

Learning Together.... To Be The Best

ACCS Convention 2018

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How Can We Become The Best?

Four Step Process

1. SSE – Driver -School Identifies Needs
2. Support Systems - New Leadership Structures
3. Professional Learning
4. Focus
 - Impact on Teaching and Learning
 - Improved outcomes for Students
 - Meets School and System Needs

Our Role

Working in Collaboration with Stakeholders

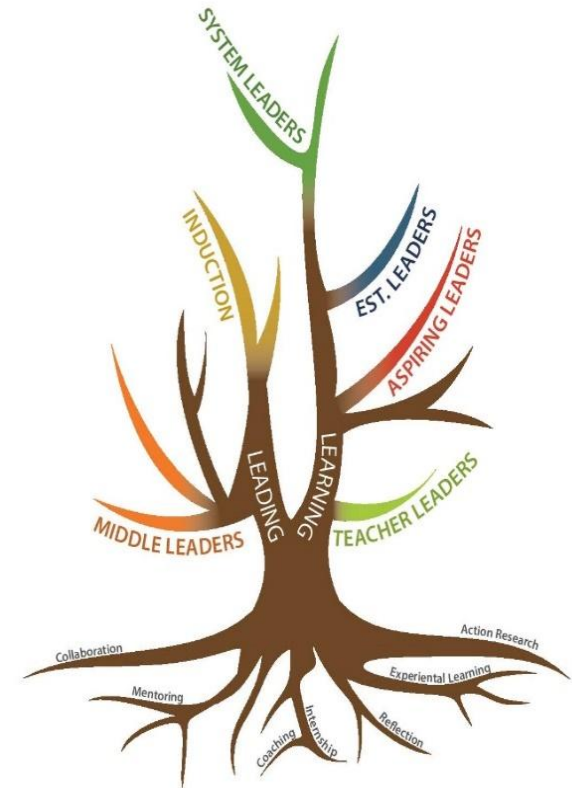
- A Learning Continuum for Leadership
- How Teachers/Leaders can best learn
- New Ways of Learning
- Quality

Professional Learning

A Tool for System Improvement

Continuum

- High Quality Learning
- Building System Capacity
- Learning at Every Level
- The Focus – Leading Learning
- Impact



Continuum of Professional Learning for Irish School Leadership

Teacher Leaders

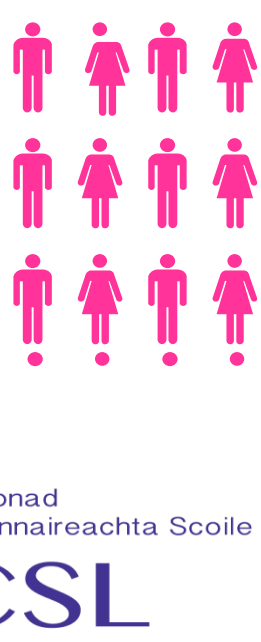
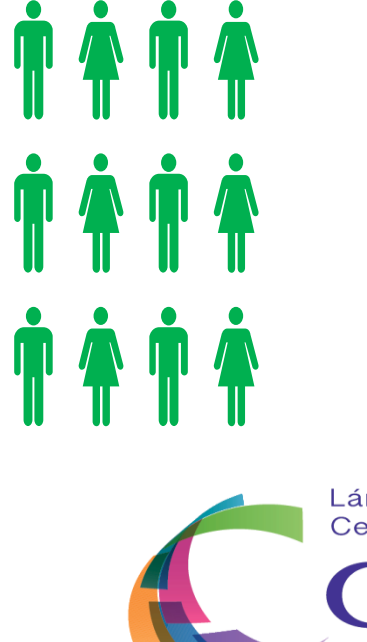
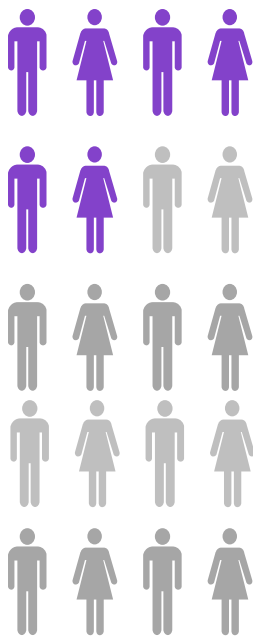
Middle Leaders

