

Tóraíocht

A Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership

Tóraíocht is a National Leadership Programme - supported by the DES and developed in consultation with the Education Partners. The programme is offered in partnership between LDS and NUI Maynooth.

The aims of the Tóraíocht programme

The Tóraíocht programme aims to enhance participants' current work and to support their preparation for future senior leadership and management positions. It will develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills required for successful modern school leadership.

The guiding principles for the programme are to:

Focus on the participants' own **journey** in school leadership and learning.

Build a competence and confidence in leadership within a **legislative framework**.

Place emphasis on **personal development & contextual awareness**

Focus on the three main strands of **leading within a school**:

Leading the Organisation

Leading People

Leading Learning (Core function)

Offer professional & practical learning coupled with theoretical & academic content – A blended learning approach.

How is Tóraíocht different!

The programme is developed in partnership with experienced school leaders.

Participants are required to undertake a leadership 'Action Research Project' in their own school.

The school leader as a 'Reflective Practitioner' is fundamental to the programme.

The person of the leader and his/her core values is a central tenet of the course.

The Structure of the Programme (2009-2010)

The programme will be delivered through a combination of "face to face" and on-line work in parallel with individual and group projects and presentations. It will be presented over one academic year between September and July in the following centres: NUI Maynooth, Blackrock Education Centre, Roscrea (Laois Education Centre), Longford (Leitrim Education Centre) and Cork Education Centre

Application

The programme is intended for teachers at primary or post-primary level who are currently teaching and aspire to senior leadership positions. A minimum of four years teaching experience is required. Applications must be completed online through the postgraduate application centre (PAC) system, accessible from either of the followings:

Leadership Development for Schools

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Dear Colleague

Laois Education Centre in partnership with LDS and NUI Maynooth invites applications from Primary and Post-Primary teachers with an interest in future senior leadership and management positions to participate in the Tóraíocht programme. Attached please find information on this programme which outlines its aims, guiding principles, structure and application process. Please note closing date for programme is 1st May 2010.

You are invited to attend an information evening which will take place on:

Date: Monday 1st March 2010

Venue: Racket Hall Hotel, Roscrea

Time: 7 – 9pm

Facilitators: Margaret McMahon – Leadership Development for Schools (LDS)
Paula Kinnarney - NUI Maynooth

Please confirm your attendance at this workshop to Yvonne at Laois Education Centre by phone @ 057 8672400 or by email to yvonne@laoisedcentre.ie.

Should you have any queries on this programme please do not hesitate to contact the Centre.

Yours sincerely

Jim Enright
Director
