



Proposal: Supporting Senior Leaders

Introduction

Exceed Teaching Schools will have supported over 60 aspiring Heads of School / Headteachers spring and autumn 2017, as well as having designated over 40 Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE). Many of these colleagues will provide the city and region with its next generation of senior leaders and Heads of School / Headteachers. Exceed Teaching Schools are committed to supporting these leaders beyond the DfE funded project and has secured some funding for the group from Bradford Council.

The vision

We are inviting formal partner schools to work together to develop and maintain a leadership development network of peer support for the Aspiring Heads programme participants and SLEs from within formal partner schools. The aim of the network will be to assess participants' development needs and to work with them to address them in order to support them to take the next step in their career within the current school or locally.

The project

The project will have three elements:

- Termly peer support network meetings for partner schools and schools participating in the Aspiring Heads programme to explore their needs, to develop solutions to support their next steps and to provide expert support and guidance for experienced leaders
- Lead Meet-type conference event for participants of the network to share practice in developing their leadership skills with schools across the city and region
- Termly professional Book Club for partner schools focusing on aspects of leadership

Funding

Exceed SCITT and Teaching Schools will host the network and Lead Meet events and purchase the texts for the book club. The Teaching Schools will seek to support partner schools to secure funding to evaluate, extend and disseminate their practice if opportunities arise.