

## REGIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

### *Enabling school improvement - the role of local authorities in supporting local school improvement systems*

**We would like to invite strategic leaders of local school improvement systems to a regional workshop to discuss the role of the local authority in school improvement.** Lead Members, Assistant Directors of Education/School Improvement, and your chair of your local LA/schools strategic partnership are all warmly invited to attend.

The Local Government Association (LGA) has just published research by Isos Partnership ([www.isospartnership.com](http://www.isospartnership.com)) that analyses the role of local authorities in supporting local school improvement systems. The research includes summaries of the approaches in eight local areas. It also analyses the key conditions that are important in developing effective local school improvement systems, the challenges that are being faced, and how local authorities can develop and support the key conditions set out in the report. The full report and the practical summary for lead members and senior leaders are available [here](#) and [here](#).

The regional workshops will provide an excellent opportunity to explore this important national research in more depth, consider the issues that are affecting each local area, and also learn from and hear about approaches in other areas. The LGA is therefore supporting a series of five regional workshops across the country in 2018.

The aims of the workshops are to:

- a) publicise and share the learning from the report, enabling LAs to explore and discuss issues in the report relevant to their circumstances directly with the research team;
- b) create opportunities for LAs to share their issues and learning with other colleagues, and enable a peer dialogue about their local school improvement systems; and
- c) enable local authorities to work through some of their challenges, engage in problem-solving, and consider their plans to develop their local strategic partnerships further.

There will be a mixture of plenary inputs and small group discussions, facilitated by the colleagues from Isos who led the research. There will be lots of opportunities for active engagement from those attending, as well as more informal peer-to-peer learning and networking.

The regional workshops will take place on the following dates at the following locations and all begin at 10.30am:

- Birmingham – 8 March (Novotel, 70 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HT)
- Manchester – 9 March (Britannia Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 3LA)
- Bristol – 16 March (Novotel, Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6HY)
- London – 22 March (Local Government House, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ)
- Newcastle – 23 March (Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stephenson Quarter, Hawthorn Square, Newcastle NE1 3SA)

This event will be free to attend – there will be no charge for attendance.

If you would like to attend, we would be grateful if you could respond to [paige.gore@local.gov.uk](mailto:paige.gore@local.gov.uk) at the LGA by Wednesday 28 February.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please apply as soon as possible. More than one colleague from each local area is welcome to attend – we would be grateful if you could let us know the names and roles of those colleagues who wish to attend.

If you would like to discuss the content of the workshops in further detail, please contact Simon Rea [simon.rea@isospartnership.com](mailto:simon.rea@isospartnership.com) or Clive Harris [clive.harris@local.gov.uk](mailto:clive.harris@local.gov.uk)