

What is the [Source4networks](#) Focal Point series?



[Source4networks](#) has created a series of free online events and activities for 2018/19 called Focal Points. These monthly events are designed for current and aspiring network facilitators, leaders and enthusiasts. They will help you to tap into expertise and practical tools and build connections with peers to support your network improvement journey.

The events include:

- [Webinars](#) - bringing a mix of fresh thinking and practical takeaways for leading effective networks. Guests range from renowned thought leaders such as Chris Collison (16th July) and Helen Bevan (10th November) to network leaders working at the coalface of health and care, all with learning to share.
- [‘Hotseats’](#) – over a 24hr period, our guests make themselves available for Q & A and practical support
- [Tweetchats](#) – live mass participation conversations on key topics for network leadership and facilitation

Webinars

- Our series began on **14th May** with Danny Ryan and Kate Cheem from [Kaleidoscope](#), a Community Interest Company that supports developing networks, introducing the ‘Snakes & Ladders’ of developing a network – the common challenges that can cause problems in networks and how to avoid them. The recording of the webinar is available [HERE](#).
- On the **16th July** we are delighted that international network expert Chris Collison from [Knowledgeable Ltd](#) will give a webinar on ‘The 7 Deadly Sins of Knowledge Sharing in Networks’. This is a must for any network leader or facilitator wanting to increase the value and impact of their network. You can register for the webinar [HERE](#)
- We return on the **10th Sept** with a share and learn webinar with Sophie Edwards and Jo Godman from the Primary Care Improvement Community – a national 2000+ strong network for quality improvement in primary care, now in its second year. They will share what they’ve learned through the ups and occasional downs of getting this network up and running. It includes how they worked with members to develop a ‘shared purpose’ and used the diagnostic tools to guide them on the development journey.

- **12th Nov** we're thrilled to welcome Helen Bevan of the NHS Horizons Team and School for Change Agents to host a webinar. More to follow on the *S4N platform* and via our monthly highlights.

Can't make one of these dates? If you register for an event, you will still receive update links to the video recording and slides, so please do so as early as possible.

Hotseats

In October Rob Cockburn from NHS England's Sustainable Improvement Team will be 'in the hotseat' to help you get the most from the tools and functionality of our S4N platform, so that you can engage your membership and develop your network further, faster. He'll be available to guide you through the tech and answer your burning questions, from how to use the highly acclaimed *network diagnostics tools* to the practicalities of loading files and inviting members to chat. This will be accompanied by a video guide.

We welcome ideas (or sacrificial volunteers...!) for future hotseat events. Please contact georgina.hamill@nhs.net

Tweetchat

On 27th Feb 2018 we ran a highly successful Tweetchat with We Nurses on the topic of essential skills for networks for health and care. This featured 2 of our Case Studies (found in the *Resources section of S4N*).

We plan to run another Tweetchat in Dec 2018 and if you have ideas of tweetchat that you would like to see or if you would be interested in running one, it would be great to hear from you. Contact georgina.hamill@nhs.net

Future Events

We will promote the Focal Point events both on the S4N platform and via our regular news Highlights. If you have ideas that we could feature then please contact georgina.hamill@nhs.net

Source4Networks is a free online platform committed to curating and sharing the most comprehensive and best knowledge around network leadership and facilitation in health, social care and charity sectors. The platform and Focal Point series are offered by the Sustainable Improvement Team at NHS England.