

Journey to Excellence – Professional Development Packs

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About the professional development packs

The professional development packs are downloadable professional development resources. The packs use carefully selected movies and key documents from The Journey to Excellence digital resource www.journeytoexcellence.org.uk. Whilst you watch examples of practitioners and learners, and listen to the perspective of researchers, you will be encouraged to carry out activities and apply your learning to your practice.

The professional development packs:

- are equally relevant to all professional groups including classroom assistants and allied professionals
- encourage you to identify your current level of knowledge and expertise and build on this
- are flexible, can be adapted to your individual or school's needs to enable you to work individually or collectively
- provide active tasks and aim to improve the quality of outcomes for learners
- promote creativity and innovation
- have tangible outcomes.

How long do activities take?

They can be used flexibly. You may want to spend two hours on an activity, an inservice day, or a series of twilight sessions. Most have additional activities for you to carry out with your class or colleagues.

Further professional development

These exemplar professional development packs have been created using elements throughout the resource. However, the resource is a vast and growing fund of information on all ten dimensions. You, your establishment or your authority may wish to use the resource in a similar way to develop and share the professional development packs and resources to meet your individual or collective needs.

Would it work for me?

What works in one context may have to be adapted to your own school or classroom. Innovate, create, use, adapt and apply ideas... But keep returning to the aims. Keep checking... is this making a difference to learners?

Current professional development packs online

Active learning

Assessment

Inclusion

Leading learning

Motivation

Vision

Meeting learners' needs

Forthcoming titles

Effective self-evaluation

Working with parents to support/improve learning

Working with parents in the pre-school setting

Working in partnership with the community and agencies

Valuing and empowering staff and young people

Ensuring a focus on outcomes to maximise success for learners

Developing a common vision

Delivering high quality learning and teaching

Promoting wellbeing and respect

You could also look at staff development opportunities on 'Learning about Learning' – www.LTScotland.org.uk/learningaboutlearning

www.journeytoexcellence.org.uk

How to find the Journey to Excellence professional development packs

Go to www.journeytoexcellence.org.uk

On the left-hand menu click on

'Professional Development'

Here you will find the list of currently available professional development packs.

Exemplar Professional Development Pack

Journey to Excellence – Professional development

Theme - Meeting learners' needs

Dimension 3 – 'Engaging young people in the highest quality learning activities'

Purpose of this activity

This pack provides staff at all levels with opportunities to:

- reflect on your own practice
- consider ways to involve your whole learning community in meeting the needs of all learners; and
- develop an awareness of how to work towards excellent practice and bring this into your own learning environments.

More specifically this activity aims to:

- promote opportunities for reflection on the learning community's existing practice in meeting learners' needs
- challenge and support staff to improve approaches to meeting learners' needs
- raise awareness of relevant legislation and its implications for practice; and
- encourage staff to share good practice and challenge each other's thinking.



The five parts to the Journey to Excellence

Parts 1 and 2 – How Good is our School? – The Journey to Excellence



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Part 1: Aiming for Excellence

Explores the concept of excellence and what we mean by 'learning' and by 'barriers to learning'. Introduces the ten dimensions of excellence.

Part 2: Exploring Excellence

Explores each of the ten dimensions in detail, gives practical examples drawn from real schools and demonstrates the journey from 'good' to 'great'.

Part 3 – How Good is our School? and The Child at the Centre



How Good is our School?

Presents a set of indicators for school self-evaluation, organised within a quality framework which is the same as the framework used by early years settings, education authorities and children's services.

The Child at the Centre

Presents a set of quality indicators for self-evaluation in early years settings which is the same as the framework used by schools, education authorities and children's services.

Part 4 – Planning for Excellence



Part 4 – Planning for Excellence – a guide to improvement planning for delivering excellence

Shows how schools can use the dimensions of excellence alongside the quality indicators in Part 3 to plan for, and deliver, excellence.

Part 5 – The Journey to Excellence

Part 5 – The Journey to Excellence – Exploring excellence in Scottish schools

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An online digital resource for professional development that contains movies which exemplify aspects of excellence across a wide range of education sectors and partner agencies, summaries of educational research and the perspectives of well-known national figures and educational professionals and researchers, along with professional development packs to support staff development.

The full documents are available on the HMIE website:
www.hmie.gov.uk

Further information is available from:

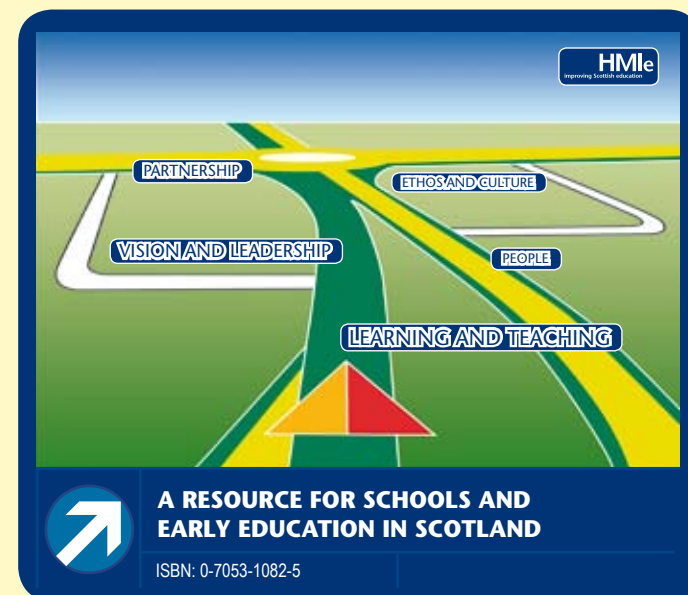
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Professional Development Packs to help you on your Journey to Excellence

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