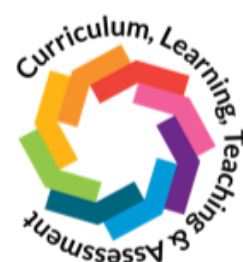


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THE WEST PARTNERSHIP

The West Partnership Newsletter



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OUR ETHOS

The West Partnership aims to embed the values of equity, excellence and empowerment in everything we do. Focusing on building a culture of working collaboratively across the eight partners, we strive to continually improve learning experiences and increase attainment for every learner across the region. We believe it is by empowering staff and shifting the ownership of change that we can drive our vision forward. Working together we can overcome barriers to lack of engagement in learning and raise achievement and attainment for all. Underpinning all of our work is a commitment to supporting recovery across the system.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORKSTREAM LEAD OFFICERS



Leadership, Empowerment
& Improvement

Lead officer- Alison Drever

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It has been a busy session for us and we have the highest ever number of people involved in the Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement workstream. Our aim is to offer a range of different opportunities for teachers, middle and senior leaders in all sectors. Professional learning is a part of that but it's also about connecting and building networks with colleagues across all eight of The West Partnership local authorities. Our Thinking About Headship course was successful this session and we are delighted to be opening applications again in April- keep your eyes peeled on Twitter and the [website](#) for this announcement.



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Wellbeing for Learning

Lead officer- Cat Calvert

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We are delighted with progress in our new workstream, Wellbeing for Learning. Our key areas of focus are to provide opportunities for colleagues across the RIC to collaborate and learn from each other. This year we launched our PSE Sessions which focus on Gambling Awareness, Mindfulness and [Sexual Consent](#). We will be hosting more sessions on a variety of topics until the end of this session. Our session 'Keeping Trauma in Mind' kicked off with over 400 participants and is running for 4 weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events and information on Twitter.



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Curriculum, Learning, Teaching
& Assessment

Lead Officer - Carol McArdle

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The CLTA workstream has been busy this session with a wide range of programmes taking place. We currently have over 40 schools taking part in our Primary Curriculum Programme, with 2 members of staff per school- a senior leader and a class teacher. Our [Learning, Teaching and Assessment Cycle](#) was launched on The West Partnership website last week with self-evaluation paperwork and activities. This material has been designed to support educational establishments and practitioners across the system at all levels of their professional development. West OS continues to grow and develop with West OS live serving excellent sessions for children and young people- [sign up here](#).



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@WPCatCalvert

@WPCarolMcArdle

SIGN UP FOR OUR SESSIONS

We have a number of upcoming sessions which may be of interest to you...

Are you in a school leadership role with a remit of inclusion and supporting learners with additional support needs?
Our next Virtual Leadership Networks are for you!

Click the links below and sign up today..

28th April 2022

[Assessment and Moderation](#)

3rd May 2022

[Supporting Learners with Autism](#)

17th May 2022

[GIRFEC Processes](#)

Do you work with children and young people?
Our next PSE sessions are for you!

30th March 2022
[Sexual Consent and The Law](#)

28th April 2022
[Respect Me](#)

COMING SOON

We will be hosting a 5 part series of online sessions for practitioners based on Family Learning.

Keep your eyes peeled on Twitter to sign up for the upcoming sessions.



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The West Partnership Added Value

Our recent evaluation report indicated three areas where The West Partnership is adding value.

Through engaging with our projects, practitioners are reporting:

1. Improved networking opportunities;

2. Enhanced knowledge and understanding and;

3. Changes to practice which directly impact of children and young people

Here are some quotes from practitioners acknowledging the benefits of participating in West Partnership activity:

Learning from and with colleagues across the RIC has provided many opportunities to improve my understanding and skills in focus areas."

"Resources created will support the delivery of PSHE in establishments within LA, the sharing of information across networks from inputs by Ed Scotland and cross authority networks to support development of lead officers."

"We have a shared understanding of maths and numeracy pedagogy. I know that the approaches we are recommending are widely accepted as best practice within the West Partnership and this has led to improved teaching and learning experiences within [local authority]."

Opportunities to build connections across local authorities... opportunities to learn from and with colleagues across the RIC."

"I feel that the discussions I have had with other practitioners in the breakout rooms have been valuable. They have given me ideas on how I can develop my enquiry and reassurance that I am on the right track."

