

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

£40,000 – £45,000 plus Harris Benefits

Harris Federation

How To Apply

Please visit www.harriscareers.org.uk to apply online and submit your application. We only accept applications submitted before the closing date via our careers website. Please refer to the last page of this candidate pack and our website for guidance on applying to opportunities within the Federation.

Safeguarding Notice

The Harris Federation and all our academies are committed to ensuring the highest levels of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and we expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, references, an online search, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed. Before applying, please review our [**Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders.**](#)

About the Harris Federation

The founder and sponsor of the Harris Federation, Lord Harris of Peckham, opened our first school in 1990. We have, over the past thirty years, implemented ideas and initiatives that have transformed the opportunities of pupils from working class and disadvantaged backgrounds. Harris academies are widely recognised as a force for social mobility. We are immensely proud of the role that our alumni are now beginning to play in the world and of what we believe our current generation of pupils will go on to achieve.

The Harris Federation has a track record of accomplishment in achieving success through rapid school improvement and has built an unrivalled reputation for running outstanding academies. We now have over 50 schools educating more than 40,000 young people across London and Essex, and employ over 5,000 staff across our academies and head office. With the majority of our academies located in areas of high socioeconomic disadvantage, a high-quality education is key to the futures of the pupils we serve.

Our Vision

We are a pioneering education charity, and one of the leading multi-academy trusts in the country. We have built a reputation for transformative change, taking on some of the most challenging schools in London and turning them into places where every young person can access a high-quality education and have opportunities to succeed.

Our vision, from the start, has been to provide the structure and services needed for our schools to amount to more than the sum of their parts, and to free-up our teachers and leaders to focus on one thing and one thing only: the outstanding education of all their pupils. Our young people and communities are at the heart of everything we do. Our core mission has always been to close the educational gap between young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers. Our ambition is one where every child in London, no matter their background, has equal access to high quality education, giving them the same opportunities and potential to succeed.

Our Values

We have exceptional teachers, support staff, and leaders that come from a wide range of backgrounds. They bring many different skills, but they all share a strong commitment to delivering an outstanding education and creating an inspiring and happy school environment. We know there are many challenges facing our young people and the communities we serve, and that's why we need determined people like you to help us tackle those inequalities.

Whilst each of our academies has their own unique cultures and values; as a whole Federation, we have four core values which are central to successfully achieving our vision: **Excellence, Collaboration, Support, and Innovation**. We are proud of our values because they guide us in how we work allowing us to achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people, communities, and colleagues. No matter what your role is, where you're based, or what your career goals are, our values act as a guide to empower you to do your best work.

What Sets Harris Apart

We are a Federation rather than a chain, and the autonomy of our Principals, and their individual academies is a key element of our success. In addition, the support structure from our central team provides a range of efficient and time-saving services to our academies, but Principals have ownership of running their schools to determine the best curriculum and other local policies to suit the context of their school, staff, and students.

Our head office based in East Croydon, provides expertise and guidance across Commercial, Governance, IT and Data, Finance, Estates, Procurement, HR and Recruitment, Sixth Form and Marketing. Harris academies are funded on the same basis as other state schools in England, but by negotiating shared contracts and services, and delivering other economies of scale, our academies save over £5m per year, all of which goes back into the education of our students.

As part of the central team we have more than 70 consultants, each a subject specialist and highly-skilled teachers who are available to our academies as a resource to use as they need. Their job is to create curriculum excellence in every subject. Our schools are able to access their full support to ensure the most effective curriculum intent, implementation, and impact.

From Our CEO

We see Harris as a system disrupter – whose purpose is to make life fairer for children in and around London. Our focus is to take on the most challenging schools and turn them into exceptional places of learning where everyone – staff and students – thrives.

We strive to deliver an excellent education to our young people so they can progress into top careers and the very best universities and apprenticeships, giving them the chance to fulfil their potential, no matter their background.

The secret of our success is that every Harris academy is different; every school has its own culture and ethos nurtured by its leadership team to suit the local community and context. However, all Harris academies are united by a determination to constantly improve and to quickly identify and share what works to ensure that every pupil is successful regardless of background.

