for the most disadvantaged pupils. The project is focused on responding to the emerging challenges that have arisen or widened due to the pandemic and strategies that may go wider than the school gates. This is also an opportunity to collaborate, trial new strategies and contribute to the body of emerging research regarding how best to support pupils at this unprecedented time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Headteacher cluster groups to collaborate on a project, funding of up to £10,000 per area/cluster group • There will be a maximum of one project per area cluster group • Planned outcomes must impact on wellbeing, engagement and enrichment for the most disadvantaged pupils supporting them to be 'Ready to Learn' | <p>All Headteacher cluster groups across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>Information document, RTL Cluster Group Offer information document</p> <p>If you would like to participate in this project, please complete and return the application form RTL Cluster Group Offer application form to Jayne Robinson, OA Ready to Learn Lead (Jayne.Robinson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) by 5pm on Monday 18th October 2021.</p> <p>For more information, Ready to Learn – Cluster Group Offer (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p><i>Additionally, there is a Ready to Learn Targeted Schools and Settings programme. The identified schools and settings will be contacted directly for the targeted programmes.</i></p> | | |



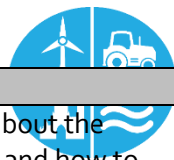
Early Years

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| <p>Early Years Offer</p> <p>Early years providers in the Opportunity Area (OA) can access a wide range of support suitable for all types of practitioner including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five to Thrive Training • REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) Training • Access to the Cambridgeshire CLL Modular Pathway • Business and Governance Training | <p>All Childminders and Early Years Settings across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Early Years Offer (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Funded 2s Project</p> <p>The Funded 2s (F2s) Project targets families in the OA with children eligible for F2s places in early years provision. It aims to develop their understanding and see the benefits of early education and the importance of early years. The project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a governance structure for the work of increasing F2s • A marketing campaign to promote F2s • Streamlining application processes for parents and providers • Community development work to break down barriers with parents • A Parent Champions Programme to spread the message about the benefits of early education and to encourage uptake of F2s. | <p>All families of children below the age of 2 across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Funded 2s Project (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>50 Things to do before you're 5</p> <p>Fully funded access to the '50 things to do before you're 5' app for all families across the OA. The app aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help parents/carers develop their home learning environment using free and low-cost activities • help children thrive by the age of five • support children's development with a focus on; skills, language, and resilience <p>Additionally, the settings across the OA will also have access to webinars, tutorials, and targeted support.</p> | <p>All settings and families across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, 50 Things to do Before You're 5 (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> <p>50 Things To Do Before You're Five Welcome</p> |
| <p>Early Years Community Project</p> <p>The OA Early Years Community Project focuses on supporting new parents to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of early childhood and the importance of early years and home learning, • helping their children to be 'preschool ready'. • a focus on the prime areas determined in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework (2021). | <p>All Childminders and Early Years Settings across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Ready to Learn – Early Years Community Project (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> <p>For more information, contact Quality.AssuranceTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p> |



Social, Emotional and Mental Health

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| <p>YMCA SEMH Training</p> <p>We have partnered with YMCA Trinity Group to offer a range of funded mental health training for schools and early years settings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the Trainer: Mental Health Champions • CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health (parents/carers can also enrol free of charge) • Mentoring Adults: A Solution Focused Approach • Mentoring Children and Young People: A Solution Focused Approach • Reflective Supervision Skills • Delivering Parent and Student Workshops | <p>All Early Years Settings and Schools across the OA (FEC)</p> <p>Some courses are also available for parents.</p> | <p>To sign up and see the full list of training available, https://fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/ymca-mental-health-training-funding-form-autumn-2021.docx</p> <p>For more information, SEMH Training from the YMCA (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Early Years STEPs Champions Training</p> <p>The OA is funding the development and delivery of an early year's model for STEPs in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire. The model is likely to later be rolled out across the county.</p> <p>This training will support early years practitioners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and explore the principals in action • embed the STEPs ethos in early years using a modular methodology • broaden the reach of STEPs so that children moving to schools with STEPs embedded will already have experienced a more therapeutic thinking approach. | <p>All Early Years Settings (including school based) across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, contact Jacquie Woodcock, STEPs County Lead via Jacquie.Woodcock@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p> <p>For more information, Early Years STEPs Champions Training (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Embedding STEPs STEPs Tutor Refresher training</p> <p>To keep STEPs-trained tutors' knowledge and understanding current, the OA is offering fully funded STEPs Refresher training for school staff in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire.</p> | <p>All Schools who have previously undertaken the STEPs Tutor Training across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, contact Jacquie Woodcock, STEPs County Lead via Jacquie.Woodcock@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p> <p>For more information, Embedding STEPs (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>SEND Parental Support- SENDIASS</p> <p>The OA have funded 2 additional posts in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire to increase the level of SEND Information Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) available to families and young people.</p> | <p>All young people and families with SEND across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Parental SEND Support – SENDIASS (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>SEND Parental Support- Pinpoint</p> <p>The OA has funded an increase in Pinpoint provision for parents and carers in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinpoint provides help and information to parents and carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with additional needs and disabilities. • No formal diagnosis is required to access support. • Pinpoint also provides opportunities for parents and carers to have a say and get involved in improving local services. | <p>All young people and families with SEND across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Pinpoint SEND Parent Carer Support (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> <p>Pinpoint Website: Pinpoint website</p> |



