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Workshop 3: Leading DEIS planning through distributed leadership

This workshop is suitable for all DEIS school contexts. The workshop will focus on sustainable leadership approaches to the DEIS planning process. Effective leadership practices will be explored for each step of the six-step SSE process in relation to DEIS planning. There will be a particular focus on how school leaders can keep this process both manageable and impactful.

Workshop Presenters

Kate Liston, Oide (previously PDST)

Kate Liston is a primary Deputy Principal on secondment from St. Clare's Primary School, Harold's Cross, Dublin. She joined the PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers) Leadership Team as an advisor in January 2020. In her time as an Advisor with the Leadership Team, Kate was involved in the design and facilitation of PDST Leadership Programmes and DEIS Seminars. She also supported many schools in the development of their School Improvement Plans, DEIS Plans and Leadership Teams.

Kate was recently appointed to the role of Senior Leader for Primary Inclusive Education in Oide.

Adrienne Darby, Oide (previously PDST)

Adrienne Darby is a primary school Principal on secondment from St. Francis Xavier Senior School in Dublin 15. Adrienne has 14 years leadership experience both as a Teaching Principal and as an Administrative Principal. During her time as principal, Adrienne has delivered workshops to school leaders and teachers in Dublin West and Navan Education Centres. She joined the PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers) Leadership Team last year and has been involved in the design and delivery of a cross section of their Leadership Programmes. Over the past year, Adrienne provided school support to DEIS schools in both urban and rural contexts. Adrienne is currently on the design team of the Forbairt Programme for experienced school leaders.