As we grow, we are delighted to welcome new and experienced teachers, leaders, and support staff into the Federation, all of whom are crucial to our ongoing success. We encourage staff in their learning and development, our CPD is regularly described as ‘outstanding’, and all of us are committed to growing our expertise and sharing it with each other.

*Sir Dan Moynihan
Chief Executive*

Our Benefits

We know our success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our teams. No matter what your role, by joining the Harris Federation, you will be making a difference to young people across London and in recognition of this, you will be able to enjoy the tangible and intangible benefits of working at Harris.

Harris has a strong culture of collaboration and best practice, with professional development and career planning at its centre. We invest in our staff with support, coaching, mentoring, and a wide range of top-quality training programmes delivered at every level.

You will also have access to a variety of benefits, support programmes and initiatives. [Visit our website](#) to discover more.

Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to encouraging and sustaining a positive and supportive working environment for our staff, and an excellent teaching and learning experience for our young people. As a provider of employment and education, we value the diversity of our staff and students, and all our staff are equally valued and respected. We are committed to providing a fair, equitable and mutually supportive learning and working environment for our students and staff.

Our work will impact many generations to come, and our staff come from all backgrounds and walks of life, coming together to inspire young minds. We promote an inclusive culture that embraces the valuable and enriching contribution that all of our community make. We continue to be proactive in uplifting and supporting all voices at Harris.

Job Purpose

This is a brand-new position which will play a pivotal role in helping to transform our learning and development initiatives to a centralised model as well as streamlining our onboarding, induction and wider retention initiatives for staff across the Federation.

As the central Learning & Development Manager, you will oversee a centralised L&D offering which supports all job types and staff groups in the Federation and ensure high quality training is delivered to develop our staff. You will oversee the creation and curating of learning content and opportunities helping our staff to identify opportunities for development and progression.

The successful individual will support the Head of Talent Acquisition in delivering a cohesive approach to staff training and a longer-term strategy for learning and development which is aligned with our Federation goals. You will successfully implement our learning and education programmes, ensuring Harris Federation has a competent and well-trained workforce capable of delivering our operational, statutory, and professional performance targets.

Main Areas of Responsibility

- Oversee the delivery of core training initiatives and coordinate Learning & Development activities across the Harris Federation.
- Manage a central catalogue of compliance training via our online learning platform Oracle Learning Cloud (OLC).
- Promote our learning and development offerings across the Federation through a variety of communication channels.
- Act as the central administrator for our online learning platform (OLC) and support the timely delivery and completion of all mandatory training for all staff.
- Develop relationships with key stakeholders across the Federation to understand training gaps and learning requirements within Harris Federation, developing tools and programmes to foster a culture of continuous learning and employee wellbeing.
- Support with promoting and implementing apprenticeship opportunities.
- Partner with stakeholders from academies and our central team to establish current and future learning objectives and new training requirements, carrying out training needs analysis activity, to include, but not limited to, assessment of technical and statutory competency and skill requirements.
- Develop, refresh and update learning as necessary to ensure continuous improvement, reflecting changing priorities and responding to feedback from learners and key stakeholders.
- Ensure courses have clearly defined learning objectives and that programmes employ up to date and effective techniques including e-learning and blended approach that can maximise learning outcomes.
- Source and curate e-learning content that learners can access on demand, ensuring this is moderated, high quality, refreshed and relevant for learners.
- Ensure Federation values are embedded through our content and materials and are aligned with the employee brand.
- Research opportunities for the applied use of AI to help upscale capacity and abilities for creating learning content.

- Ensure staff training records are effectively maintained so that records of annual mandatory training outcomes are readily available for Ofsted purposes.
- Work closely with colleagues in HR in assisting with recruitment and a particular emphasis on onboarding and inductions.
- Support the use of virtual classes based on the objectives and agendas provided to maximise learner engagement and retention.
- Enable reporting for classroom-based training including but not limited to attendance tracker, knowledge checks, simulated learning, and training performance metrics.
- Deliver “Train the Trainer” sessions for OLC.
- Promote the use of OLC so that utilisation is high and learning benefits are maximised.
- Contribute to L&D processes and policy reviews and ensure policies are widely communicated.
- Be the main point of contact for general enquires and central course administration.

