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Funded Travelling Fellowships For Aspiring Head Teachers

In 2015, [The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust](#) will be investing £1.2 million in British citizens, by awarding a record number of 150 Travelling Fellowships, in order to mark its 50th anniversary.

This will directly support British citizens who want to travel overseas to gain knowledge, experience and best practice to benefit others in their UK professions and communities, and society as a whole.

As part of our partnership with [The Farmington Trust](#), we will be awarding 4 Travelling Fellowships in the [Education](#) category, and the application process is now open.

We are looking for aspiring Head Teachers at secondary level to [apply](#) in order to research educational values and standards, new developments in teaching, and to improve their leadership skills.

This collaboration is the third year of a partnership between the two Trusts. It aims to encourage aspiring Head Teachers to develop their moral leadership skills, in order to have a positive impact on their pupils, and to gain a wider experience of best practice. Successful applicants will become part of the Farmington network of Fellows, and some costs of replacement staff may be covered if you are selected to travel abroad.

Case study:

Newly appointed Deputy Principal [Chris Gabbett](#) travelled to Australia and Norway to look at how secondary schools and universities can better support students from deprived backgrounds. His Fellowship focused on the way that teacher development and in-school expectations could help to close the poverty gap, and in particular, on 'Productive Pedagogies', a teaching framework developed in Queensland in 2001. Within two months of completing his final Fellowship report, Chris was appointed as Principal of Trinity Catholic School in Warwickshire. He was also invited to join the Best Practice Forum which examined the attainment and inclusion of children in care, and currently serves on the committee of the Institute for Childhood Trauma and Recovery. He has completed pedagogy research at Oxford University, and is currently completing a PhD at Warwick University. Chris has written articles on his teaching experiences for the Guardian Teacher Network. Perhaps most significantly, Chris has taken practical action based on the knowledge gained from his Fellowship, so that his school has become a national leader in helping children from deprived backgrounds to achieve their academic potential. He is currently developing plans to provide strategic support for teaching schools on education for vulnerable learners.

Amongst those travelling this year, in this category, is **Philip Avery**, an associate head teacher from Petersfield, Hampshire, visiting the Netherlands and the USA to research the development of globally competitive students through Challenge Based Learning and STEM.

Successful applicants must demonstrate the commitment, the character and the tenacity to travel globally in pursuit of new and better ways of tackling a wide range of current challenges facing the UK, and upon their return work to transform and improve aspects of today's society.

A travelling sabbatical for people with the drive, determination and desire to help others, can further their leadership and role model abilities.

Employers often also see great benefits with employees returning with new knowledge, skills and ideas to share with others within the organisation.

Applications are judged purely on project merit, and these opportunities are available to UK residents over the age of 18, of any ethnicity, religion, or gender.

Successful applicants will receive an average Fellowship grant of over £6000, covering return airfare, daily living costs, insurance and travel within the countries being visited, for approximately 6 weeks overseas.

Notes to Editors:

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was established shortly after Sir Winston's death in 1965, as his national memorial and living legacy. Since then it has awarded over 4820 Travelling Fellowships.

The application process for travel in 2015 is now open, and there are 11 varied [categories](#) in which people can [apply](#).

Churchill's beliefs and passions are still living on through our Fellows – who are remarkable yet ordinary individuals, representing a wide range of backgrounds, qualifications, interests and professions, but sharing the desire to do something for the improvement of British life and their fellow man.

The deadline for the 2015 applications is 5pm on 23rd September 2014.

In total 137 Fellowships were awarded in the UK in 2014, with grant awards totaling £876,540. The Fellows are currently travelling to 52 countries between them, across 6 continents, carrying out a wide range of projects.

To maximise the impact of our Fellowships we have developed partnerships with other organisations, focused on specific areas of concern and relevance for the UK today. Lessons learnt from overseas travel are effectively coordinated and disseminated, and incorporated into best practice in the UK for the benefit of others in similar communities and professions.

The Farmington Trust

The Farmington Trust was founded in the 1960's by the Hon Robert Wills. The Trust so far has given over 600 Fellowships to people in this category. The Trust also provides Fellowships for Head Teachers in values and standards, and Fellowships for Senior Members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces in moral and ethical leadership. These Fellowships can be taken at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, with which the Trust enjoys a close relationship.

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