Aspiring Leaders

Newly Appointed

Established Leaders

System Leaders



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Learning to be a Leader

The Future

- Incremental and Diverse
- Supported and Valued
- Opportunities to Exercise Leadership
- Best Done in Context
- Collaborative



New Ways of Learning

- Mentoring and Coaching
- CSL Mentors – Powerful Agents of Change



Mentoring 2017-2018

500

Trained
mentors
by June
2018

54

Post-Primary
Mentoring
relationships
this year

250

250 mentoring
relationships in
total this year

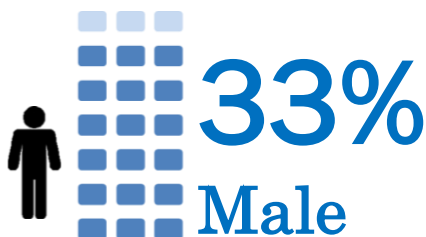
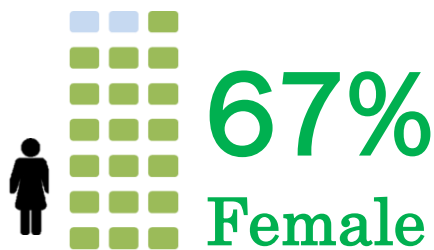
The CSL Coaching Service



Have Availed
of the Service

67%
Primary
Principals

33%
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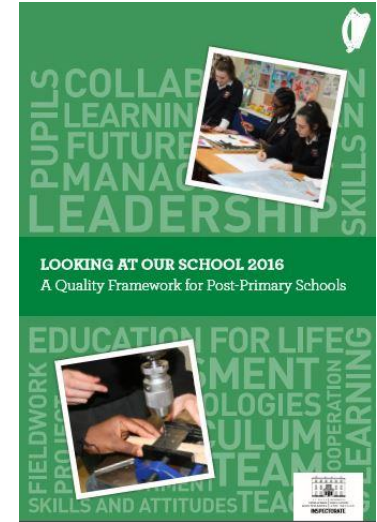
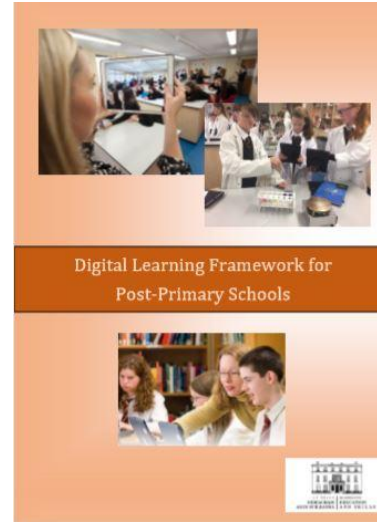
Evidence of
Impact

Linking It All Up

- Policy
- Professional Learning
- Practice

Supports

- Digital Learning Framework
- Looking at Our School 2016 Quality Framework



Collaboration

“Thinking Together”

- In School Teams
- School to School Clusters
- Local Community
- Business and Other Non-Educational Work Places
- Stakeholders
- All Sectors
- International Links



Existing Networks - ACCS Regional Networks



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Professional Diploma in School Leadership (PDSL)

Blended
Learning

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Over
subscribed
247

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**Work
Placement**

*6 ATECI
Regions*

*Practitioner
Facilitated*

Upcoming Closing Date

Post Graduate Programme in School Leadership (PDSL) Aspiring Leaders' Course

<https://www.ul.ie/cpe/pdsl/>

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March 30th 2018



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