



# Annual Report

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*National Education Trust - Excellence as Standard*

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## About the National Education Trust



The National Education Trust plays a leading role in the improvement of the education service in the UK, from the standpoint of an independent, not-for-profit foundation.

The Trust exists to influence and improve local, regional and national education policy and practice through its work with practitioners across all phases and sectors of education. It is a leading voice in educational debate, and is a third sector provider of education services which have a measurable impact on children, young

people, teachers, governors, parents and school leaders.

The Trust includes a number of Associates involved in its activities, and a group of Leading Thinkers from around the country who are well respected figures in their educational specialisms. A group of Advocacy Schools act as local hubs and underpin much of our work. These are schools which offer an outstanding quality of learning and share the Trust’s vision and values.

Further information about our Leading Thinkers, Associates and Advocacy Schools can be accessed via the following links:

<http://www.nationaleducationtrust.net/LeadingThinkers.php>

<http://www.nationaleducationtrust.net/Associates.php>

<http://www.nationaleducationtrust.net/AdvocacySchools.php>

The Trust employs a small Buckinghamshire-based team responsible for business administration, research and project management.

The Trust is independent of political parties, private interest and government. It is inspired by the desire to help make a difference to the quality of education experienced by learners in schools, colleges and universities.

The Trust values the contributions of many other partners in the education service nationally, and actively seeks opportunities to work with them. In 2014-15 the Trust had a determined focus to:

- a) improve teaching and learning in schools
- b) help close 'the achievement gap' which remains a stubborn feature of the UK education system, particularly when set against international comparisons
- c) provide intelligent contribution to education debate and reform

To achieve these aims, the Trust is focused on its key strands of activity:

- Events programme for schools to share high quality practice and policy debate
- School improvement and professional development training for teachers
- Academies
- Policy engagement and debate

**20.4k** followers  
on Twitter

*“Developing a national resource for excellent practice and powerful initiatives in schools and colleges”*

## Events Programme



National Education Trust seminars are usually held in schools, colleges and universities, as appropriate, so that part of the day can be spent observing teaching and learning in action.

Our events programme focuses on two key areas of activity:

- Developing a national resource for excellent practice and powerful initiatives in schools and colleges.
- Influencing stakeholders and policy-makers to shape educational

provision, locally and nationally. We encourage debate by providing a platform for, and contributing to critical study of the key issues in education today and tomorrow.

**Pupil Premium Book Launch** – 18th September 2014, St Josephs, London

**NET’s Fifth ‘Annual Gathering’ of Trustees, Associates, Leading Thinkers and Advocacy Schools** – 25th September 2014, Eton College

**SEN Pupil Premium** – 10th October 2014, The Bridge School, London

**Why all-through schools are the future** – 16th October 2014, School 21, Newham

**Premium Pupils: Outcomes for disadvantaged learners** – 4th November 2014, Raynham Primary School, London

**Effective use of the Pupil Premium** – 6th November 2014, Ashley Down Primary, Bristol

**Creating a Culture of Learning** – 27th November 2014, Rosendale Primary, London

**The Future of the Profession** – 5th December 2014 St Mary’s, Kilburn

**Leading your School Inspection** – 6th February 2015, Ashley Down Primary School, Bristol

**Effective use of the Pupil Premium** – 12th February 2015, Keystone Trust, Norfolk

**The Mike Baker Lecture** – 17th March 2015, Inner Temple

**The North East Leadership Conference**  
– 20th March 2015, Newcastle RGS

**Curriculum Innovation in Primary Schools** – 20th May 2015, Keystone Trust, Norfolk

**Curriculum Innovation in Primary Schools** – 21st May 2015, The Downley School

**Effective use of the Pupil Premium** – 19th June 2015, Kingsholm, School

**Effective use of the Pupil Premium** – 2th June 2015, Baylis Court, Slough

**Special Summer Event** – 30th June 2015, Hampton Court House, Surrey

### Annual Lecturers 2007 – 2015

<b>2007</b>	Sir David Bell
<b>2008</b>	Estelle Morris, Baroness Morris of Yardley
<b>2009</b>	Shami Chakrabati CBE
<b>2010</b>	Rt Hon Alan Milburn MP
<b>2011</b>	Dr Maggie Atkinson
<b>2012</b>	Peter Hyman
<b>2013</b>	Rt Hon David Laws MP
<b>2014</b>	Sir Michael Barber
<b>2015</b>	Tony Little

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## School Improvement and Courses

- NET has worked with over 500 schools through its school improvement work and courses. Foremost amongst courses: ‘Sparkling Classrooms’; ‘Sustaining Success’; ‘Leading more than one school’; ‘Leading your inspection’; ‘Middle Leaders’; ‘Good to Great’; ‘Preparing for headship’; ‘Literacy across the curriculum’; ‘Early Years: policy into practice’; ‘Post-16 Leadership’.
- NET has taken a lead role in the development of ReflectED, based at Rosendale School, Lambeth - a project promoting metacognition in primary schools, funded by the Education Endowment Foundation.
- The Blink Reviews & Training remain a cornerstone of much of the Trust’s school improvement activity, from Newcastle to Exeter, Norwich to Southampton, Medway to Birmingham.
- The Centre for Educational Excellence in the North, a partnership between NET and the University of Salford, has run courses for over 400 teachers and school leaders.
- NET core staff and associates have been active in school improvement and training in the following local authorities: Hampshire, Leicestershire, Slough, Redbridge, Essex, Bristol, Sheffield, Hillingdon, Manchester, Barking & Dagenham.
- The Trust has provided support for schools in the effective use and evaluation of the Pupil Premium throughout England.



