

London Children's Services

Practice Spotlight



About

A celebration of London practice



Local Authority Children's Services across London are working to transform the lives of children and families across the capital, both locally and through regional collaboration. This motivation binds us together and cements our connection to one another and the children, young people and families we serve.

London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LiiA) are delighted to bring the Practice Spotlight to life, shining a light on London Children's Services most innovative and impactful practice. All London Local Authorities are invited to submit examples of work that is making the biggest difference to children and families.

The Practice Spotlight initiative is championed by the Social Care Practice Leaders Network, endorsed by the Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) and delivered by London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LiiA).

“We are very proud to be launching the Practice Spotlight initiative. We look forward to exploring all of the great practice happening in London from the people who make it possible.”

Social Care Practice Leaders Network

Purpose

Shining a light on London's most innovative and impactful practice



- **To identify the practice that is making a difference**, often around very complex and challenging areas of work
- **To boost opportunities for sharing and learning** across all of London's LAs, which underpins the positive culture of collaboration
- **To recognise and celebrate the individuals and teams** who have delivered this work and raise awareness with broader audiences

9 Categories

Local Authorities are invited to submit examples of their most innovative and impactful practice against nine categories.

1

Reducing racial disparities and tackling racism, sponsored by the Leadership in Colour Reference Group

2

Impact for children with special educational needs and disabilities, sponsored by the London SEND Steering Group

3

Building safety for young Londoners, sponsored by the London Adolescent Safeguarding Oversight Board

4

Supporting and strengthening the workforce, sponsored by the Workforce Steering Group

5

Delivering excellence for care leavers, sponsored by the Care Leavers Trust Board

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Improving outcomes for children with complex needs who are in care or on the edge of care, sponsored by the Pan-London Placements Commissioning Panel

7

Delivering together with health services, sponsored by the Children's Social Care Practice Leaders

8

Making data speak for London's children, sponsored by the Intelligence & Data Research Steering Group

9

Delivering positive impact through early intervention, sponsored by the London Early Help Network

Benefits

Some of the key benefits that you will experience from submitting your work include;



Share best practice across the London children's services community: promoting and disseminating your work to help improve services and outcomes for children and families, with additional promotional press opportunities



Showcase your people and practice: gain recognition for the innovative and excellent people and practice that you and your team are delivering together



Promote your Local Authority: the London Social Work for Children team will work with you to promote and share your best practice and the culture of your LA to strengthen local recruitment and retention campaigns to reach those considering their next career move in children's services



Networking with your London peers: meet with a range of colleagues from across the children's services community in London and expand your network of contacts



Keep the sharing going: work with LIA to make sure your examples of best practice reach all the relevant networks across London and beyond, so that London can keep learning and sharing beyond the event

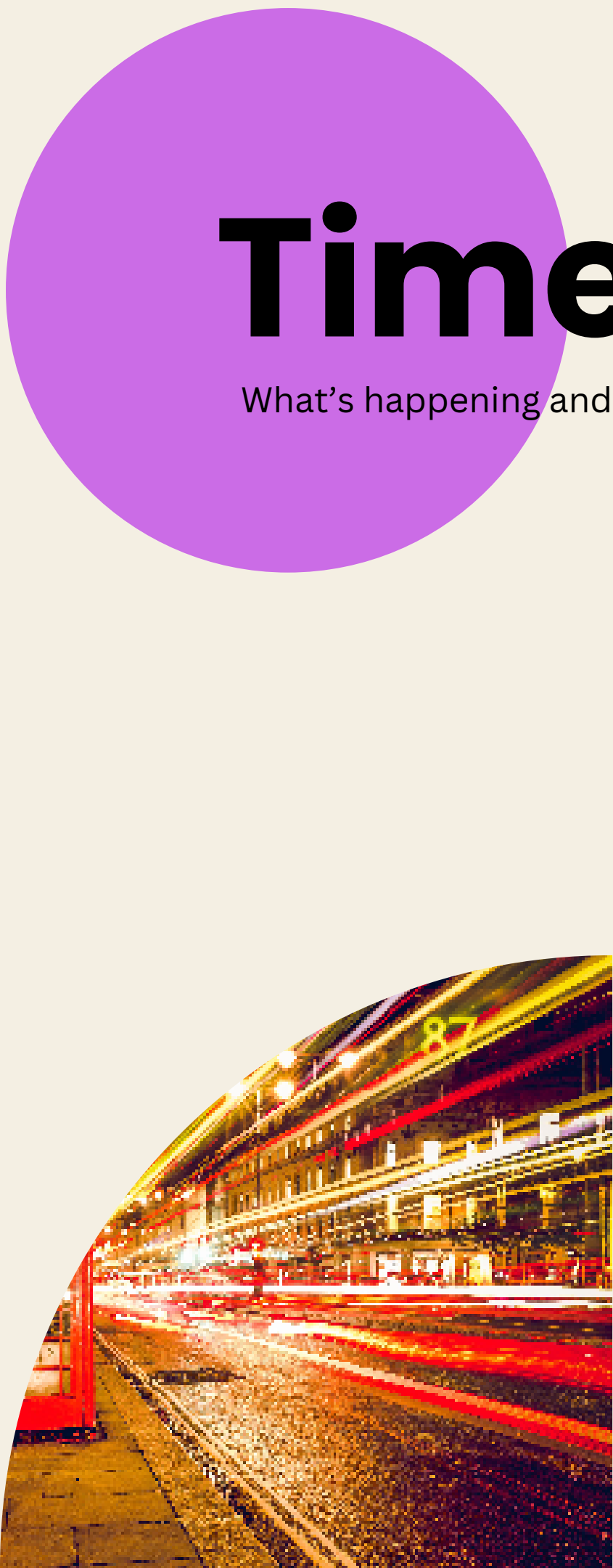


What next?

For each category the named sponsoring regional board to review the submissions. All practice examples will form the basis of a series of regional activities.



- **Collation of submissions within a resource pack and digital platform for sharing**, enabling other LA's to see the breadth of practice in one place and follow up based on their specific interests and needs.
- **A 'market-place' embedded within the London Children's Services Annual Summit** that will bring together conference delegates with teams who have designed and deliver the practice. Inevitably only a certain amount of practice examples will be able to feature on the day, which will be selected based on innovation, impact, and delegate interest.
- **Follow up workshops will enable specific topics to be looked at in greater detail** and by a wider children's services audiences. These will be open to all interested London LA's, with those LA's who have submitted practice playing a lead role in designing and running the workshops with LIA's support.



Timeframes

What's happening and when

Activity	Date
Practice Spotlight Launch	4th November 2024
LA Submission Deadline	20th December 2024
Regional Panel Review Period	6th January 2025 - 14th February 2025
Panel Feedback & Reflections	17th February 2025 - 7th March 2025
Summit Marketplace Planning & Resources Development	10th March 2025 - 28th March 2025
London Children's Services Annual Summit	Spring 2025
Practice Spotlight Workshop Series	April 2025 - December 2025

Resources

Everything you need to know to get started



[Read more about categories](#)



[Read the submission guidance](#)



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