

An exciting opportunity to join Exchange Research School as an Evidence Advocate!

Exchange Research School is looking for our next Cohort of Evidence Advocates to support our mission to mobilise research evidence to improve outcomes for children and close the attainment gap. This is a great professional development opportunity for anyone who is passionate about evidence-informed practice in education, and an opportunity to contribute more widely to support the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) mission.

Post: Evidence Advocate

Date Commencing: 1st September 2026 (1 year)

Closing date: Monday 29th June 2026 (midday)

Interviews: W/C Monday 6th July

Contract type: Service Level Agreement with the school or trust from 1st September 2026 – 31st August 2027 for any work undertaken.

Please note that this is an **unpaid professional development opportunity**, requiring a commitment of time and support from your school for any necessary release. If you are invited to facilitate on an external programme, we may provide funding to your school to help offset associated costs. All schedules will be agreed in advance.

Remit

The Exchange Partnership describes the broad and diverse portfolio of professional development and partnerships led by Delta Academies Trust. Its purpose is to improve the quality of education through local delivery of world-class professional learning for all. At the heart of our partnership offer, Exchange Research School exemplifies and mobilises the evidence around what makes great teaching and school leadership. Our Research School is part of the EEF's Research Schools Network (RSN), with a remit of mobilising evidence and tackling the disadvantage gap.

Purpose of the role

In order to spread evidence-informed practice across schools, we want to build a team of Evidence Advocates. They will work with the Research School to gather and share evidence, create useful resources, promote best practice in their area of expertise and advocate for the use of evidence in education, helping schools to access, understand and apply evidence.

Why become an Evidence Advocate?

- Be supported to develop your expertise, sharing practice with other Evidence Advocates and colleagues from the RSN and EEF
- Be invited to attend exclusive EEF professional development opportunities
- Have access to The Exchange Partnership's Facilitator Network
- Get first sight briefings on new EEF publications
- Have the opportunity to showcase evidence use in your setting

Evidence Advocates may be asked to support with some of the following activities:

- exploring, synthesising and curating the evidence around an area
- advocating for evidence use and the Research School across current networks
- writing blogs ([see example](#))
- contributing to podcasts/video exemplification ([see example](#))
- facilitating on CPD programmes (online and in-person)
- providing case studies to support exemplification materials
- representing the Research School at online RSN professional learning workshops and attending termly ELE network meetings
- presenting to external audiences to promote the work of the Research School and the EEF

The Evidence Advocates must:

- have the support of their Principal/ Head in applying for the role
- attend an induction event in-person (1 half day)
- have at least two years of effective leadership experience (ideally SLT)
- be effective communicators and facilitators
- have knowledge of and enthusiasm for evidence-informed practice
- be committed to improving life chances for children facing socio-economic disadvantage
- have capacity and commitment to work with Exchange Research School for the next year as outlined above
- be interested in working further to develop knowledge in a particular area of specialism
- have a commitment to the development of positive collaboration across the wider educational community
- be committed to attending the termly network meetings and at least 2 EEF sessions (online) throughout the year

To apply: Submit an application for the role to info@exchangepartnership.org.uk by midday on Monday 29th June 2026.

For further information about this role, please contact us on rs@exchangepartnership.org.uk