

POST-GRAD COURSE WITH EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYABILITY RATE HAS SEPTEMBER VACANCIES

A North East teacher training provider which offers 'school-centred initial teacher training' (SCITT) for PE teachers and has an exceptional employment rates of between 96% and 100%, is calling for undergraduates with an interest in sport or a sport-related degree to sign up for the next academic year.

The North East Partnership SCITT (NEPSCITT) is not only able to offer its trainees almost a guaranteed job at the end of its one year course but has also just reported its fourth consecutive 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgment.

Based at John Spence Community High School in North Shields, some of the best PE teachers in the North of England graduate from NEPSCITT where they can train to teach secondary PE or teach in the primary phase with the addition of a PE specialism.

Either way, Ofsted says that trainees receive a 'unique and transformational experience' at NEPSCITT.



Chris Bell discusses his progress with Deputy SCITT Director Sally Bryson

Its exceptional post-qualification employment rates, which stand between 96% and 100% over the last eight years, together with the course's ambitious, highly developed and high-quality curriculum, led to trainees noting the 'incredible' and 'impeccable' support of leaders and school-based mentors in the Ofsted report.

Through its long-standing partnership with a range of schools across the North East, placements for trainees are sourced from over seventy schools with trainees having two contrasting placements over the year but also learning in more than ten schools throughout the course.


Chris Bell, a current student in the fifth week of his second placement began his course last September. He needed no encouragement to study with NEPSCITT. Already with two interviews pending for a permanent post in the North East for the forthcoming academic year, he gained his degree in Sports Psychology at Leeds Trinity University and opted for the NEPSCITT course because, as he said, 'it is the best in the country with high employability rates'.

He continued: "I am really enjoying it. I always planned to go into teaching right from high school days and it has been great to see how children respond to sport and physical activity. It gets children out of the classroom environment and develops other life skills too."

Delighted by the latest Ofsted report and the incredibly positive comments it contained, North East Partnership's SCITT Director, Sarah Ramsden, said:



NEPSCITT Core Team from left to right: Joanne Fairley (Primary Lead), Sarah Beall (Business Manager and Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead), Sarah Ramsden (SCITT Director) and Sally Bryson (Deputy SCITT Director).



“To receive our fourth consecutive ‘outstanding’ judgement is amazing. The North East Partnership SCITT truly is a partnership. Leaders and partner schools are driven to provide exceptional training, mentoring and support. Those who train with us here are extremely well placed to not only secure employment and qualify as outstanding teachers, but they become part of something much bigger – a family of like-minded professionals who are determined to improve life chances for young people and encourage lifelong participation in physical activity and sport.

“Unusually, we still have a few places left on our 2022-23 academic year course and I would urge anyone who thinks they have what it takes to be a top-class secondary PE teacher or primary teacher with an additional specialism in PE, to contact us and find out more. We can provide a great entry point to pursue a career in teaching – but importantly, it’s not every day that students can embark on a course that prepares them so thoroughly to secure employment at the end of the course.”

