

IPPN is currently working with The Scottish College for Educational Leadership (SCEL) to provide an international exchange/job shadowing arrangement for school principals. In this pilot, preference will be given to teaching principals of smaller schools with a proposed limit of around 100 pupils or less enrolled.

This exciting opportunity is available to EIH participants in Scotland as part of the Leadership of Learning programme - Theme 2. One of the key aims outlined in the overarching programme framework is to provide an international exchange programme for school leaders, which focuses on learning and sharing school improvement and evaluation approaches. Participants in Ireland will be expected to report back to IPPN on the structure of small schools, how the change agenda and workload is being managed and how schools are evaluated in Scotland.

It is planned that Scottish Principals would come to Ireland during the week beginning 15th October 2018 for three days. Irish Principals would go to Scotland the week beginning 29th October 2018 for 4 days to accommodate a day of collaborative working, facilitated by Professor Christine Forde in Glasgow.

All travel costs for Scottish Principals will be met by SCEL/Education Scotland and accommodation in both countries will normally be in the home of the host principal following a matching exercise. All travel costs for Irish Principals will be met by IPPN.

Phase 1 of the Programme:

- Principals in Scotland and Ireland will submit application and matching forms by Tuesday 25 September
- Acceptance and matching exercise will take place during week 26-28 September and principals in each country will be given contact details to discuss together, such as best travel and working day arrangements with a view to having 3 days in each of the schools. It is envisaged that Irish Principals will travel to Scotland from the 30th October to the 2nd November.

Phase 2 of the Programme:

- Principals from Ireland will make arrangements with Scottish host-principals around appropriate days to be spent in the schools there, mindful of the additional day for Irish and Scottish principals collaborating together in Glasgow on Friday 2 November
- Irish Principals will travel to Scotland in line with arrangements made through IPPN and will travel back to Ireland after the event on 2 November

It would be helpful if you could respond to pat.goff@ippn.ie by Tuesday 25 September 2018. I realise that this timeframe is very tight but would very much appreciate your co-operation.

This will hopefully be the first of a series of such visits through our partnership with SCEL and looks very exciting. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

With kind regards,

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