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NCSL's Leadership Network Led by the voice of practice

Leadership Network event programme
Spring and summer 2009

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Leadership Network events programme 2009

The Leadership Network offers a varied programme of interactive and collaborative leadership learning events, held throughout the year and are FREE for leaders of education to attend. These events will provide you with ongoing opportunities to connect with leaders in your local area as well as nationally, contribute to identifying the agenda for future network activity in your region and take away lots of practical ideas to inform your leadership practice.

What is the Leadership Network?

NCSL's Leadership Network is free to join and draws together school leaders across the country who are passionate about educating children, and improving school leadership. Leadership Network events provide the opportunity to connect with a national network of over 18,000 educational school leaders who aim to bring the best of school leadership into local, regional and national debate.

The Leadership Network represents school leaders from all phases and settings, and others in education related leadership roles, contributing to leadership learning and drawing policy issues from professional practice. Providing regular updates on regional and national network activity, it is designed to enable members to share in the latest thinking and practice of school leaders nationwide.

Why not register today?

For updates on events taking place in your region and to book online, please visit www.ncsl.org.uk/leadershipnetworkevents.

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North

Spring 2009

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
North East, North West and Yorkshire and the Humber	10 March 10am–3pm	Carmel College, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8RW	Mind the gap: effective leadership for every child to achieve This event aims to explore the leadership opportunities presented by the new primary and secondary curriculum. This event will enable you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen to key notes by local and national leaders• network with school leaders across the north regions• share examples of effective social cohesion and successful curriculum change• share findings from Leadership Network initiatives Keynote speaker: Mick Waters, Director of Curriculum, QCA Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.
North West	25 March 4–7pm	Newall Green High School, Manchester M23 2SX	Leadership strategies within a multi-agency setting to deliver the five outcomes of ECM This event looks at ways to lead multi-agency teams and to engage them with the Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda. Target audience: Leaders across all phases.



North

Summer 2009

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
North East	30 April 10am–3pm	Newcastle Church House, North Shields, NE29 6HS	<p>Leadership in faith schools What is unique about leading in a faith school, how can this be enhanced?</p> <p>This event aims to understand and study current leadership practice in faith schools and how to apply it to your own context.</p> <p>Target audience: All faith school leaders.</p>
Yorkshire and the Humber	22 May 9am–3pm	Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre, Barnsley, S70 6BB	<p>Senior leadership team visioning An event for leadership teams to develop capacity, share good practice and prioritise for future school improvement. Opportunities to reflect, share and plan.</p> <p>Target audience: Senior leadership team members across all phases.</p>
North East	9 June 10am–2.30pm	Stockton Education Development Centre, Norton Stockton, TS20 1PR	<p>Leadership within the community This event looks at how local schools have addressed the issue of leadership within the community, with the opportunity to network with local schools and share practical solutions.</p>
North East	16 June 10am–2.30pm	Dryden Centre, Gateshead, NE9 5UR	<p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>
North West	26 June 10am–3pm	Brathay Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0HP	<p>Championing the voice of practice: sustaining network learning hubs This event is for all leaders involved in the North West regional initiatives during 2007–08. Delegates will share their leadership learning experiences as they have embedded new initiatives during the 2008–09 school year.</p> <p>Target audience: School leaders involved in 2007–08 regional initiatives and anyone who would like to learn about the impact these initiatives have had in schools.</p>

