



MAT Partnership Programme

Multi-academy trusts learning from each other and developing together

What is the MAT Partnership Programme?

The MAT Partnership Programme has grown out of our extensive experience of developing and embedding Schools Partnership Programme (SPP) peer review with almost 2,000 school and system leaders. With its foundations based on this robust framework, the MAT Partnership Programme offers compatible peer review processes for each level of a multi-academy trust, based on shared principles, experience and research, bringing MATs together to support and learn from each other through the power of facilitated, strategic peer review.

Many schools involved with SPP are members of multi-academy trusts, which are now such an integral part of the education system in England. This being so, our MAT Partnership Programme forms an important part of our vision to co-create a sustainable, self-improving, school-led system, with lateral accountability, collaboration and peer review at its heart, enabling schools to learn, develop and improve together.

How it works

The programme is built on the principle of collaborative system-led improvement: MAT leaders working with MAT leaders to build capacity and capability across all schools.

When a trust joins the MAT Partnership Programme, they become part of a professional community of MAT leaders supported by us, working and learning together.

We bring MATs together to establish peer review partnerships and in pairs, MATs work through the peer review process, offering challenge and support to each other.

Who is it for?

This programme is designed for Trust leaders who want to collaborate and improve using an authentic, reciprocal and self-sustaining approach to peer review.

If you are a single Trust, we will help you broker a partnership with another single Trust. Trusts can also choose to join with an existing MAT partner to mature their relationship and add rigour and trust-based accountability.

The whole process can take anything up to 12 weeks and is possible to accomplish in one term.

Cost: £4,500 + VAT per MAT.



“This sort of collaboration, in a space that can often be competitive, has been transformative for our trusts, our schools, our staff and our own development. If every MAT leader had this kind of opportunity, there’s no telling how much the system could gain.”

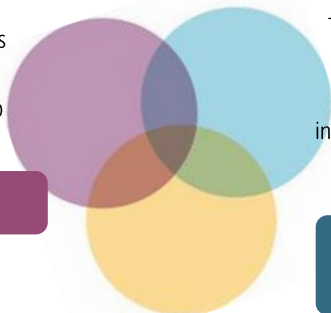
- Focus-Trust CEO Helen Rowland and Anthem Trust CEO Andy Yarrow

The programme has three stages, each with distinct benefits:

Stage 1: Self-review

Effective peer review starts with how well the trust knows itself. The MPP framework, based on enquiry questions, supports Trusts in carrying out robust self-review to help inform the focus of the peer review.

Who? Review team from your trust



Stage 2: Strategic Planning

The most effective peer reviews have an agreed focus and draw upon specific skills.

A structured conversation facilitated by your MPP Associate including the leadership teams of both trusts takes place after your self review, to deepen and develop your peer review skills and plan review activity.

Who? Review team from each MAT, facilitated by MPP Associate

Stage 3: Peer Review

The review teams from each MAT conduct an in-depth enquiry into each others' organisations, collecting evidence and actionable new learning around the agreed area of focus and compiling a report via a real time online reporting platform.

Who? Review teams from each trust

Trusts that are part of the MAT Partnership Programme will:

- Be matched with another MAT to form a peer review partnership if they come to us without a partner.
- Be assigned an expert facilitator to support them in the planning and delivery of powerful and meaningful peer review.
- Benefit from our MAT performance framework to enable comprehensive self and peer review.
- Gain access to a wealth of online tools and resources throughout their peer review journey.
- Receive training in professional peer review to strengthen review and evaluation skills within their senior teams.

Why work with Schools Partnership Programme?

Over the last five years, we have worked with almost 2,000 schools around the country - and the local systems that support them - to create sustained improvement and networks of peer support.

Our Facilitators bring a wealth of experience in working with MAT leadership teams and governance, and have been key in developing the principles and practices of SPP peer review.

We also work with Forum Strategy as a Strategic Advisor on the programme. Forum Strategy supports chief executives and executive leaders to thrive in their roles through high quality professional development, consultancy and thought leadership. They run a national Trust Leaders network for CEOs, a national network for COOs, and the Being the CEO programme.



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Ready to join our MAT Partnership Programme?

If your MAT would like to know more about this programme or be put in touch with colleagues in your area to learn more about how MPP is working in their setting, get in touch with our team.

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