

FREE Institute for Learning - Networked Professionals Event

Wednesday 28th March 2012 - Doncaster College, The Hub.

One of the strongest messages to come out of the 2010-11 CPD Review that was conducted through a series of regional focus groups of IfL members between September and November 2011 was members' desire to work collaboratively; they spoke often of the benefits they enjoyed through shared CPD experiences, exemplified by comments such as, '*the best moments are always with other people*'. In many focus groups members spoke about how much it had helped them just coming together to reflect on their CPD in the focus group. They wanted more opportunities of this sort.

In response, the IFL are planning another round of **free, half-day meetings** in each region between January and March 2012 and we **warmly invite you to participate in and, we hope, benefit from one of these**. To make them as relevant as possible we will organise up to three cross-regional meetings in each region for those managers who have responsibility for professional development. This will include teacher educators, staff development managers, quality managers, human resources managers, for example. In addition there will be up to six meetings per region for teachers and trainers in individual organisations.

Doncaster College are hosting two of these meetings on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at The Hub, Chappell Drive, Doncaster, DN1 2RF.

The session times are as follows:

- 9.30am - 1.30pm
- 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- examine the findings reported in the 2010-11 CPD review (which we will share with you)
- ask you to consider and prioritise proposals for services for members that arise from the review and so work with us to design your services.

One of these proposals was to develop some kind of regional networking of IfL's members to create groups of 'Networked Professionals'. There are many ways of doing this and we want to plan with you what seems most useful in your locality/region. We will, of course, work with those agencies and groups that already offer regional support services to our sector to avoid wasteful duplication and to maximise benefits.

We do hope you will be able to join one of these meetings and, if you choose, become part of a network of professionals who can support one-another to offer 'brilliant teaching and learning' experiences to our students. As resources shrink and challenges grow, working together offers the best way forward for many members.

Should you wish to join us on 28 March 2012 please email staff.development@don.ac.uk to reserve your place.