

**Spring 2023**

## Supporting Children and Young People from Ukraine

Over the last year, families have arrived from Ukraine to seek a safe place to live in the UK, and we have many families across Lancashire. Many of these families had planned for a short stay here but, with the ongoing situation in the Ukraine, their plans are having to change.

Once registered in school, all these pupils will receive EAL funding (as with any new arrival in our system) and can be referred for the EAL team for support. We can then provide schools with a funded advice visit (free of charge) for staff in school and provide advice on EAL funding, strategies, support and resources and the services our team offers. To refer your students from Ukraine (and any other new arrivals) please use the Referral for Support form on the Schools' Portal.

We also have a training programme (either centrally delivered or in-school) for schools, teachers and/or other school staff new to supporting EAL students. Please contact us or refer your pupil to find out more.

### Additional Funding for Schools

Most of these Ukrainian children and young people arrived through the *Homes for Ukraine* visa scheme and are entitled to funding from the Department for Education, in addition to their EAL funding. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-for-ukraine-education-and-childcare-funding/homes-for-ukraine-education-and-childcare-grant-conditions-of-funding>). The first round of applications for this funding took place in November 2022.

If your school applied in Autumn Term, you will receive funding from the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 funds, if your pupils are eligible, once Fusion is up and running. Funding has not yet been received from the DfE for Quarters 3 and 4 so the application process and further detail will be announced in due course and may vary dependent on Department for Education guidance. **[Continued on page 2]**

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# Meet Bev Meadowcroft!

## Our new Gypsy Roma Traveller Teaching Assistant

Hi everyone! My name is Bev and I am a new Teaching Assistant (TA) with the GRT team. I am looking forward to a new challenge.

I have been working as a TA in a secondary school for the past 12 years: supporting low achievers across the curriculum with their education, supporting staff with challenging behaviours in class, delivering RSE in a Bridge unit and working 1:1/small groups in literacy. Before that I worked as a TA in Primary School and as British Sign Language (BSL) signed support at University, Secondary, Primary and Special school provision.

All these roles involve contact with people: young or old, I just love it!

I have met some of the team whilst shadowing, at County Hall and in ELLIE. I look forward to meeting the rest of the team, and our colleagues all across Lancashire, in due course.



## Ukrainian Funding continued...

Lancashire County Council is using some of this funding to resource centrally delivered services for these children and young people. Additionally, a portion of the funding will be allocated to the Equality and Diversity Team to provide support directly to schools (at no cost to schools with eligible pupils). Additionally, there is some funding for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) within this group.

### Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- If you are unsure whether a Ukrainian pupil at your school has arrived through this specific visa scheme, please apply anyway and this can be verified.
- Please be aware that funding will vary depending on the arrival date in the United Kingdom and the age of pupil.
- The funding will be backdated for Quarters 1 and 2, if you missed the November deadline, for students that arrived in the country within Quarter 1 or Quarter 2.

	Funding per Quarter (for Quarters 1 and 2)
Early years (2 to 4)	Up to £450.00
Primary (5 to 11)	Up to £822.50
Secondary (12 to 18)	Up to £1,094.50



# Focus Events 2023

**T**he Education Improvement–Equality and Diversity Team are always keen to use the wide variety of different focus days, weeks and months we observe throughout the year as stimulus for our work in schools and to help schools reflect diversity within their classrooms. As such we've put together a calendar of what we think is a balanced and diverse selection of these events for which we will be offering you some resources and support in using within your school. If you already have things planned in your school for any of these events, please let us know; maybe there's something we can do to help!

All support delivered to schools related to these events will be funded by Lancashire County Council and will be at zero cost to your school, so please don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any great ideas for how to use these events in your school.

January	27 <sup>th</sup> – Holocaust Memorial Day	February	21 <sup>st</sup> – International Mother Languages Day
March	8 <sup>th</sup> – International Women's Day	April	24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> – Lancashire South Asian Week
May	5 <sup>th</sup> – African World Heritage Day 6 <sup>th</sup> – SPECIAL – Coronation of King Charles	June	Pride Month GRT History Month 17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Refugee Week
September	8 <sup>th</sup> – International Literacy Day	October	Black History Month
November	12 – 19 <sup>th</sup> – National Interfaith Week 19 <sup>th</sup> – International Men's Day 27 <sup>th</sup> – Lancashire Day	December	3 <sup>rd</sup> – International Day of Persons with Disabilities

We picked these particular focus events because they're spread reasonably evenly throughout the year and represent a diverse cross-section of the communities that we have in Lancashire, but that doesn't mean that the list is exhaustive, and if you spot something you think we've missed, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## Online Study Centres

Online study sessions are ongoing. These offer additional out-of-school academic support for pupils from Year 3 to Year 11, and are free of charge.

