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Learning-centred leadership II

Following the success of the first learning-centred leadership material, NCSL is launching a second pack, which further explores the strategies and systems school leaders can use to make a difference to teaching and learning in their schools.

This new suite investigates the impact of personalised learning, introduces new case studies and provides new perspectives from leading thinkers in education. The materials will be launched at a special conference at NCSL Nottingham on 16 March. To book your place visit

[<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageID=randd-lcl-index>](http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageID=randd-lcl-index)

National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) information sessions

The next application round for NPQH is open from 25 April to 20 May. NCSL's regional centres are holding information sessions around the country during April and May for prospective NPQH applicants. Sessions provide a background to the structure and content of NPQH, as well as useful information on completing an application. If you are considering applying for NPQH, we would strongly recommend you attend one of these sessions. Find out where and when these sessions are taking place. [<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=ldev-entry-npqh-sessions>](http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=ldev-entry-npqh-sessions)

Meeting the challenge: growing tomorrow's leaders

This new guide explores the theory that developing others and growing tomorrow's leaders is not just desirable as a philosophical requirement, but a key responsibility to be shared across the whole system. This guide provides:

- practical exercises for all school leaders, teams and governors
- debate that allows for review of current practices
- guidance for the introduction of new strategies for development
- thinkpieces and a six-step plan for implementation

Conference 2005: Seizing Success

7-9 March 2005, ICC, Birmingham

This three-day event will explore the strategies and tools school leaders need to succeed in a time of increased accountability and collaboration.

Keynote plenary sessions and practical workshops will bring together policy-makers and practitioners to share ideas, challenge thinking and shape the future.

A full list of conference topics and speakers, together with registration details, is available on the website [<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=college-eventslibrary-conference2005>](http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=college-eventslibrary-conference2005)

National Professional Qualification in Integrated Centre Leadership (NPQICL)

NPQICL is the first national programme to address the needs of leaders within multi-agency, early years settings.

This new qualification provides leaders and emerging leaders with an opportunity to create an ethos of community partnership working by co-ordinating coherent and seamless high quality services for children and families.

The application round for the first national roll-out is open from 17 March to 27 May. For more information on the eligibility criteria and the programme itself, visit the website <http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=ldev-emergent-npqicl>

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