

Darlington 1st Annual PSHE Conference

The first Annual PSHE Conference was held on Thursday 24th November 2016 and opened by Jane Kochanowski, AD for Children Services with presentations from Councillor Cyndi Hughes Cabinet Portfolio holder and Jess Halliday MYP. Other speakers included Miriam Davidson, DPH who advised delegates on the national evidence base in support of PSHE, Kirstie Sutherland, FIT Manager who provided the local evidence base, Gill Reeves 0-19 Manager who provided an overview of the Service and Steve Nyakatawa, Interim Head of Education highlighted the importance of good health and wellbeing in order to achieve academically.

The conference had extremely positive engagement with over 90% of Darlington Schools represented and joined together to recognise the excellent good practice locally. The conference also offered a variety of WFD opportunities through a number of workshops determined from local and national evidence base.

The afternoon session open was open by Jenny Chapman MP who delivered a key note speech promising to support PSHE at the national level for statutory status.

The highlight of the event was the Awards ceremony with the awards being presented by Jenny Chapman MP.

PSHE Quality Mark – (Launched less than a year ago) A number of Darlington Schools are working towards achieving the PSHE Quality Mark and four Schools have already achieved it and were awarded certificates at the event; Hurworth School, Red Hall Primary School Springfield Academy and St George's Church of England Academy.

Nominations were sought from all schools across Darlington and each nominee received a certificate for PSHE Teacher of the year and Recognition of good practice within settings.

Darlington PSHE Teacher of the Year Award 2016 winner was Laura Monkman, Springfield Academy.

Darlington recognition of Good Practice in PSHE Award 2016 winner Red Hall Primary School.

All feedback received has been extremely positive and the launch of the new PSHE Hub was celebrated following a request from local schools.

Cllr Cyndi Hughes, Miriam Davidson, Gill Reeves, Kirstie Sutherland and Jess Halliday MYP.