Central

Spring 2009

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
East Midlands, East of England and West Midlands	6 February 10am–3.30pm	NCSL's Learning and Conference Centre, Nottingham, NG8 1DH	<p>Liberating leadership: not all leaders are teachers Are you a school leader? Do you want to find out more about a diversified and wider children's workforce for your school? This cross-regional event will discuss the implications and show how systems are being put in place and schools are being organised to implement a wider workforce. We will discuss the strategic and operational implications of making a difference to young people's outcomes by diversifying your workforce and will demonstrate how a diversified workforce can work both with young people and provide business functions in schools.</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Janet Aldridge, Consultant for Schools and Business (specialising in Workforce Organisation and Development and Leadership Training Development)</p> <p>Target audience: All leaders including senior and aspiring leaders from the widest range of context from children's centres to further education colleges. To also include governors, local authority leaders and others.</p>
East of England	5 March 9.30am–3.30pm	Best Western Hotel, Colchester, Essex, CO6 4PZ	<p>Liberating leadership: not all leaders are teachers Are you a leader looking to empower other leaders? If so, then this event is for you. These regional events will enable us to learn how this is achieved in a range of contexts. Examples being drawn from education and industry and to incorporate a wide range of roles for example school business managers and children's centre managers. We will begin to look at issues related to diversifying the workforce.</p>
West Midlands	12 March 9.30am–3.30pm	Alumwell Business and Enterprise College, Walsall, WS2 9UA	<p>Target audience: All leaders including senior and aspiring leaders from the widest range of context from children's centres to further education colleges. To also include governors, local authority leaders and others.</p>
East Midlands	19 March 9.30am–3.30pm	Woodlands School, Allestree, Derby, DE22 2LW	

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Central

Summer 2009

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East Midlands, East of England and West Midlands	7 May 10am– 3.30pm	NCSL's Learning and Conference Centre, Nottingham, NG8 1DH	<p>Exploring new models of leadership</p> <p>This event is for anyone who is interested in alternatives to traditional models of leadership. We will be looking at emerging and alternative models of leadership and governance, drawing the best of international and national experience into the debate. Come and share in the learning, are you a school that is already implementing alternative models of leadership? Or are you a school assessing the implications and seeking some guidance and information? Then this is the ideal event for you – <i>headteachers, bring your governors and governors, bring your headteachers.</i></p> <p> Keynote speaker: Steve Munby, Chief Executive, NCSL</p> <p>Learning objectives: To understand the strategic and operational implications of alternative models of school leadership and governance, and identifying national and regional best practice in implementing alternative models of leadership.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders and governors in all phases and settings.</p>
East Midlands	2 June 9.30am– 3.30pm	Ash Field School, Leicester, LE5 4PY	<p>Exploring new models of leadership</p> <p>These regional events will draw together local and regional schools who are both demonstrating alternative and emerging models of leadership and governance, and those who are assessing the implications and seeking guidance and information. Share your experiences and best practice with colleagues from your locality, find out what works and how it works. <i>Governors, bring your headteachers, and headteachers, bring your governors.</i></p> <p>Learning objectives: To understand alternative and emerging models of leadership and governance</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders and governors in all phases and settings.</p>
East of England	18 June 9.30am– 3.30pm	Hethel Engineering Centre, Hethel, Norwich, NR14 8FB	
West Midlands	25 June 9.30am– 3.30pm	HTI Leadership Centre, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ	

South

Spring 2009

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
London	16 January 9.30am– 3pm	John Kelly Boys' Technology College, Brent, London, NW2 7SN	<p>Community cohesion within inner-urban schools</p> <p>The story of an inner urban school's development in working with its community. Staff members will share how they worked with the community to create a common vision and sense of belonging through a range of educational and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Learning objectives: To understand how one school interpreted community cohesion for its wider community.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>
South East and South West	5 February 9.30am– 3pm	Hagbourne Church of England Primary, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 9LR	<p>Valuing our future: leading sustainable schools</p> <p>This event will be hosted by one of the pathfinder schools for the 'Valuing our future: sustainability toolkit' (published in April 2008). Led by leaders and practitioners from the host and other pathfinder schools, the event will explore the real differences that the school and its community have made in relation to sustainability issues. Leaders will share their journey, talk about the partners with whom they have engaged and demonstrate the benefits associated with working towards being a sustainable school. There will be an opportunity to look at the NCSL sustainability toolkit in more detail.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>
South West	26 February 9.30am– 3pm	Monkton Park Primary School, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3PN	<p>Growing your own: schools working together to develop leadership capacity</p> <p>This event will look at how groups of schools are working together to provide leadership development. Leaders will share how they developed personalised opportunities for aspirant leaders. The event will consider the impact on the individual leader, the school, the pupils and the leadership capacity of the area, of processes such as shadowing, learning study visits, short internships and job swaps.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>

