

The Difference

Improving outcomes for vulnerable children by raising the status and expertise of those who teach them



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Welcome to Four Bullet Friday!

1. Programmes Team Round-Up For 2024

The Difference launched a new pilot programme with ten schools this year. The **Difference Schools Partnership** kicked off in July 2024 with a group residential in Sheffield. From Devon to Tyneside, both mainstream and alternative provision schools are working with The Difference to improve attendance, and reduce exclusion and harm. The model combines formal training and in-school support with community collaboration to empower school leaders to grow their provision in sustainable ways. We will be publishing case studies of the initial results early next year.

Colleagues in the Programmes and Research teams have also been working hard to launch our Internal AP Network. The fantastic [Emma Simpson](#) presented her research findings and introduced key principles for effective IAP at the first webinar which took place last week.

The IAP Network already has 118 members from over 27 MATs and 37 LAs across the country. Further networking opportunities for the IAP network will be happening at [IncludED](#), alongside a brilliant line up of talks and panel discussions. More details can be found [here](#), and if you are interested in your school being a member complete this [form](#).

National Network for Internal Alternative Provision

Practice Sharing Webinar #1

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2. Brief overview of the year from the Research, Impact and Influence Team

The **Who is Losing Learning Campaign** has gone from strength to strength this year. The publication of our [first report](#) in September received an incredible response, with coverage from major outlets like [Sky News](#) and the [Financial Times](#) and [The Guardian](#). Since then, we've been gearing up for our next major milestone: the release of our **Solutions Report, which will be published in Spring 2025**. To support this effort, [we've established an expert Solutions Council](#), chaired by ASCL General Secretary Pepe Di'lasio.

Alongside the Council's invaluable contributions, we've hosted a series of policy workshops and working groups, bringing together specialists and stakeholders from over 40 organisations across the sector to hear their views. A special thank you goes to the young people and our coalition partners at Mission44 for their outstanding feedback at a Youth Consultation with the Coram Youth Ambassador's Group and chaired by a young person from Mission 44's youth advisory board, which took place earlier this month.

As we get to the end of the year, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to these achievements. Together, we're making strides in tackling lost learning, and we can't wait to continue this vital work with you in the year ahead.



Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England; Elroy Aidouni-Cahill, Head of Portfolio & Partnerships LIFT

Schools; Gerry Robinson, Executive Headteacher Haringey Learning Partnership; Dan Moynihan, CEO Harris Federation; John Uttley, CEO Education Alliance MAT; Dr Carlene Firmin, Professor of Social Work Durham University; Patrick Cozier, Headteacher Highgate Wood School; Pepe Di'lasio General Secretary ASCL; Dave Whitaker, CEO Wellspring Trust; Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin CD MBE, Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury; Tom Rees, CEO Ormiston Academy Trust; Liz Robinson, CEO Big Education; Ellie Costello, Director of Square Peg; Leora Cruddas CBE, CEO of Confederation of School Trusts; Jane Fletcher, CEO Aldridge Education; Kiran Mahil, Deputy Headteacher Central Foundation Girls School; Professor Peter Fonagy OBE, Head of the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences at UCL and Chief Executive of the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families; Florence Kroll, Director of Children's Services Royal Borough of Greenwich

3. Fundraising: Partnerships and Alliances in 2024

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible partnerships that have helped us expand our impact this year.

Thank you to our new and long-standing partners alike, your belief in our work empowers us to make a real difference in the lives of young people. With your investment we've been able to support more children than ever—delivering specialist interventions, providing training to schools, and raising awareness about the needs of vulnerable children in communities across the country.

Earlier this month, staff and students at one of our partner schools, ACE Luton Pupil Referral Unit, welcomed colleagues from The Difference and our trustees. For trustees, hearing first hand from Difference Leader Jayde Sarrington (pictured below) exemplified the real-world impact of our programmes. This year has really shown us the power of alliances. When schools, funders, and charities work together, we create stronger, more sustainable solutions that change lives.



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IncludEd 2025 has **24 workshops to choose from** and session booking is now open. Sessions like those below are filling up quickly so get your ticket now to avoid missing out!

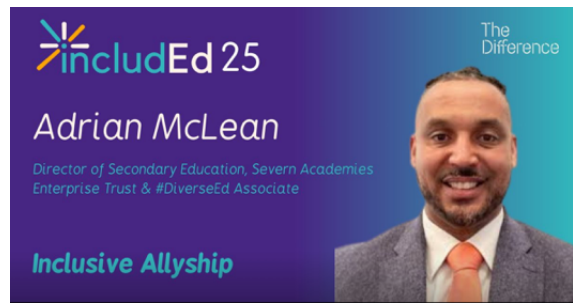
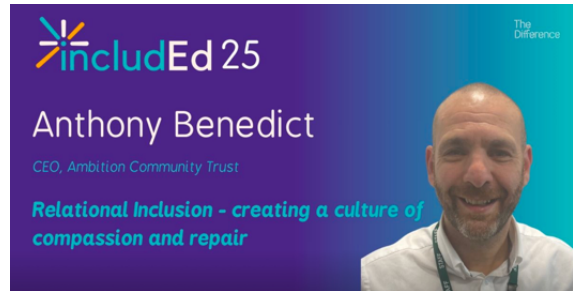
Since its inception in 2018, IncludEd has become the gateway for a national network of teachers, school leaders, and wider practitioners to access best practice, share learning, and seek out support that grows inclusive schools and improves outcomes for all students. You can read more about the conference in the [Schools Week article](#)

published earlier this month.

Join us at **UCL's Institute of Education** (5 minutes from London Euston Station) from **10.00am to 4.00 pm** on **Saturday 11th January 2025**.

The ticket price also includes a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Grab your tickets [here](#):



****Bonus Bullet****

Free workshops for schools in London

Coram's Voices in Action ambassadors, 16-25 year olds with experience of school exclusion, are offering free workshops for schools in London.

Workshops for 12 – 16 year olds who are finding school challenging: Help young people explore what to do if they're finding school difficult and what their rights are if they face internal or external exclusion.

Workshops for teachers on school exclusion: Give staff the opportunity to hear from young people on their experiences and best practice from a young person's perspective.

Follow this link for more info: <https://www.coram.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work-and-impact/voices-in-action-ambassadors/>

Please contact crystal.crawford@coram.org.uk if you are interested in booking in a

workshop/s for your school.



Thank you for your support and dedication to building a brighter, more equitable future for every child. Wishing you a happy holiday!

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Book your tickets now!



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