Monthly SCC Newsletter

September 2026



Coming soon!

Service Children's Network

Our termly meetings are open to both Headteachers and any other member of staff who act as 'Service Children Advocates' at your school or organisation. Please continue reading to find out what is in store for our Autumn Term meeting!

Social Media

Please follow, like and share our social media accounts.

Welcome back...







Welcome back to you all following on from what I hope has been an enjoyable break over the summer holidays. I have no doubt that many of you will have still been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the new school year but I do hope you also found some time to switch off and relax.

As the Service Children's Champion for North Yorkshire I will continue working full-time in order to support you all to the best of my ability. With my teaching background I am keen to visit and work with as many schools as I can and I am really excited about delivering the Remembrance workshops in the run up to the Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral and working closely with some of your amazing Service children.

I will continue to raise awareness and advocate on behalf of our Service children across North Yorkshire. I am certain that each child who is new to our county will be given the very best support by school staff but should you need any advice or support please don't hesitate to contact me,
I hope you all have a wonderful Autumn term.

Make sure you read on for all the latest updates and exciting news about our upcoming training programme.

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Events

Festival of Remembrance 2026

Preparations are well underway for this year's Festival which will be taking place on Monday 9th November at Ripon Cathedral. Over 600 children will be attending in person and the event will also be live streamed on YouTube should you wish to watch the service virtually at your own school.

Priority was given to schools and young people who are actively contributing to the Festival, while also ensuring that as many schools as possible are represented. To support this, ticket numbers per school have been limited to widen access across the network.

Engagement with network meetings over time has also been considered, as part of recognising and valuing ongoing involvement and commitment.



Remembrance Workshops

My aim is to visit all of the schools who are confirmed to attend this year's Festival so that I can work with some of your pupils on some artwork for the accompanying exhibition. I have already contacted all of the schools with an allocated date/time for my visit.

As I am the only 'Service Children's Champion' there is a limit to what I can provide but will always endeavour to work with as many children and schools as possible so please watch out for further opportunities.

Catterick

TEAM

Etc. King's Trust
Team Programme





STARTING ON:
Monday 21st Sept 2026

JOIN US:

Join the Etc. King's Trust Team programme and we can help you achieve your potential!

Our Team programme is a 12-week personal development course for young people aged 16-25.

Gain a King's Trust Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills (E3, L1 or L2). Meet new people and have fun!

CONTACT US:

Email:
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07436 795 882

EtcKingsTrustTeam

Learners aged 19 and over can receive full funding for this course through North Yorkshire Council.

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Events



Community Christmas Concert

Following the sucess of 'A Christmas Cracker' last year I am busily planning this year's event. As many of you will already know I founded the Service Children's Community Choir in Catterick a few years ago and this year they are hosting a community concert just ahead of Christmas. They will be joined by 'friends' from Carnagill Primary School, Le Cateau Primary School, Leyburn Band, Dales Community Pop Choir and a number of other local groups. It promises to be a real highlight of the festive season and will take place on Wednesday 16th December, 7pm at Tennants Garden Rooms in Leyburn.

The Service Children's Community Choir is continuing to grow, develop and reach even more children and families. You may also be interested to hear that a second branch of the choir opened last year in Gosport, Hampshire. This follows on from the original choir's inspiring performance at the Royal Albert Hall in 2024. Please help us to spread the word about this event and we would love to see you all there. The link to book tickets is as follows or click on the image above:
https://www.tennantsgardenrooms.com/whats-on/events/a-christmas-cracker-christmas-music-song-and-celebration/

Festival of Remembrance



Ripon Cathedral

Monday 9th November

1-2.30pm

Updates..

Service Pupil Premium 2026

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced SPP in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face, and as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant.

State schools, academies and free schools in England with children of service families (reception-age to Year 11) are eligible for SPP funding. SPP helps the school give additional support that the service child may need. It is currently worth £340 per Service child per year.

