

South Gloucestershire Leadership Academy



Three Day International Leadership Symposium

4 -6 July 2007

Every Leader Matters: How leadership can make a difference

This symposium will focus on developing leadership capacity, sustainability and potential through a three day learning experience. The symposium will work through the interaction of two parallel and interdependent strands:

- **What we learn**
and
- **How we learn**

The focus is therefore on content **and** process recognising that each will inform and influence the other. The symposium will also recognise that leadership learning is a personal experience and there will therefore be opportunities for delegates to design their own learning experiences across the three days of the symposium.

The symposium will focus on three interconnected themes:

- **Building leadership capacity through shared and distributed leadership;**
- **Developing leadership across the community;**
- **Growing learning communities**

The key learning strategy of the symposium will be the idea of dialogue. The aspiration is that a range of activities, resources and experiences will enable rich and meaningful dialogue over the three days of the symposium. This dialogue will be enriched by access to educational professionals from a wide range of backgrounds. A key feature of the symposium will be speakers and delegates from a number of European education systems.



The symposium will therefore offer a range of learning experiences:

- ◇ **Keynotes offering insights into current research and practice;**
- ◇ **Workshops and seminars exploring the theme of the day;**
- ◇ **Access to a range of resources, literature and case studies;**
- ◇ **Structured opportunities for networking;**
- ◇ **Time and space for personal reflection, dialogue and planning.**

Each day will offer a portfolio of learning experiences which delegates will be able to select according to their own needs and interests.

Thus delegates might choose to attend one day and follow a traditional 'conference' pathway or attend all three days and develop a unique personal pathway. Teams from schools might choose to attend certain events and then use the resources available to work together on school issues.

The symposium might be best seen as a box full of jigsaw pieces which individuals can select from in order to create their own personal pictures.

Key note inputs and symposium facilitation over the three days, will include John West-Burnham, Louise Stoll and other international/national leadership experts. Delegates will be drawn from local, national and international settings. Costings and further information to be announced in Autumn 2006.

Visit <http://www.leadersoflearning.net> to see the outcomes of the last Leadership Academy Day in November 2005

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