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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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As the end of the school year speeds ever closer all of this session's Leadership, Empowerment and Improvement workstream is busy gearing up for the new session. Improving Our Schools 2022-23 is already underway and the Masters level IOC has just finished recruiting. This session's IOC participants are sharing their learning and how they have raised attainment in their classes and it's a real privilege to listen to the presentations. They are describing a huge variety of practice changes through the use of different approaches, like feedback, metacognition and dialogic teaching - all with data driven evidence of impact on the children they work with. Our Thinking About Headship programme is still open for applications. If you're interested you can find out more on the [website](#).



Wellbeing for Learning

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This session has been a busy one for our brand new Wellbeing for Learning workstream. We have worked with a variety of practitioners through all of our programmes including PSE Sessions, Family Learning and Trauma Informed sessions. It has been fantastic to be involved in this new workstream and drive forward the work. We are already planning for next session and due to the popularity of our PSE sessions we are giving practitioners the opportunity to sign up for early access- [click here](#). I am looking forward to session 22/23 and offering new opportunities across our local authorities.



**Curriculum, Learning,
Teaching
& Assessment**

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The CLTA workstream had a busy 21/22 session. The annual Mathematics Conference, was attended by 411 practitioners in February, successfully led by the Mathematics specialist network. The Moderation Events, involving 90 participants, focused on enhancing practitioners' skills to establish consistency in assessment and moderation. As part of the Primary Curriculum evaluation strategy, senior leaders and classroom teachers shared the impact of their Collaborative Action Research project with schools from across the West Partnership.

Our West OS resource has continued to grow, with the library containing just short of 2800 videos. The collaborative effort of over 220 contributors has produced over 32,000 minutes (540 hours) worth of content across BGE and Senior Phase. This session we developed a series of interactive study support sessions – West OS Live, focusing on 13 Senior Phase subjects. An overwhelming, 1,205 pupils from 156 different secondary schools across 28 local authorities registered to get involved in West OS Live.

I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the CLTA workstream since September and I look forward to offering new opportunities from August.



WEST OS SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

We understand that school transitions can be overwhelming, scary but also a very exciting time. We have put together a number of brochures to help and guide you through this. Whether you are transitioning from Primary 7 to S1 or whether you are a Parent/ Carer or helping someone with this school transition then we have support for you.

Click here for West OS Transition Brochure - Pupils

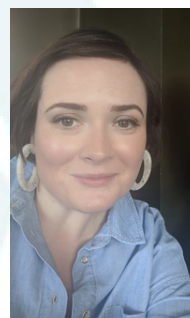
Click here for West OS Transition Brochure - Parents/ Carers



We recently hosted a Primary 7 Question Time where some P7's got to ask S1's lots of questions about moving up to Secondary School and what they should expect.

We caught all of this on camera and you can watch the full video and catch up on all of their advice by clicking [HERE](#).

P.S - Meet our fantastic new West OS Development Officers, Faith (left) & Sam (right).



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PSE SESSIONS 21/22

This year we held a variety of PSE online sessions, bringing in specialists to speak to our practitioners on matters such as Gambling, Self Harm, Mindfulness, Sexual Consent and Bullying. Our practitioners found this information invaluable, here are some of the responses to the sessions;

Gambling & Gaming

'This will now be filtered into our schools PSE sessions.'

Gambling & Gaming

'Useful for our school where YP often engage in risky behaviour.'

Self- Harm

'I am now able to support pupils with self harm issues.'

Self Harm

'I will be better informed in observing self harm behaviours.'

Mindfulness

'More confidence implementing mindfull in the classroom.'

Mindfulness

'I will use this practice myself during my working day.'

Sexual Consent

'I have a better understanding of the law now.'

Sexual Consent

'Excellent session and much needed knowledge.'

Bullying

'Very informative session with lots to take away.'

Bullying

'Gave me confidence to move forward with bullying situations.'



PSE SESSIONS

THE ADDED VALUE

After each of our PSE sessions we carried out evaluations based on knowledge and confidence on each of the topics.

We are delighted that every single outcome showed that practitioners knowledge **INCREASED** after the sessions and their confidence also **INCREASED**.

This showed us that topics such as these are extremely important to speak and raise awareness about with our practitioners, so that they are confident and knowledgeable to deal with difficult situations in their school setting.

We are delighted that our PSE sessions will be running in session 22/23. We already have a number of topics lined up and want to give our practitioners the opportunity to sign up for early access to these.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code and sign up for early access for our upcoming PSE sessions.



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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..

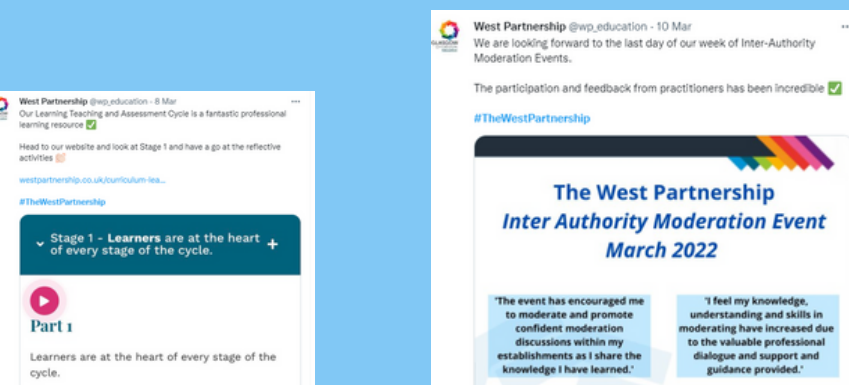
Head to our website

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

[CLICK HERE TO HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE](#)



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!

Head to our website and [sign up!](#)



EQUITY, EXCELLENCE & EMPOWERMENT

THE WEST PARTNERSHIP TEAM SAYS THANK YOU!

The whole West Partnership team would like to thank everyone for their contribution this year.

From those who have signed up for our sessions, left quality feedback, interacted with us on social media and utilised our resources- thank you.

We have a very full and exciting 22/23 session planned and we don't want any of our practitioners to miss out - head to our website and [sign up to our mailing list](#) to hear about what's on first.

We hope everyone has a fantastic, well deserved, summer break.

See you all in August.

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:

OFSTED and Mastery

[Why Every School Needs A Learning Philosophy- Blog](#)



To watch:

[What Scotland Learned, Building Back Better- Learning and Teaching](#)



To listen:

[James Mannion on Learning to Learn](#)

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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