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Region	Date	Venue	Event description
London	10 March 9.30am–3pm	Hungerford Primary School, Islington, London, N7 9LF	<p>Leading a school with a co-located Children's Centre – questions and answers</p> <p>Are you a headteacher, or member of a school leadership team with responsibility for a co-located children's centre? This is a fabulous opportunity for a school community, but can cause huge stress to senior leadership teams (SLTs) who need to learn quickly how to lead and manage a very different type of provision. At this event, speakers will address some of the most common issues that arise, headteachers will share their stories and there will be an opportunity to discuss whether or not colleagues would like to form a support network of headteachers and SLTs to meet more regularly.</p> <p>Learning objectives: To share practice that addresses common organisational issues when leading and managing a different type of organisation within a school.</p> <p>Target audience: All senior school leaders and children's centre leaders.</p>
South East	13 March 9.30am–3pm	Medstead Church of England Primary School, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5LG	<p>Leading personalisation</p> <p>"The heart of curriculum reform at its simplest, personalised learning is about what is taught, how it's taught, how it's assessed, and how learning is organised." Toby Greany, Operational Director, Research, Policy and Development.</p> <p>Personalisation has developed considerably in recent years. This event will explore how school leaders can develop a vision for personalised learning that fits their context, encourages innovation within a coherent national framework and, crucially, puts the learner – and learner progress – at the centre.</p> <p>Target audience: School leaders and governors in all phases.</p>

