

Ednorth Champions - Advocate

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Role description

Schools North East is a movement for change, giving a voice to North East schools in the national debate. We are preparing to launch Ednorth, our evidence-based excellence programme, which aims to lead a long term shift in the region's education culture to one that is led by informed debate, research, collaboration and excellence; helping to drive regional and national policy regarding evidence-based education.

In order to help drive this agenda forward, Schools North East require a group of volunteers from each sub-area of the region, to become 'Ednorth Champions'. Practitioners at all levels in teaching, from NQTs to senior leaders and Heads, with a passion to develop and be part of a culture of excellence in teaching, can volunteer to become Ednorth Champions and take on the role of either an Advocate or Lead Advocate.

Schools North East and its various partners will support the Ednorth Champions throughout the region by providing resources, funding, research reports, a virtual community, and an Ednorth brand. We will also help Champions to hold a number of locally-based Teachmeet events focussed on evidence-based approaches to local issues. The activities and advice of the Champions will also help to inform and direct Schools North East's influencing of Government, Ofsted, and anyone involved in educational policy making.

Key tasks

- Support the Lead Advocate(s) in your area to hold activities, and engage with the local teaching community;
- Act as the main point of contact regarding evidence-based excellence in your school, helping your colleagues to engage with the Ednorth programme;
- Help to promote evidence-based practices to colleagues in your local area;
- Help your colleagues to engage with the annual Northern Celebration of Education event every July;
- Keep up to date with the latest evidence-based research and encourage others to do the same;
- Raise awareness and interest in the Ednorth virtual community, helping to maintain and keep it up to date (e.g. upload content, take part in discussions and debate);
- Act as a guardian of the virtual community by helping Schools North East to monitor its content;
- Act as an ambassador for the Ednorth programme, promoting it as widely as you can, supporting the Ednorth brand and help to raise awareness and interest in it.

Experience & Knowledge

None required.

Personal skills & qualities

- Passionate and enthusiastic about driving positive change in the region and to be part of a culture of excellence in teaching;
- Have an interest in evidence-based practices;
- Keen to connect with other schools regionally and nationally to share and help shape effective evidence-based practices;
- Able to stimulate professional dialogue.