

Ealing's Outreach Network 2011 - 2012

Vision

In a time of limited resources it is intended that the Ealing Outreach Network will enable schools to share some of their most knowledgeable and innovative practitioners across school boundaries.

Practice

Members of the Outreach Network in it's previous incarnation as the AST Network, created a booklet of guidance for those undertaking outreach and in-reach activities in addition to their teaching responsibilities.

The outreach network will include a broader membership as of September 2011, of all staff who have been offered by their schools for the purposes of undertaking outreach. In the future these staff may formally become Specialist Leaders in Education. Staff will meet termly and coach one another in their outreach projects.

Pen Portraits and the availability of outreach staff will be posted on the Ealing CPD website (www.ealingcpd.org.uk) to allow schools to browse and contact outreach staff about potential projects.

The Local Authority will also support schools to find outreach staff who will be able to meet their needs through a brokering service.

Principles of working

Outreach Network members are encouraged to develop common principles of working. Some guidance is given in the handbook written by the AST network 2010-11.

Common principles include working towards building capacity and working in a way that is sustainable once the Outreach worker has left. The involvement of senior leaders and the importance of communicating clear expectations about success criteria and outcomes is also a key recommendation in the guidance.

Related projects

The Outreach network shares principles of working with the Professional Learning Community, the Post-16 PLC and the Lead Research Practitioner programme.

Further information is available on www.ealingcpd.org.uk

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