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What the role entails and how to get involved

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Do you feel strongly about access to interesting, relevant, high quality professional learning?

If so becoming an EIS Learning Rep could be an opportunity for you.

The role of EIS Learning Reps

Professional learning is an entitlement for all teachers and lecturers.

The primary role of the EIS Learning Rep is to engage with and support members on professional learning issues, as well as to take forward the professional learning agenda in the workplace.

EIS Learning Reps either work within their own Local Authority area, or within their own further education establishment, sometimes on a multi-campus basis.

EIS Learning Reps are not required to undertake casework or represent members. They are approved by their Local Associations or Branch, receive training to undertake their role, and are required to adhere to the policies, rules and regulations of the EIS. They are covered by the Employment Act 2002 and receive time off to carry out their role.

Becoming an EIS Learning Rep is a great way to get involved in your union and to take a key role in supporting fellow EIS members.

It is our objective to have LRs in each EIS Local Association and in each FE Branch.

Raising the profile of professional learning

EIS Learning Reps play an active role in ensuring a high profile for the professional learning agenda within educational establishments. They do this by:

- Advocating for and promoting professional learning opportunities as an entitlement for all teachers and FE lecturers
- Working in partnership with local authorities and other professional learning providers to ensure high quality, relevant learning opportunities that are accessible to all
- Co-delivering professional learning events with local and national partners.

Supporting colleagues with professional learning issues

EIS Learning Reps provide a valued service to members by:

- Offering personalised information, confidential advice and support about professional learning- by email, phone or in person
- Supporting them with both personal and professional learning, including requirements for Professional Update and Professional Review and Development
- Sharing information about local and national professional learning events and opportunities.

Training of EIS Learning Reps

All EIS Learning Reps are supported with training to ensure they have the confidence and skills to undertake the role. The training involves:

- A 6-week introductory online course through City of Glasgow College; and
- A 12-week online postgraduate module through the University of the West of Scotland
- Access to an experienced EIS Learning Rep as a mentor.

What are the benefits of becoming an EIS Learning Rep?

Once EIS Learning Reps are trained, they are supported in a range of ways. These include:

- Dedicated time to carry out the role
- Guidance and support from a full time EIS Professional Learning Co-ordinator
- Access to the LR Handbook, and a secure online forum where EIS Learning Reps can share ideas and information
- Regular networking opportunities with other EIS Learning Reps
- A range of print products to support you in your role- business cards, posters, leaflets etc.
- The opportunity to extend their own professional learning to the highest standard.



How to get involved

If you are committed to the professional learning agenda and are considering taking up this interesting, valuable role within the EIS, please contact:

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Alternatively, visit www.eis.org.uk/LearningReps