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School pathfinder projects – the schools involved

School pathfinder projects are the latest development in the Government's Trust schools programme. Alan Johnson, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, announced the 28 projects on 7 September 2006.

The pathfinder schools that are applying for Trust status have many reasons for their decision, and are looking for a wide range of Trust partners. Pathfinders are profiled here, region by region.

Garforth Community College, a secondary Community school in Leeds, would like to establish a Trust in partnership with Trinity and All Saints HE College. It hopes that acquiring a Trust will empower the school to foster and strengthen collaboration with other schools in the area as well as contribute to community cohesion by helping to deliver improved children's services.

It also anticipates that Trust status would give students a wider range of opportunities. The school would like a Trust to focus on two areas: developing a Garforth Learning Community to manage collective responsibility for the Every Child Matters agenda across a range of local schools; and building on existing work developing support and intervention services for underperforming schools in the region.

The headteacher Paul Edwards says, "We would like the Trust to create an environment that will support the learning needs of the whole community, offering inclusive lifelong learning opportunities and improved children's services in a seamless locally identifiable organisation. It will provide local solutions for local needs."