To register: <https://forms.gle/SPDAacq7n5KmUio79>

Further information will be given to registrants.

For queries please contact: [apu.chowdhury@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:apu.chowdhury@lancashire.gov.uk); 07771 338879.



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# Translated Documents can Support Primary Schools with your Families

The **Education Improvement – Equality and Diversity** team has produced and translated practical documents for school staff and the EAL families we support.

Parents new to the UK need additional support when their children start attending school here. They need to know how the school works – about school opening hours, uniform, PE kit, school meals, snacks and drinks (cost and system), after-school activities, holiday patterns, attendance regulations and what constitutes a healthy lunch, among other things.

These documents can help parents/carers to understand the school system better, and they provide information and advice on parents' meetings, school attendance, school bags and more besides.

All documents have been translated into the top 14 languages currently spoken by our newly-arrived families: Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Dari, Hungarian, Kurdish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Pashtu, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian and Urdu.

If you would like to download these documents please go to our website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/teaching-and-learning/education-improvement-equality-and-diversity-team/resources/eal-resources-for-schools/>



## Meet Jessica Hind!

### Our new Ethnic Minority Education Access Officer

"Hi, I am Jessica. I have recently started in the role as Ethnic Minority Education Access Officer based out of The Faith Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley. I am excited to begin a new challenge in my career and look forward to working closely with the local schools and community, building strong links within these.

I have previously worked at Lancashire Constabulary in three different roles, beginning my work as a Police Community Support Officer within the 'Coalclough and Deerplay' Ward of Burnley; I then worked as the Cadet Coordinator and fi-

nally as an Offender Manager within the Public Protection Unit, both covering East Lancashire. I have an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Crime Studies and a Masters Degree in Counter Terrorism. I hope my working and Learning experience will aid me in my new role and I am eager to learn from my experienced colleagues in my office and wider network. If you see me out and about, please say 'Hi!'"



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# Secondary Schools Link at Burnley Youth Theatre

In October **Burnley Youth Theatre** hosted and facilitated the coming together of four schools in Lancashire's first **Secondary School Linking Project**: Marsden Heights, Colne Park, Pendle Vale and Colne Primet.

The aims of the project were to promote diversity and equality and to break down stereotypes. The project also explored differences, hate crime and racism. There was a strong focus on empowering young people to make change, particularly in their school community.

Each school selected 5 pupils from Year 8 to take part in the project at Burnley Youth Theatre and worked with two practitioners over 3 days. Drama was the main art form used as a tool to open up dialogue about issues, and empowered students about youth leadership and how they can make a change within their school community and town.



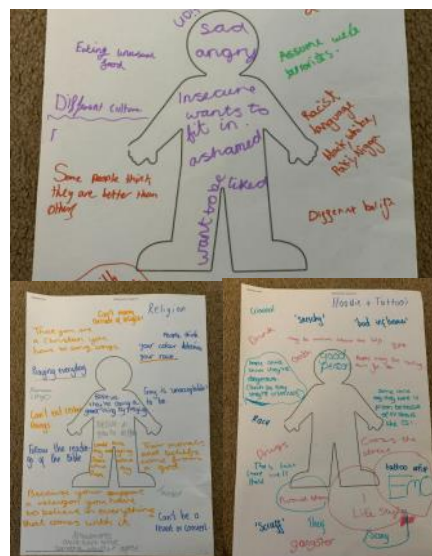
Lead practitioner Taylor Barnes noted that students learned to tackle stereotypes through interacting with other students.

*"...at first the group really struggled to engage in conversation about [LGBTQ+ communities] but as the sessions progressed they were able to speak up more and ask questions, taking down the barrier of being able to discuss a topic openly with other students whom they had never met before".*

Feedback from teachers was that they were really impressed with how the creative team managed to incorporate heavy topics in creative exercises, which allowed the children to first see a topic through a drama game and then discuss it more afterwards. These exercises included *Role on the Wall*; *Beat the Boss*; and *Stop the Scene*.