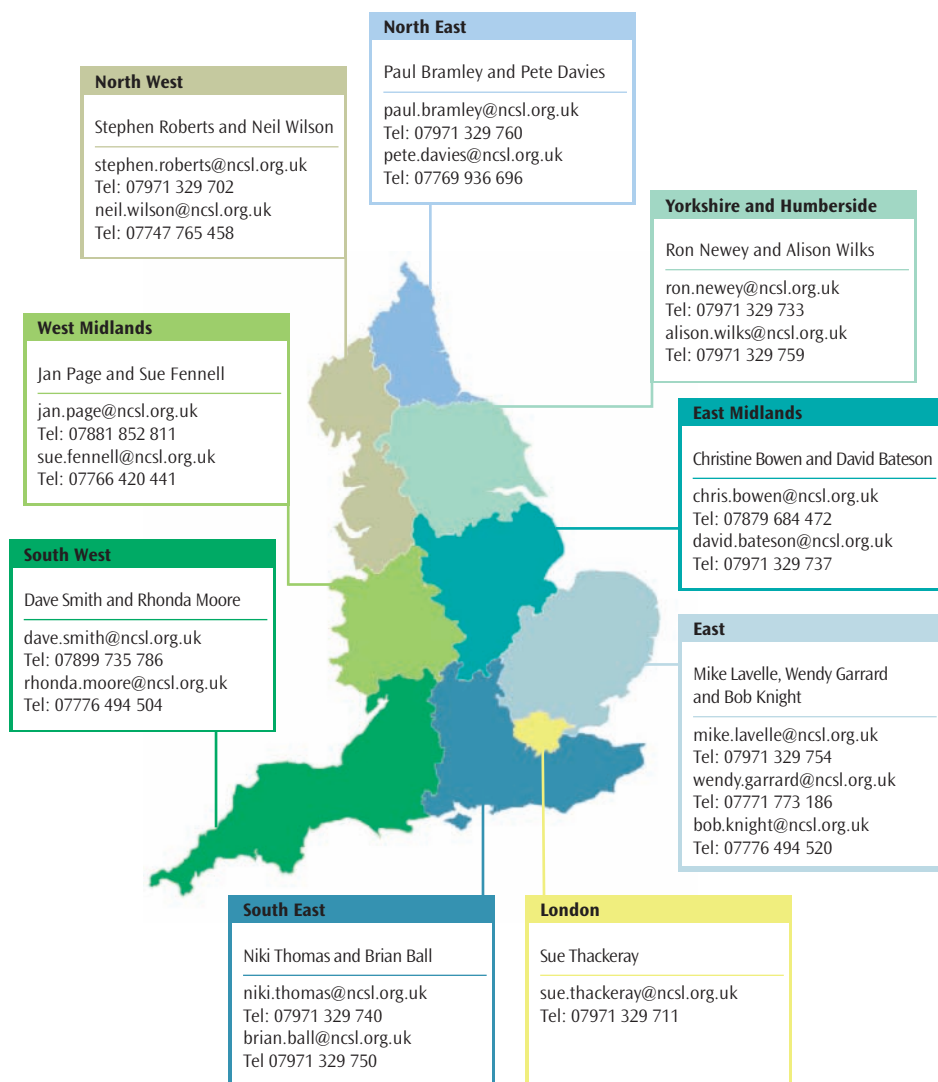
Summer 2009

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
South East	20 May 9.30am–3pm	Gossops Green Primary, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8HW	<p>Working towards community cohesion</p> <p>Listen to schools' stories of working to build community cohesion, and how they have worked with the community to create a common vision and sense of belonging. There will be a chance to think about and discuss how this applies in your own context.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>

Region	Date	Venue	Event description
London and the South East	22 May 9.30am–3pm	Hampton Hill Junior School, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 1HW	<p>Valuing our future: leading sustainable schools</p> <p>Hampton Hill Junior is one of the pathfinder schools for the NCSL sustainable schools toolkit. Led by Bill Jerman, Hammond Hill has an impressive track record in making real differences to the way the school and its community work in terms of sustainability issues. Bill will share their journey, talk about the partners with whom they have engaged and the international dimension to his work. We will hear from some of his partners in and beyond his local authority, and have an opportunity to look at the toolkit in more detail.</p> <p>Learning objectives: To understand how a school could make significant changes and improve its sustainability rating.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>
London	16 June 9.30am–3pm	Training and Development Agency, Victoria, London, SW1W 9SZ	<p>Practical solutions to school business management</p> <p>This event will focus on the five benefits of employing a school business manager as outlined by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA).</p>
South West	24 June 9.30am–3pm	Buckfastleigh Primary School, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeing headteachers to focus on teaching and learning. • Making the most of budgets and resources. • Bringing new and complementary skills. • Developing the whole school team. • Collaborating on and implementing new initiatives. <p>During the day, there will also be an opportunity for school business managers to learn more about an informal support networks that are being developed across the London and South East regions.</p> <p>Learning objectives: Headteachers and school business managers will share their experiences of introducing and developing this role, and the impact that it has had on their schools.</p> <p>Target audience: All senior leaders and school business managers and governors.</p>
South West	2 July 9.30am–3pm	Avonbourne School, Harewood Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 6NY	<p>Working towards community cohesion</p> <p>Listen to schools' stories of working to build community cohesion, and how they have worked with the community to create a common vision and sense of belonging. There will be a chance to think about and discuss how this applies in your own context.</p> <p>Target audience: All school leaders across all phases.</p>

NCSL's Leadership Network

Regional leaders:



Partnership activities

Throughout the year the Leadership Network will also be working in partnership with a range of NCSL partners and other stakeholders to provide network members with access to a number of partnership events and activities, which will be running on a regional basis across the country.

You can find further information at www.ncsl.org.uk/leadershipnetwork-partnership-events.

Leadership Network regional news online

Updated monthly, members can read the latest news and updates from the North, Central and South of England on policy and regional activity, and download free resources and publications that provide development and support for school leaders at all levels.

Visit the Leadership Network homepage at www.ncsl.org.uk/leadershipnetwork.

