



PDST Primary School Leadership Supports

New Senior Leaders

Misneach:

Misneach is the National Induction programme for Newly Appointed Principals. The programme consists of five two day events over a two year period provided by the PDST Leadership Team advisors and associates, with a parallel mentoring programme provided through the Centre for School Leadership. Many educational partners contribute to the programme including the management bodies, IPPN, INTO, NCSE, NEPS and OLCS. The programme also provides a facilitated professional learning community based on context for each of the participants. The programme is open to all newly appointed principals who were appointed from October 2021 to October 2022.

Click [here](#) to apply.

Tánaiste:

Tánaiste is a year long professional development programme for Newly Appointed Deputy Principals. This programme is designed and developed by the PDST Leadership Team working with the Teacher Education Section of the Department of Education and the Inspectorate. The programme of professional development is provided for Deputy Principals appointed between July 2021 and July 2022.

The programme provides five days of professional development with two evening sessions of facilitated professional conversations between Principals and Deputies. A facilitated community of practice is provided during the year following the programme.

Click [here](#) to apply.



Established Senior Leaders

Forbairt:

This programme provides schools with an opportunity to develop leadership within their schools. It provides a professional development opportunity for the Principal, Deputy Principal and Teacher Leader/Assistant Principal to work collaboratively with each other and the wider school community. The programme includes inputs from Professor John West Burnham, the renowned author and consultant on school leadership. It also allows networking opportunities with other schools, and a significant programme of professional development facilitated by experienced school leaders.

Click [here](#) to apply.

Meitheal:

A leadership development programme for principals with a minimum of five years experience. This programme provides a Community of Practice for experienced school leaders and is facilitated by experienced facilitators and school leaders. The programme is supported by ESCI through the Education Centre Network. Application for this programme is provided by local Education Centres in the Summer Term each year.



School Support

Bespoke leadership support for areas such as: School Self-Evaluation (Overview of the process), In-School Leadership and Management Teams and School Planning. An advisor from the PDST Leadership Team will provide support to the school leadership following an application from the school principal. Individual school leaders can apply for this support via the PDST school support application process which can be found [here](#).



DEIS Action Planning

Action Planning Seminars

The PDST Leadership Team will provide a series of Action Planning seminars for newly designated DEIS schools and for newly appointed school leaders to DEIS schools. These will take place online and in Education Centres throughout the first term of 2022/23. The PDST will contact the relevant schools to invite them to these seminars on dates throughout September, October and November 2022/23

Middle Leaders

Comhar:

The Comhar programme is for Assistant Principals I and Assistant Principals II for both primary and post-primary schools. The programme is a cross sectoral programme and facilitated by the PDST Leadership Team and experienced leadership associates. The application process will open on September 1st, 2022 and the programme will be available in ten Education Centres this year. The application process can be found via the PDST online booking service [here](#).

School Self-Evaluation

Annual School Self Evaluation seminars are provided by the PDST Leadership Team. These seminars provide opportunities for school leaders to develop their knowledge and skills in the process of school self evaluation and can help school leaders in developing the use of evidence based decision making and target setting with their school community. The application process will open on September 1st, 2022. The application process can be found via the PDST online booking service [here](#).

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