DfE's ever 6 service child measure
The premium was extended so that any pupil in reception to Year 11 who has been flagged as a service child in the last 6 years will continue to receive the premium. Ex-service personnel should tell the school if they left the armed forces within the last 6 years. Under the DfE's 'ever' measure, schools will continue to receive SPP for up to 6 years for children whose parent(s) left the armed forces, provided the children were recorded as service children in a school census prior to their parent(s) leaving the forces.

The ever measure also applies when service parents divorce or separate or when a service parent dies in service.

Schools should not combine SPP with PP funding: the spending of each premium should be accounted for separately, but schools can claim for both SPP and PP for the same child if they are eligible for both.

Service Children's Network

Scan this QR to find out more and see examples of best practice



North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre

citizens advice

NEW POSTING, NEW SCHOOL, NEW ROUTINE?

SETTLING IN TOGETHER

NORTH YORKSHIRE MILITARY FAMILY WELCOME DAY

JOIN US FOR A RELAXED DROP-IN MORNING, GRAB A CUPPA, MEET OTHER FAMILIES NAVIGATING A MILITARY MOVE AND DISCOVER ALL THE LOCAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR NEW PATCH.

Settling in Service North Yorkshire

HOME START Richmondshire

READING FORCE

HIVE information Supporting the Service Community

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST

To request further information about the event, please scan the below QR code.

SCAN ME!

- **WHEN?** THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
- **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **WHERE?** NORTH HIVE HUB, CATTERICK GARRISON, DL9 3AX.

The Best Bits: FREE *tea, coffee, parking and books (ages 0-18)!* ***Collect your FREE guide to the "First 30 Days in North Yorkshire". Children are very welcome!***

WELCOME



Are you a newly arrived military family?

Moving to a new area can be tough. We are here to help you find essential services, meet friends and help you feel at home.

Scan the QR code for more information, to book a Settling in Service appointment and to receive your free Moving in Guide.

We will support you to settle, connect and thrive in your new community.

SCAN ME!

Your North Yorkshire Journey Starts Here

North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST

Updates..

Service Children's Champion Website

If you have recently taken on the role of Service Children's Advocate I would urge you to take a look at my website servicechildrenschampion.co.uk
I have spent the summer holidays refreshing the website and have uploaded lots of useful resources which can either be shared with families or used in schools during times of high anxiety such as deployments or transitions to new schools.

There are also a lot of links to useful organisations and key information about Service children and our Service Children's Network. I do hope it is user friendly and a useful tool for our school-based Service Children's Advocates.

Scan this QR to visit the Service Children's Champion website

SCiP Alliance Annual Conference

The SCiP Alliance Annual Conference 2026 will bring together practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and funders to explore a whole person, whole journey approach to supporting Service children. This vital theme recognises the need for collaboration across education, youth work, health, and wellbeing, ensuring seamless support from early years to adulthood. Hosted in York, the event will mark 10 years of the SCIP Alliance and the focus will be on partnership working. It is due to take place on Wednesday 18th November. Please click on the link below for more details and to book your place.

This conference is an opportunity to connect, learn, and contribute to the future of Service children's education and wellbeing. Attendees will gain valuable insights, hear from leading experts, and explore best practices from across the UK. Whether you're shaping policy, delivering services, or supporting children directly, your voice matters. Join us in York to help shape the future and support thriving lives for Service children.

Service Children's Progression ALLIANCE

Book Now!

Updates..

Service Children's Champion Core Offer

As the new academic year begins I would like to take this opportunity to outline our offer to all North Yorkshire schools and settings:

- **Monthly digital Service Children's Champion Newsletter**
- **Termly Service Children's Network meetings**
- **Invitation to attend key annual events such as the Festival of Remembrance, Month of the Military celebrations including the bi-annual Service Children Awards**
- **Service Children's Champion Website**
- **Advocacy, advice and signposting**
- **Service Children Quick Start Pack (downloadable toolkit)**
  - **One Minute Guides - Deployment, Mobility, Transitions**
  - **Service child induction checklist**
  - **Deployment support checklist**
  - **Pupil voice ideas**

Service Children's Champion Traded Offer

Additional bespoke consultancy for schools and settings to strengthen their support for Service children, and deepen their knowledge and understanding of their unique needs:
Available as:

- Individual training sessions
- Whole-school CPD packages
- Multi-session programmes
- Bespoke support packages

Schools will receive:

- Practical tools, templates and ready-to-use resources
- Action planning support
- Evidence-informed strategies
- Opportunities for collaboration through network meetings
- Ongoing guidance and signposting

Exciting news...

