



Leicestershire
County Council



Classroom Support Staff Conference



**A one day conference for
classroom support staff
working in Leicestershire
schools and colleges, focusing
on 'professionalism.'**

Walkers Stadium, Leicester
Wednesday 29th March 2006
9.30am - 3.30pm

Introduction

The theme for the conference is 'professionalism' and the aims of the conference are to provide classroom support staff with:

- Information and support around the developing roles of classroom support professionals
- Up to date practical training and advice on classroom practice
- The opportunity to discuss the establishment of local networks for classroom support staff
- The opportunity to network with colleagues from other Leicestershire schools and colleges

“Support staff will be increasingly recognised for the contribution they make to raising pupil standards and they will have access to expanded roles and improved career opportunities.” [DfES 2004](#)



Programme

- 8.45-9.30am Registration and coffee
- 9.30 am Introduction by
Gareth Williams
Director of Children's Services
(Designate)
- 10.00 am Key note speech by
Pat Lockett
- 11.00 am Coffee
- 11.20am The establishment of peer
networks: **Roland Absalom**
- 11.40 am Facilitated group
discussions/activities on:
i) Establishment of local
networks
ii) Sharing good practice
- 12.20 pm Feedback and plenary from
group discussions/activities
- 12.40 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Attendance at Workshop 1
- 2.30 pm Attendance at Workshop 2
- 3.30 pm Close



Workshops

Delegates will be able to attend 2 workshops from those listed.

Unfortunately we can not guarantee to offer your preferred options.

- A.** Speaking and Listening
- B.** Talking in maths (aimed at TA supporting primary children)
- C.** Behaviour Management - using assertive language
- D.** Ideas for working with individual children with troubling behaviour
- E.** Harnessing Technology - using ICT in the classroom
- F.** Professional development & the evolving role of classroom support staff (including information on HLTA)
- G.** Developing independence
- H.** Early Years, Children's Centres and Extended Services
- J.** Working with more and very able pupils
- K.** The Learning Partnership
- L.** Safeguarding Children - information for support staff
- M.** VIP tips for TAs
- N.** Children and Young People Services Department

Information

Cost

The cost of the conference is fully subsidised by the Local Authority through a combination of standards fund and remodelling of the school workforce funding.

Schools and colleges are asked to nominate **one member** of their classroom support staff team to attend the conference and disseminate the information back to the school/college

Keynote Speaker - Pat Lockett

Pat is an independent consultant working largely in the education sector. She has a school leadership background in Nottinghamshire special schools prior to working with the Local Authority with a performance management and professional development brief.

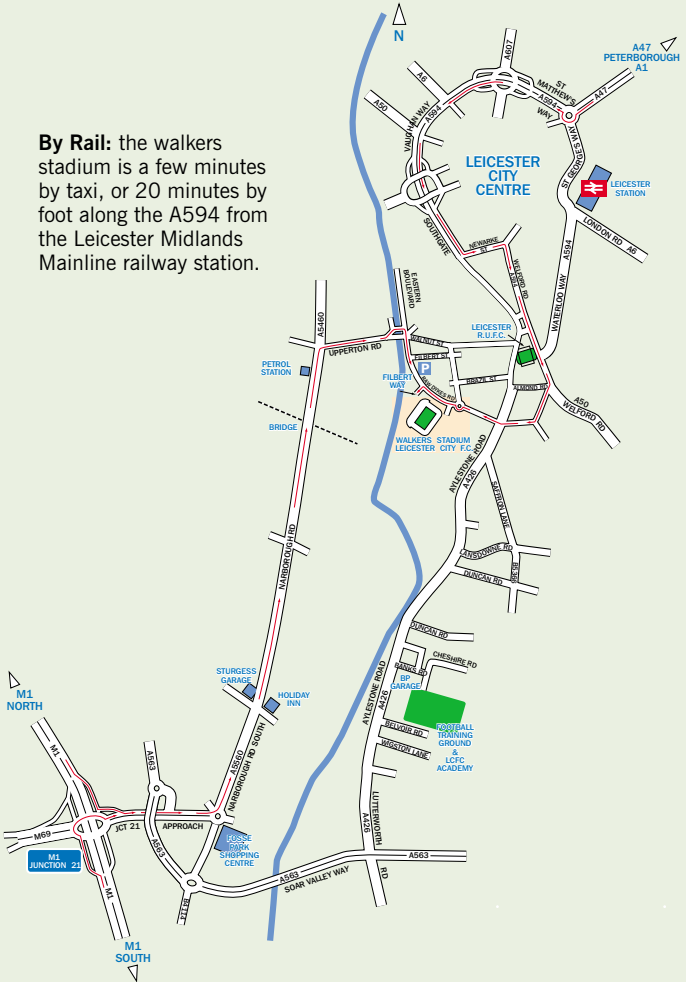
More recently Pat has been engaged in the delivery of leadership development programmes for the Department for Education and Skills, National Colleges for School Leadership and East Midlands Leadership Centre. She is contributing to the rollout of workforce reform and extended schools developments as a regional consultant with the National Remodelling Team.

Pat's work profile recognises a strong commitment to professional development and career progression for all education professionals who work in the best interests of children and young people and especially the development of emerging roles for school support staff.

Venue

Directions to the Walkers Stadium, Filbert Way, Leicester LE2 7FL

By Rail: the walkers stadium is a few minutes by taxi, or 20 minutes by foot along the A594 from the Leicester Midlands Mainline railway station.



From the M1/M69: get off at junction 21 (not 21a), follow the A5460 (Narborough Road) and follow the signs to Leicester. After approximately 3 miles you should pick up signs for the city centre. Straight after 'Iceland' on your left and the BP garage on your right, filter right at the traffic lights to turn right onto Upperton Road. You will travel over a flyover and then reach another filter by a small bridge over the River Soar, keep right at the first set of lights. This bridge has one-way traffic as a roundabout. Go round this and pick the middle lane by the next set of lights (left hand lane will be for city centre, right hand lane will be to go over the bridge and back onto Upperton Road). You will be on Raw Dykes Road and the site is on your right approx ¼mile on at the first set of lights.

Application Form

Conference Title: Classroom Support Staff:
New Professionalism

Date and Time: Wednesday 29th March
2006, 8.45am - 3.30pm

Venue: Walkers Stadium, Leicester

Please indicate your workshop choices by writing the appropriate letters in the grid below. We cannot guarantee your preferred option.

Preferences	Workshop 1	Workshop 2
1 st Choice		
2 nd Choice		
3 rd Choice		

Name of applicant:.....

School:

Address:

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Post Code Tel:

Email:

Please note any special requirements below (diet, disability etc).....

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

All applicants will receive confirmation of their booking by letter

Signed:

Date:

Print Name.....

Please send to address overleaf

Application Form (Cont.)

Please return completed form to:

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Leicester LE3 8RF

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To be returned by **Friday 3rd March 2006**
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