

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 03/12/2021
Subject: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills 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/A
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 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on Autumn events and activities across the three strategy areas;
- Note the calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 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. Family of School's Black History Month Activities

The City of London Family of Schools have been celebrating Black History Month in a number of ways, including, through cultural and creative activities, engagement with the local community, engagement with parents, exploring relevant resources, accessing inspirational talks, literature, discussions, newsletters, assemblies & lessons and exploring foods from different cultures. Redriff Primary School saw music, singing, carnival inspired dance, artwork, drama, poetry and writing from across the whole school – exploring and celebrating Black History Month. In The City of London Academy Highbury Grove, Key Stage 3 pupils were tasked with researching a black explorer. They looked at where the explorer was from and what they achieved in order to make a poster from this. Also, pupils found out lots of interesting information about how parts of the world were discovered and presented this to their peers in their classrooms. The City of London Academy Southwark have also been celebrating in numerous ways, including a 'Forgotten Heroes' display in their Atrium, film nights, food from local businesses, debates for all year groups, Black History Month short stories in Reading and some fantastic mini talent showcases. These activities have helped to bring the school and the local community together and help pupils explore Black History Month in an engaging way.

Cultural and Creative Learning

3. Culture Mile Learning: Teacher CPD sessions

In September and October, Culture Mile Learning (CML) ran a series of free CPD sessions for primary and secondary teachers aimed at helping them embed Black history, art, and culture into their teaching all year round. Two introductory sessions were provided by The Black Curriculum and focused on exploring racial literacy, decolonising pedagogy, and language use to support teachers to gain confidence in their approach and in establishing their classroom as an anti-racist, decolonised space. Primary teachers were then offered a session based on the Museum of London's new online resource, Black Londoners through time which centred on enhancing their subject knowledge of London's Black history, sharing ideas for creative activities to engage and inspire pupils as well as practical tips and techniques to develop critical thinking and historical enquiry skills. For secondary teachers, a session based on CML's Our Stories films was provided exploring the themes of representation, language, safe spaces and activism raised in them. In addition, a bespoke session was created for and delivered in partnership with Eastside Community Heritage to the primary schools in the City Family of Schools on using oral history collections in the classroom. This session used the Museum of London's Windrush collections as its starting point and was a part of CML's

ongoing curriculum enhancement work with these schools. 56 teachers benefited from the sessions.

Skills

4. Ed-EN Conference

ED-EN HUB is an Erasmus+ project co-financed by the European Union and developed by a consortium made up of 8 institutions from 5 different European countries. This international cooperation alliance will allow the development of tools and methodologies towards the creation of synergies between educational institutions and enterprises. On 28-29 October, The Education Unit welcomed 34 in-person attendees to Guildhall and 41 virtually, via Zoom. Day One of the conference was spent updating on the progress of the project and to discuss potential issues. On Day Two, external stakeholders from various educational institutions and business were invited to provide detailed feedback and review of the work to date. Vital discussions took place from three expert panels covering assessment and skills measurement, education, and enterprise experts.

Proposals

Upcoming

5. Introduction to Safeguarding and

Advanced Safeguarding Governors' Training (virtual) - 8 December 2020

The Introduction to Safeguarding training will take place between 8:30-9:45am and the Advanced Safeguarding training will take place between 10-12pm. The training sessions will be delivered by an independent Safeguarding Consultant. Governors and Designated Safeguarding Leads who have not had training or where the training occurred more than two years ago should attend the appropriate session, with the Introduction to Safeguarding course being best for those governors new to safeguarding or requiring an update and the Advanced Safeguarding course being more suitable for those governors with existing experience in safeguarding roles or taking on additional safeguarding responsibilities such as safeguarding lead governors or staff taking on statutory safeguarding roles.

6. CISI Level 2 qualification in Fundamentals of Financial Services

26 Pupils from the City's Family of Schools have registered to complete a Level 2 qualification in Fundamentals of Financial Services. This is a professional qualification funded by the City of London Corporation and delivered by CISI (Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment). Pupils will learn about the professional sector and commonly used financial products, such as shares, bonds and insurance and it will provide them with an understanding of financial terminology. The qualification also offers pupils free CISI Student membership – through which they can become associated with a Chartered professional body

and take advantage of an extensive range of benefits including networking and development opportunities, events with industry leaders and access to a progression pathway. The programme formally launches from 17 November 2021.

7. The calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 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 2021/22 academic year

Appendix 1 – Calendar of Forums and Events over the 2021/22 Academic Year

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