Federation Ethos

- To undertake such other duties as may be required, commensurate with the level of responsibility of the post
- To engage actively in the performance review process, addressing appraisal targets set in conjunction with the line manager each autumn term
- To participate in training and other professional development learning activities
- To promote equal opportunities and celebrate diversity in all aspects of the Federation
- To play a full part in the life of the Federation community, to support its distinctive aim and ethos and to encourage staff and students to follow this example
- To support and attend Federation events
- To promote actively the Federation’s corporate policies
- To adhere to the Federation’s Dress Code
- To comply with the Federation’s Health and Safety policy and undertake risk assessments as appropriate
- To be familiar with and promote safeguarding requirements, demonstrating adherence to the DfE Guidance ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education and the academy’s Safeguarding/Child Protection policies
- To be aware of and comply with all academy and Federation policies and procedures, in particular those relating to conduct, child protection (as above), health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person

Employees will be expected to comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description. Employees are expected to be courteous to colleagues and provide a welcoming environment to visitors and telephone callers.

The academy will endeavour to make any necessary reasonable adjustments to the job and the working environment to enable access to employment opportunities for disabled job applicants or continued employment for any employee who develops a disabling condition (as defined in the Equality Act 2010).

Following consultation with you this job description may be changed by management to reflect or anticipate changes in the job which are commensurate with the salary and job title.

Person Specification

Area	Essential	Desirable
Education & Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIPD qualification or Learning & Development or HR related degree. 	
Knowledge & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience in a learning and development or HR management • Experience in a L&D area: e-learning development, coaching, leadership development or related fields • Experience in designing, delivering, and evaluating learning and development programs • Experience assisting in course development, design, delivery and facilitation, including blended learning approaches. • Experience of analysing and presenting data • Experience of working with a learning management system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience within the Education or Charity sector • Experience of managing L&D policies and budgets • Experience facilitating live and virtual training.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in MS Office and learning management systems • Attention to detail and problem-solving skills • Ability to create new training tools with minimal assistance • Ability to identify changes specific to program, disseminate information as needed, and create tools in support of new information • Proven ability to perform in a fast-paced environment and with minimal supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Oracle Learning Cloud
Federation Ethos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work in a team environment as well as autonomously • Enthusiasm for and commitment to the achievement of the Federation's overall vision for success at all levels • Motivation to work with children and young people • Ability to build & sustain professional standards, relationships & personal boundaries with young people • Emotional maturity & resilience in dealing with challenging behaviours • Ability to contribute towards a safe & protective environment • Empathy with the aims and objectives of Harris Federation • Willingness to continue professional development • Commitment to maintaining high standards & expectations • Commitment to contributing to academy life as a whole • Commitment to equality of opportunity, valuing diversity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students 	

We will consider any reasonable adjustments under the terms of the Equality Act (2010) to enable an applicant with a disability (as defined under the Act) to meet the requirements of the post. The job-holder will ensure that academy policies are reflected in all aspect of his/her work, in particular those relating to:

1. Equal Opportunities
2. Health and Safety
3. UK General Data Protection Regulations (2018) and Data Protection Act (2018)
4. Safeguarding Children

Applying For The Position

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible as we may interview and offer to a candidate before the closing date. Please note that we only accept applications submitted before the closing date via our careers website.

Thank you for your interest in the Harris Federation. We look forward to receiving your application.

Before You Start Your Application

Please remember to check your junk mail folders for our email communications and add us to your safe senders list to ensure all future email communication is received. This is important to ensure you are kept up to date on the status of your application and to avoid delays in the recruitment process.

To submit an application, you'll need to have ready:

- Personal information about you
- Details of your education and employment history
- Details of any qualifications and training gained
- A CV and/or supporting statement to upload

Help and Support

For our Help and Support completing your application, visit www.harriscareers.org.uk

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