

SSAT Members' Conference 2026

Leading professional development in changing times

For leaders of CPD in schools and MATs.

Key questions:

- How can schools support their teams with national priorities through effective professional development?
- What are the key considerations for leaders of CPD when designing and implementing professional learning for staff?
- How can leaders evaluate and evidence the lasting impact professional learning?

Monday 30 November 2026

Venue: London

09:30 – 10:00	Arrival & refreshments
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome & Introduction <i>Alex Galvin and Dan Belcher, Senior Education Leads, SSAT</i> • SSAT Celebrating 40 years of supporting schools • Conference theme
10:10 – 11:10	Keynote 1 including discussion and Q&A <i>Dr Keven Bartle, Director of Education, SSAT</i> Evolution or revolution? How is national education policy influencing and shifting CPD priorities in schools? • What does the focus on inclusion mean for your teams? • What impact is the new Ofsted framework having? • How does practice need to develop and how might we support that?
11:10 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Five considerations for CPD leaders (workshop) <i>Alex Galvin and Dr Dan Belcher, Senior Education Leads, SSAT</i> <i>SSAT school leaders</i> 1. What is your schools CPD culture? 2. How do you balance the benefits of technology with the need for human connection in professional learning? 3. How do you make best use of national research, contextual knowledge and professional experience? 4. How do manage whole school priorities, faculty improvements and individual development? 5. How are supporting the development of all staff, including associate (non-teaching) staff?
13.00 – 13:45	Lunch

13.45 – 14.00	Panel: Key reflections and learning from the morning
14.00 – 15:00	How do you quality assure and evidence the lasting impact of your professional development? • How do you measure impact in the medium and longer term? • How are you using quality assurance to support future planning? • Preparing for external scrutiny
15:00 – 15:30	Invitation to partner, collaborate and co-construct <i>Alex Galvin and Dan Belcher, SSAT</i>
15:30	Event close

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