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SKILL UP

Fully Funded Professional Development Programmes

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The Department for the Economy has developed the SKILL UP programme to provide fully funded opportunities to improve the skills profile of our local workforce. Stranmillis is delighted to be offering professional development programmes commencing January 2024 as part of SKILL UP. The number of places on each programme is limited and early application is advised.

Skill Up: Postgraduate & Masters Level

Three Masters Level modules are available through Skill-Up. These fully funded modules are an ideal platform to kickstart your postgraduate journey. Alternatively students completing two modules could exit with a Postgraduate Certificate.

The following modules are available :

Communities of Practice and Learning Partnerships

Schools and related organisations increasingly work as part of local, national or even international networks, forming strategic partnerships, sharing staff and delivering joint programmes for students. This module analyses existing models for collaborative and interconnected learning and facilitates the exploration of effective methods of working in practice.

Teacher as Action Researcher

Action research is something that will help every practitioner make a difference to the quality of teaching and learning, for example to support a new curriculum project or change initiative, or simply learning about teaching strategies. Strategies for evidence-based practice, quality improvement and developing new and improved practice are the focus of this module.



Advanced Teaching, Learning and Assessment

This module focuses on improving practice in school or college at various levels, through effective instruction and the matching of teaching, learning and assessment strategies to learner needs. It explores constructivist approaches, innovative teaching strategies, assessment as learning and highlights strategies to advance robust project and problem-based learning (PBL). It will challenge practitioners and leaders to consider the value of PBL and other methods using a research-informed approach to practice improvement – focusing on learner voice and impact on learning.

Start Date: January 2024

Duration: 10 weeks (3 hours per week)

Delivery: Online (evening)

All students are automatically enrolled on the Master of Teaching Programme, and will accumulate 30 CATs for each of the above modules completed.

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Skill Up: Professional Development Courses

An Introduction to Special Educational Needs

This 10 week professional development course is an exciting opportunity for educational professionals working with children and young people, as well as parents to come together to learn more about a range of special educational needs (SEN). The course is suited to a wide range of educational professionals, especially those in mainstream education, who would benefit from acquiring a basic overview of and introduction to SEN.

This is a practical, professional development course rather than an in-depth Master's module. It may therefore be ideal for those whose initial training did not include SEN in detail, or those who feel they need a refresher course. Students from previous years have included teachers (nursery, primary and post-primary), classrooms assistants, parents, voluntary sector workers, museum assistants, early year's professionals and youth workers.

**Commences Monday 15th January 2024
(x 10 weeks 6:30-8:30pm)**

All courses noted are taught online

Post Qualifying Leadership Programme (PQL)

The Post-Qualifying Leadership (PQL) programme is designed to support new and aspiring leaders in schools, Further Education Colleges and other educational settings to deliver whole school improvement. These are led by experienced leaders from across the sector. The Skill Up PQL Course covers:

Coaching and Mentoring for Performance Management

Coaching and mentoring are integral to the professional learning journey. This unit supports the introduction of good practice teaching and learning improvement, best practice sharing and excellence in terms of whole-school instructional leadership.

Management Skills Training 1 (Strategic Management)

Strategic management is a part of the leadership that even enterprising leaders struggle with, to find the time or resource to support creativity and visionary objectives. This unit offers guidance for strategy development, continuous planning, monitoring, performance analysis and the evaluation of strategic outcomes.

Management Skills Training 2 (Operational Leadership)

Managing people, budgets, resources, governance and administration are core skills of effective leadership. This unit provides practical case-studies to upskill leaders in applied strategies for operational management and ensures managers at all levels are equipped to improve teaching excellence.

**Commences Tuesday 9th January until June 2024
(2 hour weekly evening session)**

A limited number of funded places for each programme are available under the Skill Up Programme for eligible applicants.



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