"Having the opportunity to ensure resources, training are centrally available. Having a common goal for PSHE in secondary is a main focus for me and working in the group has helped develop a good understanding as well as a shared vision that can be used across various authorities. This [will] allow better transition for young people that may move from one area to another and ensure continuity."

"I will be talking with my staff about some of the main points discussed tonight, specifically the mainstreaming and inclusion themes. I will also have a further look at the self-evaluation format which was shared."



CALLING ALL CLASS TEACHERS

What resources will help you and your pupils?

Improving Our Classrooms



Improving Our Classrooms (IOC) is a year-long programme for class teachers. It has a clear focus on high quality self-evaluation at classroom level, leading to:

- improved learning and teaching
- use of data informed targeted interventions
- improved attainment and achievement; and
- a relentless focus on equity and excellence for all children and young people.



Applications open in April 2022 for our 22/23 cohort. [Click here](#) to find out more or register your interest today.

West OS Live

West OS Live offers real time, interactive study support webinars to provide additional support to learners within the Senior Phase!

Between 21st February and 8th May 2022, West OS Live Study Support Webinars will run in early evening across 24 Senior Phase courses. Learners will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek further clarity on aspects of the course they may find challenging.

[Click here](#) to find out more or register for West OS Live sessions.



The Learning, Teaching & Assessment Cycle

We have created time-efficient and accessible professional learning videos with reflective questions and activities for every stage of the Learning, Teaching and Assessment Cycle.

This suite of professional learning can be utilised by individuals, as well as collegially within schools and clusters to support and develop practitioners' knowledge and capacity.

[Click here](#) for the whole learning, teaching & assessment cycle.



KEEP UP TO DATE

Have you missed our events?
Do you want to be kept more up to date?
There are a number of ways you can do this..

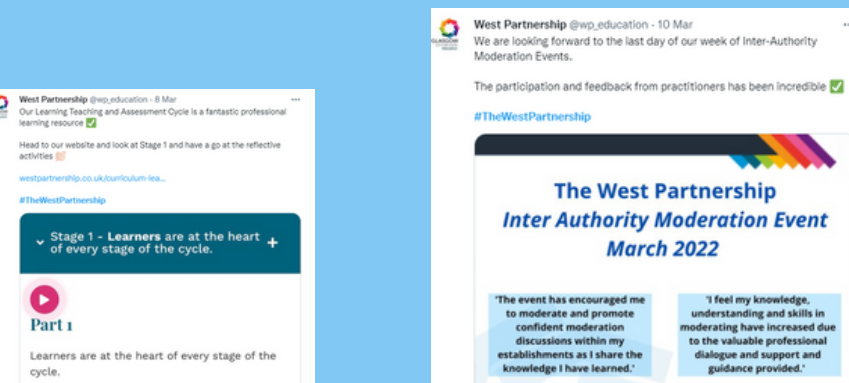
Head to our website

Our website hosts a range of resources including information on all of our workstream information, West OS & our teams contact details.

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FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



On our Twitter we post all of our upcoming events and programmes as well as ways you can sign up. Practitioners who have taken part in our events usually tag us to let us know if they have enjoyed it. Follow up @wp_education and get involved!

Sign up to our mailing list

Practitioners across The West Partnership are signed up to our mailing list to receive up to date information on what's going on. You can filter your updates to only hear about what suits you!

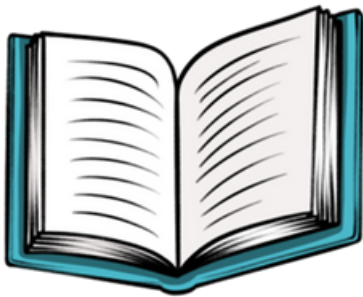
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EQUITY, EXCELLENCE & EMPOWERMENT

To Read, To Watch, To Listen

We often share with our practitioners some of the things we have enjoyed reading, watching and listening to. Here are some of our recent favourites below.



To read:

<https://whentheadultschange.com/>
'Gallery of awesomeness'



To watch: Hear from a practitioner

<https://youtu.be/k5hlkZy2jv0>



To listen:

<https://edublether.wordpress.com/2020/07/16/episode-25-an-edublether-with-haili-hughes-john-catt-educational-series/>
'Preserving Positivity'.

If you have read, watched or listened to something that you think may be of interest to our practitioners across The West Partnership, let us know by tagging us on Twitter - @wp_education.

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**Or you can head to our website and
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