At the end of the project, students were divided into two groups with each group preparing a short piece of theatre in which they depicted an individual or group being bullied and then how the situation could be resolved. What was

really interesting is that both groups had slightly different outcomes—one based on peer feedback, the other on informing authority figures—which showed they had taken on board that there are different ways to break down bullying and judgement.



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## Secondary Schools Link continued...

It is hoped that this project can be repeated, ideally with longer sessions and the use of other art forms, such as film, to maximise the impact of messages across school communities.

Kate Hooper, Curriculum Leader for Creative and Performing Arts at Colne Park said that their students “really enjoyed taking part and interacting with other schools. The workshops were powerful and promoted diversity and equality and breaking down stereotypes. It was an excellent opportunity for our young people to meet other students from different schools, backgrounds and cultures, learning more about each other in addition to working together to achieve a common goal”, while Kate Hesketh from Pendle Vale stated that students had “tried to put into practice the ideas they worked on at The Youth Theatre, especially defusing situations where bullying was concerned”.



### DON'T FORGET TO REFER EAL PUPILS FOR YOUR FREE VISIT

Our service offers funded advice visits for all international new arrivals, including asylum seekers and refugees, which are free to Lancashire maintained schools.

To arrange support, please complete the referral form under EAL on the Schools Portal.



### CONTACTS FOR PREVENT CONCERNS

**Lancashire Schools** – Prevent Lead - [afyasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:afyasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk)  
Website - [www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk](http://www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk)

For support, advice, training and all other enquiries relating to Prevent or Channel please contact the Lancashire Prevent Team

If you spot any stickers, graffiti or leaflets, please take a picture and send it to our mailbox.

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[prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk)

[www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk](http://www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk)

Lancashire Police Prevent Team [concern@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:concern@lancashire.police.uk). If it is urgent dial 101 or 999 and ask for the Prevent Team.



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## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE NETWORKS FOR SCHOOLS

We hold termly cluster meetings for EAL co-ordinators that provide guidance on good practice, give policy updates and serve as an opportunity to raise concerns, seek advice and network with other EAL staff.

# EAL Cluster Meetings

## EAL CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS SPRING 2023

Updates • Briefings on policy and research • Network • Share best practice

**March 2023**

**Focus: EAL Learners and Phonics Instruction**

Our Coordinators Meetings this term focus on the place of Phonics in learners' instruction: resources and how Phonics can be used as part of effective teaching of International New Arrivals.



*The fee is £50, but each LCC school may reserve one place free of charge.*

Primary & Secondary EAL Network	Online	<b>Monday 6th March</b> 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Burnley	<b>Wednesday 8th March</b> 2.45—4.15pm
Primary & Secondary EAL Network	Online	<b>Wednesday 15th March</b> 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Preston	<b>Thursday 16th March</b> 2.45—4.15pm

To book your place, visit

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=893398>

(short link: <https://tinyurl.com/EALMar23>)



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## ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

We run a program of courses for school staff in conjunction with LPDS. There are courses for all key stages and staff groups. Please click on the links below to book.

Visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/courses/?subject=EAL> to book a place!

### 2023 Courses

Course Title	Date	Time
Leading EAL Provision Across Your School (5-part course) - Online	<del>10/01/23,</del> <del>07/02/23.</del> 14/03/23, 09/05/23 & 13/06/23	1300— 1600
Developing the Academic Language of EAL Learners— Online	20/02/23 & 06/03/23	1600— 1730
Improving Outcomes for EAL Children in Pre-School Settings and Reception Classes [Seven Stars, Leyland]	21/02/23	1300— 1600
Using Talk Boost Key Stage 1 to Boost Children's Language Skills [The Exchange, Burnley]	02/03/23	0930— 1500
Getting EAL Parents and Children Reading Together (Primary) [County Hall, Preston]	28/03/23	1300— 1530
Improving Grammatical Accuracy—Online	24/04/23	1530— 1730
How to Integrate and Teach International New Arrivals including Refugees and Asylum Seekers [County Hall, Preston]	03/05/23	1300— 1600
Equality Network Meeting [Farington Lodge, Leyland]	14/06/23	1315— 1600

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