

E-mail from Niki Crookdale, chair of the Schools Forum Association

I am writing to you as Chair of your local Schools Forum. If this message has been sent to you in error, I would be grateful if you could forward it to the relevant person.

All 152 Schools Forums are being invited to join the 'The Schools Forum Association'. The association will be independent and apolitical and could provide those involved with school funding:

- A forum to share best practice;
- Feedback on DFE consultations and proposals;
- Help and advice
- A quarterly 'Funding Matters' newsletter; and
- Help with policy campaigns.

Coming together as a grass roots community, a national association will collectively have a more powerful voice in education debates than we would each have alone. This is particularly important at the moment, when providing feedback to the DFE on funding and, in future, forum consultation proposals.

If your local Forum, its members or the schools, nurseries or colleges you represent are interested in joining 'The Schools Forum Association', please complete the survey in the link below. Please forward the link to any associates who might also like to be involved.

Survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/Yc8puSwp00VPRHIH3>

We've already had responses from Forums responsible for the funding of over 1.7 million children who are keen to be involved. Currently, respondents are particularly interested in sharing best practice amongst the Forums and providing feedback to the DFE on consultations and proposals. I would appreciate your view on what your Forum would find most useful.

I am recruiting an Advisory Board to help us stay at the forefront of education funding debates and policy decisions. One of the survey questions asks if you or any colleagues are interested in being part of this steering committee. I would be grateful for any relevant experience you or your colleagues are able to offer.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further, please e-mail me at niki@schoolsforumassociation.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Many thanks,
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