

INTRODUCING THE TEAM

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Hello and Welcome to our new look e-bulletin.

We will share information about events, resources and initiatives that you might find useful. We will also be celebrating the amazing work that is going on throughout our liF Community by showcasing some case studies that you might find useful.

Our next 'mini' zoom training sessions are based around 3 areas:

1. Barriers to Engagement
2. Family Learning
3. Schools in the community

These mini sessions will be around 15-30 minutes and will allow some time for interaction and discussions. Emails will be sent out shortly with dates and links - please make sure to look in your junk mail (just in case!).

LOCKDOWN AWARD

We just wanted to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all schools and settings that applied for the Lockdown Award. It has been incredible and inspiring reading all the amazing work you have been doing supporting families in your community.

Schools have demonstrated their adaptability and development throughout as well as dedication and holistic support. We were so impressed that we have extended our application for the award - if you have not yet managed to apply, please get in touch. You can view Lockdown Checklists on the IiF website under Lockdown awards - Well done!



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RESOURCES/TRAINING



Projects:

A number of IiF settings are involved in <https://www.bigbocsbwyd.co.uk/>

They have a clear aim to ensure that no child is hungry and that every child is able to learn how to make good food choices that enable them to thrive. Have a look at the website to find out more.

You may know that Lynsey is a huge fan of Dr Pooky Knightsmith and also a fan of freebies! Here is a link to some useful free guides for schools – see below:

<https://www.pookyknightsmith.com/>

[How to Maximise the Impact of Your Next INSET Day](#)

[Staff Wellbeing: 4 Ideas for Leaders Who Care](#)

[Effective CPD on a Shoestring](#)

[8 Ideas to Enable Staff to Flourish at Work](#)

[Growing Through Grief – Activities and Ideas](#)

[How to Become a Trauma Informed School](#)

[How Mentally Healthy is Your School? – A Simple Audit](#)

[Anxiety & School Return – 10 Ideas](#)

[Looking After Your Own Wellbeing When Delivering Safeguarding Training](#)

[8 Ideas to Get Boys Reading](#)

[How to Succeed in Your First Head of Department Role](#)



SPOTLIGHT



Dangos is a new Welsh Government funded project aimed at training front line workers to help show customers/service users that there are a lot of ways to improve their financial situation, and how to ease their worries about claiming.

Tens of millions of pounds in benefits and other help currently goes unclaimed in Wales. That's money which can make a real difference in families' lives and their futures...

Dangos aims to increase the knowledge and awareness about the availability of help for frontline workers. That is people who are in day-to-day contact, whether paid or voluntary, with families who might need extra help. <https://www.dangos.wales>

Studio III has a long, highly regarded, and successful track record working with young people, families, and schools/specialist settings. As an organisation, Studio III has a proven track record in supporting and advising on community-based provisions, working with adults and young people with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other neurological conditions, as well as providing specialist advice and support for looked after children and young people who are in receipt of community-based care.



Recently, Studio III's educational advisor, Gareth Morewood, has developed a specific educational package called The LASER Programme. This is a bespoke, personalised approach to working with young people, families, and professionals. With a focus on stress reduction, positive calm, consistent approaches to learning and participation and co-production, we feel that this unique, newly developed approach would support your aspirations for this new provision well. You can read more about this from the following link - www.studio3.org/laser-online.

The LASER prog is currently delivered online and consists of four 2-hour sessions, with all materials and additional exercises. These are ideally delivered as bespoke packages to settings, but also have open access courses for individuals to book on as required. Due to the personalised nature of Studio III's work if you have any enquiries please do contact Gareth directly on garethm@studio3.org and watch this space for further events and collaborations to come.



FUNDING

[thewaterloofoundation*](http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk)
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(TWF) is an independent grant-making Foundation created in 2007, and based in Cardiff, Wales. They give grants to organisations in both the UK and world-wide. They are most interested in projects that help globally particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. They want to help both the global community and the local community here in Wales.

Grants for Children to Connect with Nature and Learn Outdoors (England, Scotland & Wales)

Schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training to help children connect with nature, become more active, and learn outdoors. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through Phase Five of the charity, [Learning Through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant scheme](#), and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. This year, funding will also be open to Early Years' settings which have their own building and more than five staff. There will be four funding rounds throughout the year. The closing date for applications for Round 2 is the [25th June 2021](#).

Music for All Re-opens its Community Project Funding Grant Scheme (UK)

Grants are available to UK-based community groups and schools to bring music to their community. The funding is available to help schools and community groups get established as a sustainable music programme and can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities, as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. The funding is being made available by the charity **Music for All** and applications are assessed three times a year in Spring, Summer and Autumn. The next closing date for applications is the [1st July 2021](#).

Ford Britain Trust (England and Wales)

The Ford Britain Trust's large and small grants programmes are currently open for applications. Through the large grants programme, registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 and for grants of up to £250 through the small grants programme. Priority will be given to projects in locations where Ford Motor Company Limited/FCE Bank plc operate. The small grants programme will open for applications from the [1st April 2021](#) to the [30th June 2021](#). For applications to the large grants programme, the closing date is the [31st July 2021](#).

Funding for Schools to Work With International Partners and to Develop Global Learning Activities (UK)

Grants of up to £35,000 are available to clusters of schools to work with partner schools overseas. The funding can be used to support a wide range of global learning activities. Whilst reciprocal visits are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus, crisis grant funding is available to help schools collaborate virtually with your overseas partner school. Schools can still apply for funding for travel at a later date. The funding is being made available through the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development and is available to support activities with existing partner schools as well as those seeking new partnerships. The next closing date for applications is the [14th June 2021](#).

Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential (UK) - [helping-charitable-organisations](#)

Registered charities (including Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000. Of particular interest are projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs; address behavioural problems or promote citizenship; and parenting or life skills. Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. The funding is being made available through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. The next closing date for applications is the [31st July 2021](#).

ONLINE CONNECT SHOW
July 16th, 1.30-2.30pm



Sign up for your school place to take part in the AmaSing Connect Online show which will be streaming live via Zoom into your classrooms on 16th July.

Cost of this event is £30 per school for as many bubbles as you would like to take part. This will be recorded and streamed live at a later date for families to watch via AmaSing's social media platforms.

Reserve your place by emailing rach@amazing.org.uk

FEEDBACK

“Our secret weapon for building best culture is open and honest feedback” – Gina Lou

We would love to hear your feedback so we can continue to offer the best support, advice and guidance that we can. We recently hosted a Zoom Meeting training session based on Supporting Families with grants.

- Is this something that is useful?
- Would you like further Zoom training sessions?
- What areas or topics would you like to be included?
- How often would you like them?

If there is any other feedback regarding liF, processes, support, please feel free to email Lynsey or Kerry on their emails at the head of this e-bulletin.

Kerry is our website master! She is currently updating the liF website and we would love to have some testimonials on there. If we have helped give your school a focus and drive to improve or have supported you in making positive changes and positive impact, or any positive feedback about the process and guidance given, please send us a testimonial!!