



LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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To the attention of: All Educators

Subject: Online Synchronous sessions for 'An Introduction to Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)' to be held on the **23 February 2023 and 20 April 2023**.

Application Link: [TSS53/01/2023 – February 2023](#)

Deadline: 17 February 2023

[TSS53/02/2023 – April 2023](#)

13 April 2023

Applicable Fee: Free

The Institute for Education is offering educators the opportunity to follow one of the online professional development training being offered in the form of synchronous (live) sessions on the **23 February or 20 April**. These sessions will be available on the IfE portal and access will be given only to those who apply.

An Introduction to Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) encourage teacher leadership and foster collaborative practices, which lead to professional development and school improvement. PLCs promote a conducive school climate towards reflection in action leading to systematic changes that help increase student achievement. This session introduces the PLC approach and provides educators and educational leaders with a theoretical background of the dimensions of PLCs. It discusses the importance that organisational culture, leadership, supportive conditions and professional development have in sustaining a successful PLC in a school environment.

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Acquire an understanding of the PLC framework
2. Determine comprehensive principles of collaboration between educators and school leaders
3. Discuss ways of how organisational culture can engage all in bringing change
4. Define leadership qualities that are effective
5. Identify supportive conditions that encourage PLCs



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Synchronous (Live) Sessions

These non-accredited **online (live) sessions** are the perfect opportunity for educators to develop their knowledge and competences in self-sought areas. These sessions can form part of the **Accelerated Progression Scheme**. Applicants will participate in the live session through the Institute for Education's online learning environment according to the date and time they have applied. A Certificate of Attendance will be provided through the Blockcerts App.

Technological Requirements

All accepted course participants must ensure that they have access to a personal computer where they can follow the online sessions. A strong internet connection and a working microphone and camera are essential to follow synchronous (live) online sessions.

Interested applicants are requested to submit an online application through the provided application links **in accordance with the stipulated deadlines**. Places are limited to the first twenty-five (25) eligible applicants per module.

Thank you.

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