

Prerequisites

This workshop is open to all and is particularly useful for delegates who want to understand what they can do to make their school more learning focused.

Those who are unsure whether that should be their priority or those who are still unsure what a Learning Focused School looks like, would most certainly benefit as well! We will carry out a 'Knowledge Harvest' at the beginning of the day to identify the next steps in your learning process and differentiate where needed.

Pre-course Preparation

You will receive some pre-read material to prepare you for this workshop.

Workshop Outline

Friday, 31 July 2015

Session 1

In this first session we look at how we can put the spotlight in our schools firmly onto our core business; learning. We look at the language we use in our schools when we talk about learning. We look at who we involve in these discussions and how. We will determine where your school is currently situated on the road map to a (more) learning focused school. At the end of the session our aim is to have an increased delegates' understanding of what a learning focused school can look like. We will also each formulate a learning intention that will help you and your school to take the next step in your journey.

- Introductions.
- The paradigm shift from teaching to learning.
- Definitions. The language of Learning.
- Knowledge Harvest.
- Our Road Map to a Learning Focused School; dropping the pin.

Session 2

In this session we dive into various aspects that make a school more learning focused. We highlight a couple of important features and look at practical examples. Delegates study a particular aspect further and share their learning with the rest of the group. Your choice of topic will depend on your Knowledge Harvest and your Road Map. At the end of the session you will have reflected on what is needed to move a school towards having a more learning focused approach and you will have increased or consolidated your knowledge and understanding of particular aspects of a learning focused school.

- What schools on route to becoming a Learning Focused school have in common?
- Personal choice of topic.

Session 3

In our last session we look at what you can personally do to help your school become more learning focused. The first hurdle is almost always the stuff that can get in your way. How

can you make sure that the bulk of your attention is focused on learning? How can we make sure everybody in school is on the same bus? What interventions really make a difference? At the end of the day you will have a coherent picture of all the elements which come together to create a successful, learning focused school. You will have focused on aspects that are of interest to you and have reflected on which next steps you and your school can take to focus even more on what matters most in schools.

- How to be an effective school (how not to let stuff get in the way of learning!)
- Leading in a Learning focused school. Ready, fire, aim!
- Our road map to a learning focused school; next steps for learning.