

Ednorth Champions - Lead 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

- Represent your local area by taking part in regional Lead Advocate meetings, and acting as the main point of contact for Schools North East and Ednorth Champions in your local area;
- Actively recruit Champions in your area and engage teachers at all levels with the Ednorth programme;
- Organise and facilitate Teachmeets with other Champions in your local area to drive discussion and debate regarding evidence-based practices, and to share your successes and failures;
- Keep up to date with the latest evidence-based practices and encourage others to do the same;
- Lead by example by using evidence-based practices in your classroom and schools, and empower others to do the same;
- Recognise practices that are ineffective and seek ways to put an end to them;
- Help to drive activity and recruit members to the Ednorth virtual community;
- Help to engage the region and beyond with the annual Northern Celebration of Education event every July.

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.