Service Children's Champion Training Programme

Over the last few months, I have been working hard behind the scenes to develop a brand-new Service Children's Champion Training Programme, which will soon be available through North Yorkshire Education Services (NYES) and will form part of our traded offer.

Designed for education professionals who want to better understand and support Service children and young people, the programme will provide practical guidance, evidence-informed strategies, and opportunities to reflect on how schools can create a greater sense of belonging for children from military families. The training will combine the flexibility of pre-recorded learning sessions with a programme of live webinars each term, allowing participants to engage with key topics at a time that suits them while also benefiting from discussion, shared learning, and the latest updates during live events.

Sessions will explore the unique experiences of Service children, including mobility, deployment, transitions, identity, wellbeing, and the effective use of Service Pupil Premium.

As North Yorkshire is home to one of the largest Service communities in the country, we know that many schools support Service children, whether they have a handful of pupils or a significant military cohort. This training aims to equip staff with the knowledge, confidence, and practical tools needed to ensure every Service child feels understood, supported, and able to thrive.

On the next page you will see the **provisional dates** we have set aside to deliver the live training sessions and how much each session will cost. We will share details of how to book with you all as soon as we are able to do so via email.

Autumn Term Training Programme Live Sessions

In the autumn term, we will be delivering all of the modules outlined below as live webinars for those who prefer a more structured learning experience. All sessions will be delivered online. If you or your nominated delegate are unable to attend a live session, a pre-recorded version will be available to access at a time that suits you.
There will be nine sessions in total. Some will be delivered as lunchtime sessions from 12.00pm to 2.00pm, while others will be longer to allow sufficient time to cover the content in depth.
Participants who attend all nine sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion and a specially-designed Service Children's Advocate badge in recognition of their commitment to the programme.

Thursday 1st Octoberr 12-2pm - FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION
The Impact of Service Life on Children and Young People

Thursday 8st October 1-4pm £65
Supporting Service Children in Your School: From Awareness to Action

Thursday 15th October 12-2pm £35
Making Service Pupil Premium Work

Thursday 22nd October 10-3pm (includes 30 minute lunch break) £55
Service Children Advocate Programme

Thursday 5th November 12-2pm £35
Supporting Children through Deployment and Change

Thursday 12th November 12-2pm £35
Transitions and Mobility: Getting It Right for Service Children

Thursday 19th November 12-2pm £35
Amplifying Pupil Voice: Building Identity and Belonging

Thursday 26th November 1-4pm £65
Train the Trainer: Delivering Wellbeing Support in Your School

Thursday 3rd December 12-2pm £35
Supporting Service Children in Early Years Settings



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Contact me at our email address if you have any items for the agenda

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Service Children's Advocates

If you are currently the 'Service Children's Advocate' or lead for your school then please do get in touch.

I would particularly love to hear examples of how your school is supporting your pupils and are looking for schools or pupils to feature in our 'Champion of the Month' series of videos that I will be sharing on the Service Children's Champion social media channels.

It would be great to feature some of our Service children and young people and share their achievements with our wider community, or shining a spotlight on the amazing work you all do to take care of them.

Autumn SCN Meeting

The next online SCN meeting will be Wednesday 7th October at 10.am on Teams. Watch your inbox for the Agenda and Teams Invite which will be sent out to you next week. With it being the beginning of a new academic year please do consider inviting a member of your team as a Service Children's Advocate as they will benefit from free CPD, local and National updates and the opportunity to engage with guest speakers.

The theme for this term's CPD is family support and I will be sharing details of which organisations will be joining us for the meeting to talk about the work that they do and also offer advice if needed during the SCN Surgery.



Following the Service Children's Champion pages on Facebook and Instagram? If not why not! Feel free to share posts like this one with your school community to help raise awareness.