

COUNCIL FOR SUBJECT ASSOCIATIONS (CfSA)

Background

NAME has been working with other Subject Associations to develop ideas for promoting subject association membership. One proposal was the establishment of a Council for Subject Associations which would act on behalf of Subject Associations to raise awareness of their work and promote membership. This proposal was submitted to DfES in April 07 and in June the DCSF announced funding of £600k over 3 years to support the project. The CfSA was officially launched at a meeting of Subject Associations hosted by DCSF on September 20 2007.

Aims of CfSA

Core purpose:

- to enhance the work and effectiveness of individual subject associations and their members, and thereby increase their impact and success in raising the quality of education provided for all learners in schools, colleges and other settings

Aims:

- to promote membership of relevant SAs to all teachers, trainee teachers and other school or college staff with a specific subject focus;
- to provide SAs with a channel for communication, so that they can share best practice and benefit from networking to enhance their effectiveness;
- to provide a vehicle for collaboration, so that the activities of SAs are co-ordinated well and so that SAs are able to benefit from each other's expertise;
- to provide, when appropriate, a voice for advocacy on behalf of subjects and curriculum development in dealings with government, other stakeholders and the media;
- to support individual SAs in upholding the professional standards and development of their members.

Timeline

Sep 06	Subject Associations (SAs) produce initial proposal for a single council for subject associations
Early 07	DfES appoints CMC Partnership to develop these proposals for consideration by SAs and DfES
Apr 07	SAs submit final proposal to DfES
Jun 07	Announcement of funding by DCSF. This includes an allocation for a Primary Publication as well as for the establishment of the Council itself. CMC Partnership appointed to work with SAs in developing the project.
Jun/Jul 07	Establishment of an Interim Board to set up the CfSA and begin work on the Primary Publication (q.v.).
Sep 07	Launch of CfSA (Sep 20). First meeting of Interim Board
Mar 08	Projected date for first AGM of CfSA and production of Primary Publication

CfSA does not yet have its own website. However, there is a Subject Associations website, www.subjectassociation.org.uk, which provides some background information on the joint work of the subject associations. (The NAME page is under "Arts" in the list on the home page.)

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