



Scottish Professional Learning Network

## The Scottish Professional Learning Network

The Scottish Professional Learning Network (originally called the National Career-long Professional Learning Network) was launched in March 2013 as the successor to the National CPD Network.

The Network brings together local authority officers, universities and other national partners in a community which offers mutual support and benefit to its members.

The Network has five key strategic objectives:

- Inform and shape national education policy.
- Lead and develop professional learning and leadership at all levels.
- Innovate and inspire across all aspects of professional learning.
- Support collegial and collaborative practice.
- Act as a communication hub to support local and national professional learning policy implementation.

## What opportunities does the Network offer?

- Provides support and guidance for educationalists across Scotland
- Develops innovative and creative solutions to shared challenges
- Discusses challenges/current developments such as:
  - Professional Standards
  - Professional Review and Development
  - Professional Update
  - Professional Recognition
  - The Framework for Educational Leadership
  - The national model of professional learning
  - The Scottish College for Educational Leadership/Education Scotland
  - Early phase partnerships
  - Validated self-evaluation
  - Coaching and mentoring
  - Professional enquiry and collaborative enquiry
  - Masters learning
  - Accreditation of professional learning
  - All professional learning and development
  - Research
- Identifies and shares innovative and interesting practice
- Provides a regular forum for discussion and consultation
- Develops a sense of ownership by all partners
- Communicates and shapes local and national developments and policy



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### Who is represented on the Network?

- Local authorities
- Universities
- Scottish Council of Independent Schools
- Professional associations
- GTCS
- Scottish Government
- SCEL/Education Scotland
- Other interested organisations such as: Bord Na Gaidhlig, NGOs, Learning for Sustainability Scotland.

### How will the Network operate?

- See governance arrangements below.
- A virtual professional learning community will be available for members to connect with each other and more widely across the professional learning community.

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## Scottish Professional Learning Network - Governance

### Planning group

The role of the Scottish Professional Learning Network planning group is to:

- oversee and coordinate the Network, its remit and associated activities on behalf of members.
- plan and organise Network days, occurring three times a year in February, May and November.

#### **Membership:**

- 10 volunteer representatives
- Rolling programme of 50% new membership being agreed each year.
- Selection of new members to take place at the February Network event each year
- Group meetings to be held three times per year shortly after each Network event.

#### **Secretariat:**

- This role to be performed by the committee member representing Education Scotland
- Any budget held by the Network will also be managed by this committee member

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