



# Durham Teaching School Alliance

An inspirational heritage, an aspirational future.

A one day conference

## Exploring Academy Status

Understand your options and get support with the conversion process



### Speakers include:

- \* Jan Renou, Regional School Commissioner and Lesley Powell, Headteacher Board Member
- \* Andy Brown CEO Ad Astra Academy Trust and Sue Crowe Head of Operations
- \* Carole Barclay, Senior Academy Projects Partner AVEC Partnership
- \* Jane Richardson, Headteacher- Victoria Lane Academy and Julie Craggs, Headteacher– Acre Rigg Academy
- \* Caroline O'Neill, Head of Education Durham County Council

### What the day offers:

- ◆ An opportunity to learn from the experiences of school leaders who have been through the conversion process and/or established a MAT
- ◆ Practical advice about the conversion process
- ◆ An opportunity to network with leaders considering the conversion process
- ◆ An opportunity to gain a better understanding of the process and the next steps for your organisation and leadership team

## About this event

Converting to an academy is a complex process. This one day conference aims to provide clear and impartial information and advice from people who have completed conversion to an academy or formed, or joined, a multi- academy trust. You will gain valuable insights from experts and school leaders that will help you to understand the immediate and longer term implications and benefits of conversion.



## Who should attend this event?

- ◆ **Headteachers**
- ◆ **Deputy Headteachers**
- ◆ **Assistant Headteachers**
- ◆ **School Business Managers**
- ◆ **Governors**

**Venue: Parkhead Hotel, New Coundon, Bishop Auckland, DL14 8QB**

**Date: Wednesday 19th October 2016**

**Start: 9 a.m tea/coffee    Finish: 3.30 p.m**

**Cost: £75.00 per person inc lunch and conference materials**

**How to book your place/s: Contact Joe Sonnenfeld– Durham Teaching School Alliance Manager. Email [j.sonnenfeld200@durhamlearning.net](mailto:j.sonnenfeld200@durhamlearning.net)**

**Please provide the name/s of the person/s attending the conference, school name, a contact email for confirmation of booking and details of any special dietary requirements**

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: Monday 10th October 2016**

# Programme

- \* **9 am: Tea and Coffee served on arrival**
  
- \* **9.15 – 9.30 a.m Welcome from Lynn George, Headteacher/NLE, Prince Bishops Primary School, Durham Teaching School Alliance**
  
- \* **9.30—10.30 a.m Carole Barclay Senior Academy Projects Partner AVEC Partnership inc Q and A**
  
- \* **10.30– 10.50 a.m Break**
  
- \* **10. 50 a.m – 12 p.m Jan Renou, RSC, and Leslie Powell, HTB, inc Q and A**
  
- \* **12.00– 1 p.m Lunch**
  
- \* **1– 1.45 p.m- Andy Brown, CEO Ad Astra Academy, and Sue Crowe, Head of Operations inc Q and A**
  
- \* **1.45– 2.30 p.m– Caroline O’Neill, Head of Education Durham County Council**
  
- \* **2.30-2.45 p.m Break**
  
- \* **2.45– 3.30 p.m Jane Richardson, Headteacher Victoria Lane Academy and Julie Craggs, Headteacher Acre Rigg Academy inc Q and A**