



Meadowhead **Community** Learning Trust

28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Re Meadowhead Community Learning Trust Changes

Dear members of the Meadowhead Community,

We are writing to you in relation to the future of the charity Meadowhead Community Learning Trust (MCLT). Thousands of young people have benefited from the work of the Trust over the last 13 years, and while small in size and funding, it has improved their life chances through a wealth of work-related opportunities and community projects. We are now looking to update our governance structures to better reflect the work the charity does to serve the Meadowhead community. Its core mission will be unchanged: to improve the life-chances and opportunities of the young people who attend Meadowhead and feeder primary schools by encouraging collaboration. It will continue to provide small grants to relevant projects as well as funding to annual projects such as Everyone a Writer, the Trust Choir and employer engagement events such as work experience and mock interviews.

The key changes are:

- A new name which is proposed to be **Meadowhead Together**. As the name “trust” is now widespread in education due to the expansion of multi-academy trusts, this new name should give greater clarity to the exact purpose of the charity.
- A new set-up for working with business and local organizations and a removal of the requirement for businesses to pay to formally join as a member to participate. The new **Meadowhead Together Employer Forum** will still meet twice a year but will instead have a looser set up with no membership application required to attend. The meetings will therefore find it much easier to focus on patterns and opportunities in the local area and offer a better chance to collaborate on opportunities with mutual benefits.
- A new governance set up with a board of trustees to manage the activities of the charity. Most trustees are already involved in attending the current directors’ meetings and will transition over to the new body. The trustee board will include representatives of Meadowhead School and Sixth Form, representatives of local employers, at least one representative from a feeder primary school, at least one representative of further education, at least one representative of higher education and at least one representative of community organization that works with young people in the S8 area.
- Following the resignation of Maureen Neil, Chair of the MCLT on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, after thirteen years of distinguished service, we are also looking to appoint a new chair of the charity.

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These changes will be discussed at the annual general meeting of the Meadowhead Community Learning Trust on Monday 11th December to be held at Meadowhead School.

Everyone connected to the Trust, whether current or previous attendees are welcome to attend and you may even be interested in submitting your nomination as the Chair. If you cannot attend but would like to provide feedback on the proposals, please contact Maddie Udall at [udallm@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:udallm@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk) or call 0114 237 2723 ext. 518.

Yours Sincerely,

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