Community Support

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| <p>Youth Advisory Boards</p> <p>The OA has funded a Youth Advisory Board (YAB) in both Fenland and East Cambridgeshire. Both YABs are managed by 20Twenty Productions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each YAB involves young people aged 13–24 representing other young people across their district and meets monthly. • The YABs conduct regular surveys and provide support in direct response to concerns raised by young people for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food poverty initiatives ○ Community Fridges ○ Mental Health Toolkits | <p>All secondary schools and colleges across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information about the Youth Advisory Boards and how to get involved, contact Max@20twentyproductions.co.uk</p> <p>For more information, Youth Advisory Boards (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Detached Youth Work (DYW)</p> <p>The DYW team will be meeting young people where they are most comfortable (in their own communities) to positively influence their lives throughout the year.</p> <p>The DYW project involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing young people with support and guidance • Engaging young people in informal social education which is both exciting and challenging. • The opportunity to attend a Firebreak One course - an intensive one-day course that which supports the development of four key life skills. | <p>All young people across the OA (FEC)</p> | <p>For more information, Detached Youth Work (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> <p>For further information regarding the detached youth work or Firebreak One course please contact Ella Rolfe at: ella.rolfe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.</p> |
| <p>Parent Power</p> <p>The OA will be working with four Fenland secondary schools as part of the new one-year Fenland Parent Power project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose is to give identified parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils the tools to build and support their children’s aspirations. • Fenland Parent Power will upskill parents about progression into further and higher education to give their children the best opportunities. • Parents will learn about student finance and university access. | <p>Fenland Secondary Schools</p> <p>We will invite these schools to identify around 12 parents of disadvantaged, high performing Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils, who would benefit from the project.</p> | <p>For more information, Fenland Parent Power (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |
| <p>Healthy Mind, Healthy Body</p> <p>The OA is funding three rounds of the Healthy Mind, Healthy Body (HMHB) project, run by 20Twenty Productions.</p> <p>HMHB is a 6-week food education course for young people designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase confidence around food • develop new cooking skills • increase knowledge of healthy eating on a budget • help young people understand food groups and having a healthy diet | <p>15 young people from each of the four secondary schools in Fenland will be invited to take part. Over the course of the three rounds, the project will support 180 young people.</p> | <p>Please note, this project is invitation only but for more information, please contact the 20Twenty Productions team, Emma@20twentyproductions.co.uk</p> <p>For more information, Food Projects – Healthy Mind, Healthy Body (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)</p> |



Sharing Best Practice

Eastern Region OA's Sharing Learning Hub

The Eastern Opportunity Area (OA) teams have been developing an online Sharing Learning Hub. The hub will capture the learning and insights gathered over 5 years of OA investment in Norwich, Ipswich and Fenland and East Cambridgeshire.

The hub will feature evaluations, tips, insights, CPD and practical resources. These will come from the local schools, settings, colleges, and partner organisations. The hub will provide information about the implementation of OA initiatives in East Anglia, and the impact they have had.

All interested professionals.

There is an Eastern OAs Sharing Learning Hub launch event is taking place virtually on **Thursday 30th September (3:30–4.30pm)**. Zoom details to follow.

For more information, [Eastern Opportunity Areas Sharing Learning Hub \(fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk\)](https://fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)

Working with Other Government Departments

Early Identification of Autism (EIA)

The OA has been given the opportunity to get involved in the EIA, a forward-thinking pilot which aims to explore using routinely collected early years foundation stage (EYFS) profile data as a screening tool for children who may be on the autistic spectrum.

- The process has been found to reduce autism assessment waiting times.
- Enables schools to put in place support earlier before needs escalate so the child can engage more fully in their education.
- Potential to reduce inequity in the autism assessment process, as diagnosis can often occur later in children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Pilot schools will be invited to join the project.

Please note, this project is still under development.

For more information, [Early Identification of Autism \(fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk\)](https://fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)

Oxford/Cambridge Arc (Ox/Cam Arc)

The Ox/Cam Arc **ambition** is to build a better economic, social, and environmental future for the cities, towns, and rural communities across the area.

The OA is funding a project that will link the businesses attracted to the Arc with careers leaders in schools. This will raise young people's awareness of the job opportunities available in the area and the skills and qualifications required.

For more information, [Oxford-Cambridge Arc \(fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk\)](https://fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)

COMING SOON... (Projects still under development for all schools across the OA)

- Teaching Assistant Support,
- Curriculum Support in collaboration with the Teaching School Hub,
- Parental Support,
- Research opportunities and support in collaboration with the EEF



Twining with Peterborough

The OA is partnering with neighbouring areas to share some of the best practice picked up over the course of the programme.

TWINNING – STEPS Training

The OA is partnering with colleagues in Peterborough to deliver 3-day STEPS Tutor Training (Step On) to schools in the city. This project reflects the OA's commitment to 'twinning' with neighbouring areas with similar needs and aligns with Priority 2 of the programme. Any school or setting within Peterborough is eligible for members of staff to be trained.

All schools across Peterborough

For more information, [STEPS Tutor Training \(Peterborough Twinning Project\)](#) (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)

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- Mentoring Children and Young People: A Solution Focused Approach
- Reflective Supervision Skills
- Delivering Parent and Student Workshops

All Early Years Settings and Schools across Peterborough.

Some courses are also available for parents.

Please complete the mental health training (Peterborough) application form and email it to lisa.smith@ymcatrinity.org.uk by 30 December 2021 (Round 1).

For more information, [SEMHS Training from the YMCA \(Peterborough Twinning Project\)](#) (fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk)

COMING SOON... additional twinning activity with Peterborough including a focus on Phonics.

Other useful documents:

- Opportunity Area Newsletter: [Newsletter \(fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk\)](#)
- Opportunity Area Website: [Fenland & East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area Improving opportunity through education \(fenlandeastcambridgeshireoa.co.uk\)](#)

How to get in touch?

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