

# About HeppSY+

Working in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield and South Yorkshire colleges and schools to increase the number of young people progressing to higher education

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**HeppSY+ is part of a national programme funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to support young people most at risk of missing out on higher education. It stands for Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire plus.**

HeppSY+ builds on the work of the existing Higher Education Progression Partnership (Hepp) involving Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield and the South Yorkshire colleges of further education.

Our remit is to work with young people from Year 9 who live in target wards designated by HEFCE. The evidence shows that higher education participation of young people in these areas is both low and much lower than expected based on GCSE-level attainment.

We provide impartial information, advice, and guidance and engage with all higher education opportunities to help young people make the best choices for them individually. When we say 'higher education', we mean degree courses at colleges as well as university and also higher or degree level apprenticeships..

Within the target areas in our region there are

- 102 schools that meet the criteria
- 20,600 potentially eligible students in those schools
- 4,000 potentially relevant young people in partner colleges

Our objectives by 2020 are to

- double the number of young people accessing higher education from the target wards
- increase progression by black and minority ethnic groups by 20%
- address the under-representation of young men progressing to higher level studies

## **An impartial, targeted, collaborative service**

HeppSY+ programme activity will span three academic years from September 2017 to December 2020 (subject to review in 2018), supporting

- schools to develop curriculum and higher education progression activities
- young people to explore, develop, build confidence and achieve
- parents and the wider community to find out what opportunities are available

We will be working with education and community partners to build on existing successful initiatives, providing fresh resource for expanding activity and fostering innovation.

The logo for HeppSY+ features the word 'hepp' in a stylized, lowercase font with a striped pattern, followed by 'SY+' in a bold, green, uppercase font.The logo for the National Collaborative Outreach Programme consists of three overlapping circles in orange, blue, and green, followed by the text 'Part of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme' in a bold, black font.

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**National Collaborative  
Outreach Programme**

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