

**Northampton Methodist District.
Consultancy work in designing a Schools Advisory Plan**

September 2018

The Northampton Methodist District (of the Methodist Church in Britain) covers 22 Methodist circuits and stretches from Peterborough to Chipping Norton and Loughborough to Amersham. Many of these circuits include Methodists who are actively involved in their local schools and some have been involved in bidding to build and run Methodist schools. The district covers rural villages, urban towns and cities, and we rejoice in this diversity of context while seeking to respond to these varied settings.

Education has always been close to the heart of Methodism and a key part of our outreach and service in local communities. We now seek to develop a plan for supporting schools work across our district in appropriate ways for today's situation. The District Executive are currently setting up a District Schools Advisory Group who will be one of the stakeholders in this piece of work. The work will be reported to the District Synod, through the District Executive.

The Brief

The person appointed will:

- a) canvas the views of key stakeholders from across the district in order to understand and to draft a District Schools Advisory plan.

- b) assess whether or not a District Schools Advisor officer appointment is needed and, if so, design the brief, and propose a business plan, including costings for this role.

The person appointed will need a good working understanding of the educational landscape and of the area covered by this Methodist District.

This role will be a secondment (or equivalent invoiced payment) – equivalent to one day a week - for the Spring Term academic term 2019

We expect to have this receive this report before the 4th June 2019 District Executive meeting, possibly earlier by negotiation.

To respond

If you would like to be considered for this work (or to find out more) please contact the Rev'd Jill Marsh, by 31st October 2018, explaining why you think you would be an appropriate person to achieve our aims. We will then contact you and, if we wish to take your application further, arrange for a conversation at our district office in Northampton. jill.marsh@methodist.org.uk

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