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The Data Collective continues

In 2021 the Data Collective put the focus on data for decision-making.

In the last quarter of 2021, eight partner organisations submitted their historical learner data to TLT for analysis. In return, each organisation received a customized reflection on their data collection processes and a data quality appraisal.

Partners also received an interactive programmatic dashboard providing consolidated descriptive insights into their data. Below are a couple examples of data pulled from these dashboards.

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One positive trend observed is that most ASPs have experienced exponential growth in learner numbers with each passing year. Based on these eight partners alone, over 5000 unique learners from more than 300 schools were assisted between 2018 and 2020.

More work still needs to be done to generate a comprehensive evidence-based for the sector. As we build on this work in 2022 we invite you to submit your 2021 learner data (demographics, attendance, academic performance) and tutor data if applicable to Kumbira@thelearningtrust.org by Friday 11th February. Any format is welcomed at this stage.

Submitting your data to the Data Collective will assist you in developing your own analysis capacity, inform your organizational decision-making, open opportunities for partner engagement, and contribute to the growing data set that is fast making the case for a better resourced After School sector.