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The Reach Foundation is not a school group, but it has worked with a number of contributors to this paper, including Maritime. Its cradle-to-career approach supports children from before birth into adulthood. Its vision is for babies, children, young people and families "to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity". As Reach puts it, "great schools are necessary but not sufficient."

What Reach does

Leads by example in Feltham. In west London, Reach Academy and the Reach Children's Hub work together to give local families joined-up support from birth to adulthood.

Supports other places to do the same. Reach works with schools and trusts to develop their own cradle-to-career approach, at the neighbourhood level where families live their lives. That means understanding a place deeply and building a coherent journey for every child from the early years to their first job.

Builds the children's workforce. It incubated the Centre for the Children's Workforce, which will offer a foundation degree to anyone working with children, in schools, youth work, family support and beyond.

Shares thinking and tools. Its paper with the Confederation of School Trusts, The Partnership Dividend (2026), sets out how trusts, as anchor institutions, can lead in place. Reach also offers two free tools: a data mapping tool for each local authority and a Cradle to Career Journey Tool.

Full paper and supporting sources

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