



**Becoming a Partner
of The Enterprise
Cooperative Trust**

Introduction

The Enterprise Cooperative Trust has been established to 'galvanise' efforts from a wide range of stakeholders, who share a common purpose to extend the life chances of young people by providing a holistic education which goes beyond academic achievement.

Our vision is to become a partnership of like-minded schools, charities, businesses and community groups, with a collective vision to improve education and life opportunities for all children and young people in Enfield. We want to celebrate every child, no matter their ability and encourage them to not only realise – but also fulfil – their full potential.

The Trust will challenge the 'status quo' by drawing on previous successes and work closely with the local community and neighbouring organisations to help develop learners for life with the skills and expertise needed to flourish in the working world, both now and into the future.

The Trust will act as an 'enabler' bringing schools, pupils and wider stakeholders together, using our best endeavours, to play our part in solving the contemporary issues that our community faces. After all, our young people are our future and we believe that, despite the challenges we may face, the future for all young people can be bright and infinitely hopeful. This dream is realised when we extend a helping hand, go beyond standard ways of working, and 'build a life changing community' and this is what we are committed to achieving.

Our Aims - The Aims of the Trust are:

- To provide appropriate educational opportunities to every child and young person, centred on their individual needs and future aspirations.
- To encompass and implement all decisions and efforts in improving and building the local community whom we serve and to whom we are accountable.
- To work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders across sectors including, but not limited to, education, charities, local community groups and business partners to benefit our staff, students and parents.





Types of Trust Partners

In developing the Trust, we are looking for a number of partners to join us and support the work of the Trust. We hope that this will include organisations from a wide variety of sectors, including:

- Higher Education
- Local businesses and enterprises
- Local community organisations
- Large employers with national or international dimensions
- Co-operative Businesses

What will each Partner contribute to the Trust?

- We are asking for a simple commitment from each partner to provide **time and expertise** to work with the Trust and help us achieve our vision for the learners in our community
- **There are no significant financial or legal commitments**; the Trust will have limited liability and individuals will be protected by Director/ Officer insurance policies.



Trust Business Plan

The Trust has developed a Business Plan, setting out our strategic goals and programme of activity that we intend to support.

- Examples of the programmes we hope partners will be comfortable supporting may include (but not be limited to):
 - » Participation in widening horizons for students
 - » Participation in careers events
 - » Participation in curriculum enrichment activities
 - » Working with programmes to improve employability prospects
 - » Providing knowledge and experience of the world of work
 - » Providing opportunities for our students to experience higher education
 - » Offering access to a network of similar partnerships to share best practice
 - » Helping to develop the international dimension of the school curriculum

How much work is involved?

- Trustees can expect to commit a minimum of **six half days per year**.
- The Trust Board will meet **six times a year**.
- Each Trust partner will have a **nominated Trustee** on the Trust Board.



Trust Communications and recognition for Partners

- We have developed a website presence with information about the Trust and our partners – www.enterprisecooperativetrust.org.uk.
- We will obviously respect the wishes of our partners will regards to any publicity around the work of the Trust and its partners and any media opportunities would be agreed in the initial stages and signed off by all individuals involved.



Thank you for your interest

We hope you will be willing to work with us to build a life changing community!

Further information

- If you need any other information or would like to know more, please do get in touch:
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