

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 28/01/2021
Subject: Education Activities Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 8, 9 & 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities delivered across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of meetings, forums and events for the 2020/21 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on events and activities delivered since the last meeting;
- Note the calendar of forums and events over the 2020/21 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

Main Report

Background

1. The Education Board has oversight of three strategies: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills (2019-23).

Current Position

Education

2. Introduction to Safeguarding and Advanced Safeguarding Governors' Training (virtual) - 9 December 2020

The Introduction to Safeguarding and Advanced Safeguarding training took place on 9 December 2020 and was attended by governors and Designated Safeguarding Leads across the Family of Schools. The training sessions were delivered by an independent Safeguarding Consultant who encouraged

participants to ask questions and discussions the training materials in the context of their schools. Certificates of attendance were provided to all attendees.

Proposals

Upcoming activities

3. Find Fusion Platform - To be launched late February/early March 2021

In line with the 2020/21 Action Plan approved by the Education Board at their meeting on 23 July 2020, the Education Unit have commissioned the development of an online one-stop-shop, to be named 'Find Fusion', which will connect schools, businesses, cultural organisations and training providers for the mutual benefit of sharing their learning opportunities. Find Fusion will enable schools and learners to find resources, events, training and projects which are relevant to them and for partner organisations to list, promote, amplify and share their offers. Find Fusion will also connect, and curate offers around themes such as learner type, age group, curriculum area and fusion skills. In the initial launch scheduled for mid-February, a warm audience of teachers and organisations will be able to search, find and share opportunities. It will be a substantial resource for teachers in supporting virtual learning during lockdown and then will contain both virtual and actual events once lockdown restrictions are eased.

4. Mid-term Strategy Review

The City Corporation launched its Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Strategies two and a half years ago and the Education Unit have commissioned The Centre for Education and Youth (CfEY) to carry out a Mid-term Strategy Review to understand how the vision of the strategies is being collectively realised across its partnerships. This Mid-term Strategy Review will explore: the status of the strategies' visions; stakeholders' sense of connection to the strategies; where impact is occurring and good practice; and how we should continue to work together over the next two and a half years to support our mutual aims. Members will be invited to take part in the review and the final reports will be submitted to the Education Board on 20 May 2021.

5. Chess Tournament and Workshops (Virtual) - Wednesday 3 March

The Education Unit alongside Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) will deliver the annual Family of Schools' Chess Tournament as an online event on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 13:00-15:30. Two training sessions as well as resources will be provided prior to the tournament to help pupils prepare. Members of the Education Board are invited to attend the Chess tournament and should RSVP to Vasima.Patel@cityoflondon.gov.uk to receive login details.

6. Debating Tournament and Workshops (Virtual) - Tuesday 9 March 2020

The Education Unit alongside the International Churchill Society (ICS) and the English-Speaking Union (ESU) will deliver the annual Family of Schools' Debating Tournament as an online event on Tuesday 9 March 2020 at 12:30 – 15:30. Two training sessions as well as resources will be provided prior to the tournament to help pupils prepare. Judges from the ISC, ESU and the Education Board will award prizes and provide feedback to each pupil. Members of the

Education Board are invited to attend the Debating tournament and should RSVP to Vasima.Patel@cityoflondon.gov.uk to receive login details.

7. Culture Mile Learning- Online Mentoring programme

Culture Mile Learning are conducting their annual Mentoring Programme online. The mentoring sessions will focus on helping to develop individual's key employability skills, such as creativity, communication, problem-solving and adaptability, and help them to prepare for the world of work. At the end of the programme participants will have more insight into career options and an idea of next steps on their journey towards a creative career.

8. The calendar of forums and events over the 2020/21 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Options

N/A

Key Data

N/A

Corporate & Strategic Implications

N/A. This report is for information only.

Conclusion

Members of the Education Board have been updated on recent events and activities across their three strategy areas as well as upcoming events and activities over the 2020/21 academic year

Appendix 1 – Calendar of Forums and Events over the 2020/21 Academic Year

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