

A Quick Guide to IPPN's Services



Leadership Support Service

Leadership Support is a one-to-one confidential advisory service, providing collegial support and guidance of a non-directive or non-legal nature from a team of skilled serving and retired principals. The team also provides a Professional Guidance service, answering queries of a factual nature.

Call 021 482 40 70 / Lo-Call 1890 21 22 23 to avail of these service



E-Scéal

Weekly electronic bulletin informing school leaders of current issues within education and providing professional guidance, from FAQs on circular releases, to topical issues relating to leadership and management.



Support Groups

Local Support Groups have proven to be among the most effective forms of support available to school leaders. They are the only meetings that will actually relieve school leaders' workload. Members have nothing to prepare for the meeting, are not 'performing' at the meeting and do not leave with a 'To Do' list. They will, however, leave the meeting feeling genuinely supported. Support Groups for Deputy Principals are now available in association with Education Centres.



Continuous Professional Development

Each year, IPPN hosts national and regional professional development events for school leaders. These offer an opportunity to hear fresh thinking from national and international figures in education, participate in stimulating workshops and network with colleagues. Notifications of national events such as conferences and one-day seminars are issued via TextaParent app, E-scéal, email and/or text message.



Examples of CPD events organised by IPPN are:

- Annual Principals' and Deputy Principals' Conferences
- Professional Briefing Day
- County Network meetings – at least one per term
- 'Your School' Seminar Series
- School Leaders' Summer Schools
- Ciall Ceannaithe online course
- Headstart for new principals, now offered in conjunction with Misneach 1.

Mailing Lists

IPPN's mailing lists are among the most valued supports available to members. They are 'closed' mailing lists i.e. the emails are for principals and deputy principals who are members of IPPN.

networking@ippn.ie - Our networking mailing list facilitates a peer-support community via email.

teachingprincipals@ippn.ie - Peer support for those with full-time teaching responsibilities.

newprincipals@ippn.ie - This mailing list is designed for new principals appointed in the current school year - to give them an opportunity to share experiences and ideas with colleagues in a similar situation.

county@ippn.ie - County mailing lists, for example limerick@ippn.ie, are useful for promoting local activities, support groups and CPD events.

advice@ippn.ie - For sensitive, confidential and non-generic queries which are answered offline by members of our Leadership Support Panel.



Research and Publications

This includes research publications that have been written or commissioned by IPPN as well as a variety of discussion/position papers currently being used to progress issues on behalf of our members. All IPPN publications are available in epublication format.



LEADERSHIP*

The journal for principals and deputy principals, Leadership* is an invaluable resource which is issue to members throughout the year. It offers a wide range of articles of relevance to school leaders, including practical hints and tips, professional guidance, research summaries, information on new procedures and forthcoming events, to name just a few.

RESOURCE BUNDLES

IPPN Resources Bundles are a one-stop-shop where school leaders will find the answers, supporting documentation and reading materials relating to the most common queries school leaders encounter in the day-to-day management of their schools. These comprehensive resources are produced in an easy-to-use, interactive e-publication format.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

IPPN has undertaken a number of significant research projects over the years, the results of which have been published in the following reports, which are available to members on www.ippn.ie - Advocacy - Publications

Online Services

Our member website www.ippn.ie provides a wealth of resources, sample policies, templates, publications, research, information updates and education news, including 'resource bundles' which collate all relevant information and professional guidance about specific topics into one easy-to-use document.



The IPPN Dashboard - available at dashboard.ippn.ie - provides all school leaders need to know on one webpage, including a calendar of events, sector updates, latest IPPN resources and E-scéals and networking mailing list posts.

Supports for Newly-Appointed Principals

Once IPPN is aware of a retirement or other vacancy for the role of principal, we ensure that information is provided to the incoming principal about the various supports available to them such as One to One Mentoring. We also engage with retiring principals to let them know about associate membership to stay in touch with education and also about opportunities to get involved in IPPN projects.



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TextaParent.ie is a fast, reliable and cost-effective way for schools to contact parents and staff.

education posts.ie 

EducationPosts.ie is Ireland's longest-established and most widely used website dedicated to education recruitment

texta sub 

TextaSub is an online service that enables schools to send free text alerts to primary-qualified teachers who are available for subbing work in a selected county.

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