

TTN's reputation

The Trust Network is highly regarded by those working in the field of estates management because of its impact on the educational estate sector. Co-ordinators have regular meetings with key Department for Education teams to give updates on their plans and to discuss topical issues regarding the school estate. In addition, Co-ordinators are invited to represent The Trust Network by speaking at national conferences, such as the Education Estates® conference in Manchester in October 2023. Co-ordinators were invited to present on the operational stage on the following topics:

- Environmental sustainability and energy reduction – are you an informed client?
- Effective leadership of your estates function.
- Using a CAFM system to drive value in estate management.

The Trust Network – looking forwards

The Trust Network continues to explore ways to support and network estates professionals, including the creation of a LinkedIn group. The network prides itself on being run by its members for its members, so members are encouraged to get involved and support wherever they feel they can add capacity or expertise.

Its 10th anniversary national conference brings together around 200 delegates, speakers, and exhibitors to “celebrate the school estate”.



How to join the Trust Network

Membership of The Trust Network is free. Register to join by going to

<https://www.thetrustnetwork.org.uk/membership/>

and be part of the on-going conversation on developing the school estate.



The Trust Network

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A decade of school estates support

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE TRUST NETWORK



Where did The Trust Network come from?

In 2014 James Miller, National Director of Estates of Ormiston Academies Trust, and Andrew Redmond, then Director of Estates and Facilities of Academies Enterprise Trust formed a group to provide peer-to-peer support for estates professionals to share best practice and exchange knowledge.

And so the 'MAT Capital Funding Network' was born.

A year later, Matt Isherwood, then Director of Estates at Brooke Weston Trust joined the co-ordinator group. Driven by its founding trusts, the network evolved and its peer support and connections grew.

And so, 'The Trust Network' was born.

It exists to provide members with opportunities to explore how to develop effective, efficient and sustainable systems that maintain and develop building estates that enhance teaching and learning. Shortly afterwards the Department for Education formally recognised the importance of the network, especially for its commitment to offer free membership to all estates professionals working in independently run state funded schools.



Who are The Trust Network?

The Trust Network or 'TTN' is independently run by a team of estates professional volunteers, each working in different educational settings across England. Co-ordinators meet regularly to discuss the content and resources that they believe members of TTN will benefit from. Since its inception in 2014, the network has grown to a membership of around 700 organisations, and over 1,100 individual members.



What does The Trust Network do?

The Trust Network's flagship event of the year is always its national conference attended by at least 150 delegates. Previous conference themes have included:

- Our School Estate – The Built Environment (2023)
- Greening the Estate (2022)
- Guidance into Practice (2020)
- Building Education (2019)
- Good Estate Management (2018)
- The Efficient and Effective Estate (2017)

TTN also provides two regional conferences each year. Its last regional conference held in London in November 2023 included the following presentations, as well as a keynote address by Lindsay Harris, Deputy Director, Capital Strategy and Intelligence, Department for Education:

- Risk management for schools.
- Developing capability in estates management.
- Green tech – a project journey.
- Sustainable community lettings considerations.
- A Planned Preventative Maintenance and compliance journey.
- Legal surgery – non-core use of your land and buildings.



TTN hosts up to six webinars each year on topics such as:

- A MAT's journey into legionella control.
- Effective management of a PFI contract.
- Capital Advisers Programme – Lessons learned.
- Asbestos management.
- Cost effective ways to manage and reduce energy consumption.
- Managing air quality in school buildings.
- Planning for effective premise compliance.
- Net Capacity Assessment programme.
- Land transactions and managing the supply chain.

All training facilitated by The Trust Network is accredited by CPD UK. Since registering with CPD UK in February 2023 as a deliverer of training, The Trust Network has delivered over 1800 hours of accredited continuing professional development to the sector.

In addition to monthly newsletters, The Trust Network also provides resources on its website including blogs and case studies on subjects such as:

- Is your school at risk from flooding?
- The benefits of continuing professional development.
- Your school estate – your responsibility.
- Managing asbestos compliantly.
- RAAC – information and action.
- Energy reduction checklist and case study.
- Upgrading distribution pipework.

The website also contains a directory of where to find 170 of the DfE's top recommended guidance and documents in an easily accessible format.