

SSAT Leadership Legacy Project

Programme outline: September 2018 – July 2019

Criteria to graduate:

- » Attendance at launch event in October 2018
- » Attendance at SSAT National Conference in December 2018
- » Attendance at two Leadership Expert face-to-face meetings
- » Download policy podcasts
- » Engagement on social media including Facebook and Twitter
- » Submission of think piece

Leadership Fellows would need to be out of school a total of four times across the programme to enable them to graduate.

CORE ACTIVITIES

All participants need to attend.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

These activities offer participants the opportunity to take advantage of further professional development. It is not expected that all of these activities are attended, but they could be used as an alternative for some core activities. This will be approved on a case by case basis.

Launch Event

9 October 2018

Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel, London

10 October 2018

Wright Robinson College, Manchester

Leadership Fellows will be invited to attend the launch event closest to their school.

A formal welcome to the project which will allow fellows to hear insights from high profile speakers about their leadership journeys, the principles that underpinned them, their inspirational moments, and insights into some of the challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

There will be information provided about how the project will work across the year, the activities on offer, and the various roles that people will take to support the project. This will include the Leadership Experts, who will also be on hand to start work with their groups at this event.

Leadership Expert meeting

November 2018

Regional twilight meetings hosted in schools from 4-6pm

Regional meetings with an allocated Leadership Expert. At the start, fellows will be allocated to a regional group that will be no larger than 15; and will meet their expert at the launch events.

Leadership Experts are headteachers, executive principals or chief executives of MATs. Their schools will be members of SSAT and many will have worked with

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us supporting our CPD and training opportunities.

This meeting will include reflections on what has been learnt so far; personal insights from the Leadership Expert and support for the ongoing core activities.

SSAT National Conference; Pure Imagination

6 December 2018

ICC, Birmingham

This year the conference will focus on what it means to be an imaginative school leader, turning ideas into practical realities, and considering how schools are responding to the big questions of today and tomorrow. This is a very high profile CPD opportunity with approximately 1000 schools attending each year.

Shadowing opportunities

February 2019

Regional

A list of schools and dates to be provided.

Fellows will visit a school for one day, and the agenda might include:

- » opportunities to shadow the headteacher/members of the senior team and hear their personal leadership journeys
- » involvement in whole school development work
- » a learning walk/lesson observation
- » opportunities to learn more about the different roles of the school's leadership team.

Discussion dinners

February, March, May and June 2019

London

List of topics will be provided in Autumn term 2018

SSAT hosts an annual series of discussion dinners to which a small group of high profile practitioners, academics and policymakers are invited to debate a topic of educational importance. From these discussions, a paper is written and distributed across the SSAT network and a wider circle of policymakers, offering recommendations for future policy, practice or research. There are two balloted places available per discussion dinner for fellows.

Ofsted and the Curriculum Conference

April 2019

London

Hear from keynote speakers and SSAT experts – with a general update on Ofsted myths and inspection practice.

Special Schools Conference

May 2019

London

A one-day event and an opportunity to join special school leaders from across the country to network and hear from experts and school leaders on the latest information impacting on this sector. It will also provide an opportunity to share strategy and practice in a range of SEND areas.

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Leadership Expert meeting

May/June 2019

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Feedback and reflections on learning to date plus insights into think piece project work.

Primary Conference

June 2019

London

A one-day event, hosted by Apple, for senior leaders from SSAT Primary Network member schools. A chance to network with other primary colleagues and listen to inputs from inspirational keynote speakers from education, business and beyond as well as participate in workshop sessions.

Submission of think piece project work

Submitted by June 2019

Online

Fellows will be required to produce a written piece of work of no more than four typed sides of A4. There will also be a submission form to complete.

There are four areas of focus to select from:

- » Leading teaching and learning
- » Leading curriculum and assessment design
- » Leading collaboration
- » Leading systems and organisation

School Improvement Show

June 2019

London

A highly practical one-day event filled with helpful takeaways and insights into what works in schools in a range of contexts and at different stages of the journey to improvement.

Online communications

Ongoing throughout the programme

Fellows will be expected to engage with online communication platforms throughout the course of the project including social media, accessing a resource library, group interactions and downloading podcasts.

Graduation ceremony

A chance to come together to celebrate your graduation and be presented with your certificate.

This list of activities may be subject to change and other opportunities may be released as they become available.