



PDST Post-primary School Leadership Supports

Newly Appointed Senior Leaders

Misneach:

Misneach is the National Induction programme for Newly Appointed Principals (NAPs). This is a two year induction programme spread over five two-day workshops whereby NAP's come together to explore a wide variety of modules aimed at developing their knowledge, skills and attitudes as they begin their journey as new school leaders.

The programme is facilitated by the PDST Leadership Team with a parallel mentoring programme provided by the Centre for School Leadership. With the Principal at the centre of the programme, Misneach also encourages formal and informal networking opportunities where shared experiences and supports can be accessed by all participants. The programme is facilitated by experienced principals and provides an essential support for all NAPs. Click [here](#) to apply

Tánaiste:

Tánaiste is a leadership development programme for newly appointed Deputy Principals/Acting Deputy Principals which commences in August and concludes in early October of the following academic year.

The programme aims to support Deputy Principals over the course of their first year as senior school leaders. The Tánaiste programme team is dedicated to growing participants' knowledge, confidence and networks as well as key leadership skills and dispositions which will help to sustain them in their new roles.

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 two Teacher Leaders to work together as a senior leadership team. The programme includes inputs from Professor John West Burnham, the renowned author and consultant on school leadership, networking opportunities with other schools, and a significant programme of professional development facilitated by experienced school leaders. Click [here](#) to apply.

Líonra:

A community of practice for Deputy Principals who have completed the Tánaiste programme. Deputy Principals connect with each other in a spirit of collaborative professionalism to share their experiences and insights within their leadership role. Applications to participate are provided to Deputy Principals at the end of the Tánaiste programme.



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 and discussion with the school principal. Individual school leaders can apply for this support via the PDST school support application process which can be found [here](#).



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. The application process can be found via the PDST online booking service [here](#).



Subject Leadership

A day long seminar provided for two subject leaders and a member of senior management to develop whole school approaches to subject leadership. The seminar looks at key underpinning supports to effective subject leadership and provides practical opportunities and supports to developing this area within schools. The application can be found via the PDST online booking service and will open in December 2022.

School Self-Evaluation

Annual School Self Evaluation seminars are provided by the PDST Leadership Team. These online seminars provide opportunities for school leaders and SSE coordinators 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](#).

