

“Excellence through Collaborative Leadership and Management”

Education Centre Role

The Education Centre network will play a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of the Excellence through Collaborative Leadership and Management pilot scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to build leadership capacity and to expand and develop initiatives to promote innovation and excellence in schools. A key element of the scheme is the development of sustained partnerships between the participating clusters and the third level, business and industry sectors. In supporting the uptake and implementation of the project it is envisaged that the Education Centres will act as the hub around which locally-based clusters can organise and nurture their particular projects. To this end, the Education Centres will:

- Provide a venue for information seminars (week commencing 12th to 20th November) at the commencement of the pilot phase and following on from this phase, to provide opening seminars and training events as required for the duration of the project February 2019- June 2020, to include inputs on project management and facilitated collaborative planning
- Promote the scheme at local level through the development of the Centre’s website, organise information sessions for schools in the centre’s catchment area, contact by Director with school principals, with a view to ensuring two clusters in each Education Centre
- Host cluster meetings which focus on:
 - How learner experiences and outcomes are enhanced as a result of participation in the pilot scheme
 - Facilitating collaboration between schools on the design and delivery of specific projects that use school management teams in an innovative way



- Determining how collaboration within and between participating schools leads to enhanced distributed leadership in schools
 - The impact that effective leadership can exert on teaching, learning and assessment
 - How effective collaboration between schools can be initiated and sustained
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- Establish elective panels of personnel from third level, business and industry that are willing to provide advice to support the implementation, dissemination and evaluation of the projects
 - Liaise with the Department of Education and Skills on budgetary and organisational issues
 - Organise, publicise and host regional showcase events
 - Facilitate, towards the end of the pilot phase, regional dissemination of the showcase events to the wider educational community in a timely manner so as to share the learning from the pilot