



Leading with Strength

Leading Wirral Schools
in a Post-Pandemic World

Working with
ESP Education



What is Leading with Strength?



- Leading with Strength is a 2 year leadership programme delivered in partnership with ESP Education and some of the UK's leading educational speakers.
- Co-designed with Wirral Headteachers the programme is designed to support Wirral schools and leadership teams as we move into a post-pandemic world.
- A series of online seminars and facilitation sessions considering pandemic recovery and leadership support in Wirral schools.

Who Should Attend Leading with Strength?



- Each school is entitled to register 3 participants for the programme including the Headteacher, a second SLT representative and a representative of the Governing Body.
- While attendance at sessions is limited recordings of all keynote sessions will be made available to participating schools for the wider use with their school staff and Governors.

What is in it for Leaders?



- An opportunity to reflect and discuss challenges with other local leaders.
- The drive of focussing on their leadership skills to retain strengths, tackle weakness and 'Lead with Impact'.
- A common message across the local leadership network encouraging and developing collaborative working.
- Input from experts, support from the LA and post session task work (all supported by ESP Education) to distribute across the workforce.
- A joined up local approach to COVID recovery.

Year 1 of Leading with Strength



Date	Title	Time
4 November 2021	Leading with Strength with Professor Steve Munby	09:30-11:30
19 January 2022	Leading a Wellbeing Culture with Sir David Carter	09:30-11:30
16 March 2022	Leading Curriculum Development while Learning from COVID-19 with Rob Carpenter	09:30-11:30
8 June 2022	A Clever Curriculum with Sian Carr	16:00-18:00

All sessions will be delivered via MS Teams

'Leading on the Edge' with Professor Steve Munby



Steve Munby has spent his whole career in education, first as a teacher and then as an adviser and inspector before moving into leadership. Between 2005 and 2017 he was chief executive first of the National College for School Leadership in England and then of Education Development Trust, an international education charity. He is now a self-employed consultant and speaker on leadership and on system reform. Steve is also a visiting professor at University College London Institute for Education. He was awarded a CBE in the New Year honours list in 2010.



'Leading a Wellbeing Culture' with Sir David Carter



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Sir David Carter has previously held the post of National Schools Commissioner following a career in school leadership. Before joining the Civil Service, Sir David was the founding CEO of the Cabot Learning Federation, a MAT based in Bristol. The trust was one of the first and largest MATS in the South West with 12 academies who educated 5000 children with a workforce of over 1200 people. The majority of the schools had failed for many years and Sir David takes his experience of leading rapid improvement in disadvantaged communities into his leadership work, thinking and writing.



'Leading Curriculum Devt' with Rob Carpenter



Rob Carpenter is the author of A Manifesto for Excellence in Schools and is the CEO of the Inspire Partnership in the South East. Rob has been a teacher for 20 years and a Headteacher for over 15. He a school from Special Measures to Outstanding in less than two years and firmly believes that the quality of teaching and leadership holds the key to raising standards in our schools today. At its heart, Rob's work is all about helping teachers and leaders to become architects for learning by helping them to design classrooms, curricula and whole-school practices that are inclusive, engaging and above all - excellent.



'A Clever Curriculum' with Sian Carr



Sian Carr is a leader, Headteacher and international adviser on school improvement. As the Education Director of Harrow International, Sian believes that strong, positive and focused leadership at all levels in a school is essential to its success and improvement. During her distinguished career in education, she has worked for renowned schools and organisations such as ASCL, promoting leadership development opportunities. She has also worked with educational policy makers and other government and non-government agencies on a variety of areas including the shaping of the new secondary school curriculum, assessment processes, and governance and leadership.



Year 2 of Leading with Strength



Date	Title	Time
14 September 2022	Post-COVID Leadership Habits with Maggie Farrar	09:30-11:30
18 January 2023	Recovery with Power with Anita Devi	09:30-11:30
3 May 2023	Recovery, Inclusivity and Bouncing Back Sustainably with Anita Devi	09:30-11:30
21 June 2023	Being Authentic and Trying to do the Right Thing with Steve Munby	09:30-11:30

All sessions will be delivered via MS Teams

'Post-COVID Leadership Habits' with Maggie Farrar



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Maggie Farrar's career began as a teacher in London schools, an experience which led to her working in Birmingham Local Education Authority before joining the team at National College for School Leadership as Director of Leadership Development. Maggie now works with organisations, Local Authorities and groups of schools in the UK and internationally including Education Development Trust and leadership organisations in Australia. Through this session Maggie will explore how we, as leaders, can use the impact of COVID-19 to positively disrupt the education system so it serves our children better?



SEND Recovery Sessions with Anita Devi



Anita Devi will deliver 2 sessions in the 2022/2023 academic year focusing on key outcomes from the recent Wirral SEN Inspection. Anita is a former SENCO, Senior Leader, School Improvement Adviser and LA SEND Advisory Teacher. She has a wealth of experience in developing leaders of learning and her own teaching career spans Early Years to Postgraduate education both in the UK and overseas. In 2017 she was awarded the prestigious international Influencing Educational Leaders Award for her contribution to the SEND workforce pipeline strategy, which supports the development of teachers from ITT to leadership.



'Being Authentic and Trying to do the Right Thing'



The final session over the programme brings us back together with Steve Munby as we explore 2 key themes of the theory of Imperfect Leadership.

Steve's session will build on learning through the programme and his session with Wirral Primary Heads in March 2022 and will consider:

1. Being Self-Aware and Tuning into Context
2. Being Authentic and Trying to do the Right Thing



How Much Does it Cost?



- This is a fully funded programme for Wirral maintained schools.
- Academies are welcome to register for the programme at a charge of £750 plus VAT per school.
- This includes 3 participants attending all keynote sessions and facilitation sessions over the 2 years.

How do I Register?



To register to join the Wirral Leading with Strength programme email paula.rowlands@wirral.gov.uk with the name, role and email address for the 3 participants for the programme.

The programme commences with session 1 on MS Teams with Steve Munby at 09:30 on the 4th November.