

National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership (NPQEL)

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A completely updated NPQEL for those who are, or aspiring to be, an executive headteacher, trust director or chief executive, with responsibility for leading several schools

- Gain a nationally recognised, prestigious, government-backed senior leadership qualification to help you progress in your career
- Strengthen your expertise as both a strategic and operational leader, creating the culture, governance and strategy needed for a group of schools to flourish successfully and coherently
- Learn flexibly around your job with a blend of online learning, virtual sessions and local face to face workshops



Benefits for you

- Develop knowledge and understanding of how to apply the evidence on multi-school improvement through people development, working with leaders, staff, pupils, governors and the wider community to create lasting and sustainable change
- A blended learning experience which fits around your role where you learn and discuss key content online, delivered in a way that suits the busy working lives of trust leaders
- Local virtual and face to face sessions that focus on real problem-solving, creating understanding, connecting with your peers and gaining depth of knowledge
- A residential helps you develop networks with key national leaders and peers
- Ongoing preparation to give you confidence to pass the final assessment
- Facilitation and support from serving Trust leaders in excellent trusts and delivery at local venues

Benefits for your group or trust

- A skilful and research-informed executive leader with the capability to strategically lead a group of schools or trust
- Practical capability to get on with the job of developing others with the skills to lead with people and teams, creating change and impact



- A professionally aware and informed leader who can make evidence-based decisions and approach leadership in an effective and efficient manner
- The ability to review and evaluate practice in order to bring about change and get the best outcomes for young people and staff within the organisation

Our Approach

Delivery of the curriculum is grounded in TDT's values of:

- SMART we think about what the evidence tells us, but we also really care about how things are done
- HEART it's not just taking the evidence base and implementing it any old way, it needs to be done in the right way if you want to have that sustainable impact
- HUMBLE we recognise that there is no single perfect answer to any situation - participants will come from different environments, different schools, different contexts - and we need to understand the limits of what the evidence tells us at times and use our judgement

The course

A blend of flexible online learning, online discussion, virtual workshops and face to face workshops, for a few hours study each week over 18 months with one weekend residential. This is followed by an assessment where you will complete a 1500-word case study assessment to demonstrate your understanding of real leadership and change.

This completely reformed Leadership NPQ has an evidence-informed curriculum design and covers all of the core content in the government's Framework for this qualification. Our course materials have been co-written by Debbie Clinton, a former CEO of two large multi academy trusts and a former HMI, connecting you to the latest research and best practice. It will help you to:

- Provide strategic leadership across a group of schools in effective teaching, curriculum, assessment and culture
- Oversee the development of cross-school approaches to embed effective workforce development, change and implementation
- Create and manage cross-school systems and processes, working with partners and boards



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The course material is utterly brilliant. Such high quality and carefully crafted. The spirit and ethos of TDT is forefront."

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Facilitator material is **inspirational** and **purposeful**, **enjoyable** and thought-provoking. Boy, have TDT got it just right!"

Booking information

Funding and Cost

Full scholarship funding, with no cost to the participant, for the NPQ in Executive Leadership is available to all teachers who meet the following criteria:

- are, or are aspiring to be, an executive headteacher, or have a school trust CEO role with responsibility for leading several schools
- are employed in state-funded schools, as well as those employed in state-funded organisations that offer 16 to 19 places in England

Up to date information on funding is available on the DfE website

The course fee is £4,050

Training locations

Our network of UK and international delivery partners will be happy to support you along your learning journey with exceptional facilitators who have a strong track record of leadership and supporting other leaders. You can express interest in the TDT NPQEL at TDTrust.org/npqel and we will send you further information about your local centres.

More information

The Teacher Development Trust is an internationally leading charity in the fields of staff development and school improvement through people development. Founded by practising teachers and leaders in 2012, we've helped hundreds of schools and leaders to create lasting improvement.

Find out more about TDT NPQs, our charitable mission and work at TDTrust.org/npqs



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