## Academies

The appointment of a Chief Executive in September 2014 added further cement to the strong foundations of this small, fast growing multi-academy trust.

In January 2015, three Harlow academies opened with the Trust: Latton Green, Longwood and Abbotsweld. NETAT’s sixth academy, Keresley Newland in Coventry, opened in March 2015.

More details about NET Academies Trust can be found here: [www.netacademies.net](http://www.netacademies.net)

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## Policy and Debate

We expect our work in classrooms and learning environments to inform policy development, delivering impact from the classroom to Whitehall. The influence of the Trust in this area has grown over the past year.

- Extensive national work on *The Pupil Premium*, including a series of seminars and a new book by Marc Rowland, published September 2014.
- Roy Blatchford’s role as Vice Chair of the DfE Review of Headteachers’ Standards, published January 2015.
- Marc Rowland’s membership of the DfE’s Review Group on Standards for Teaching Assistants.
- Annual Lecture by Tony Little, Headmaster of Eton, on the perennial themes in national education systems.
- High quality events on the primary curriculum, special education, all-through schools and school leadership.
- The publication of numerous articles and blogs on the NET website and in social media by leading educationalists.



### Thank You...

The National Education Trust could not continue to function or thrive without the ongoing support of our many associates, colleagues, trustees and friends.

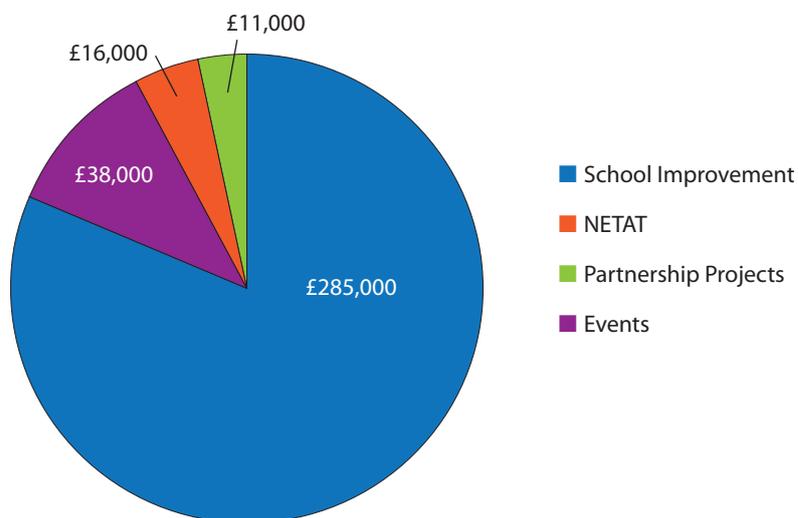
Thank you to everyone who has been involved with NET this year.

A sincere thank you to all of the Trust’s Leading Thinkers for their continuing support. For more details, and to read articles written by NET Leading Thinkers, please visit:

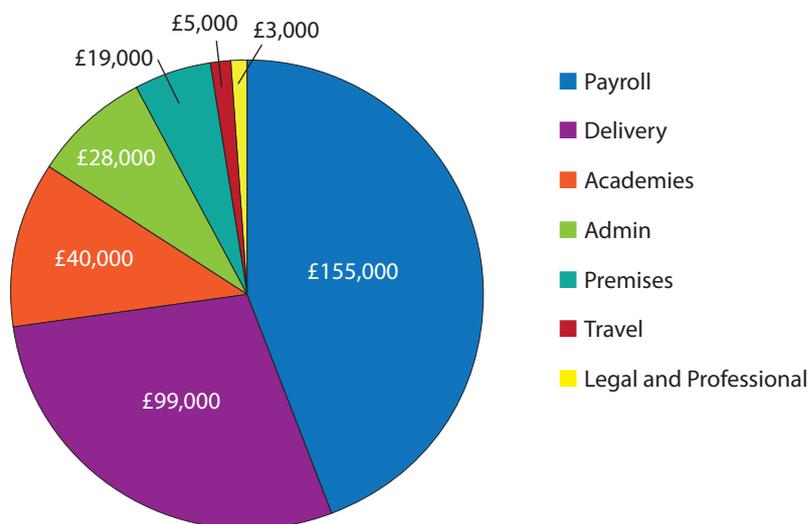
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## NET Financial Information 2014 – 15

### Income 2014–15



### Expenditure 2014–15



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