

## Dear Teacher

We are currently recruiting **Masterclass Mentors** from across the region and signing them up to **Our Place 2020**. We aim to recruit Mentors for each of the eight key aspects of sustainable communities identified in the Egan Review \* and Egan Wheel \* - which are central to the success of the **Our Place 2020** competition and learning programme.

Once we have recruited all our **Masterclass Mentors** we will match them with your school – based as far as possible on your expressed area of interest on your completed pro-forma, which is included in this section of your pack and should be completed immediately. Your Masterclass Mentor will work with you and your pupils to work up their initial ideas into the project that you will submit in the **Our Place 2020** competition.

Schools will also be given a full list of all **Masterclass Mentors** recruited and you'll be able to ask all 'our experts' for help and information by using our special e-communications system, referred to elsewhere in this section of your pack – as well as the Mentors matched with your school.

As soon as we have the details of all the **Masterclass Mentors** and their areas of expertise we will provide you with this information, for inclusion in this pack.

Many of the **Masterclass Mentors** will be gathering evidence for an Open College Network North East Region (OCNNER) Level 2 accredited qualification.

Teachers have an important role in supporting the **Masterclass Mentors** in securing the evidence they require and we know you will help our **Masterclass Mentors** in this task. This could include you:

- Taking photographs of the **Masterclass Mentors** working with your pupils – either in the classroom or during any industry visits.
- Providing witness statements
- Supporting the creation of basic lesson plans
- Providing feedback to the Mentors on how well they did when working with your pupils.

We have included details of the **Masterclass Mentoring** qualification specification in Section 4 of your pack, to give you an idea of the kind of evidence they will be gathering for their portfolios and which you will be able to help them gather.

**\* For more details of the Egan Review and the Egan Wheel turn to Section 6 of your pack**