

Doncaster ITT Partnership

The Partnership was formed in 2002 to help Doncaster schools recruit, train & retain 'home-grown' qualified teachers through schools-based training. The Partnership has trained hundreds of Primary & Secondary teachers, most staying on to teach in Doncaster as Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs), often in one of their training schools. Many are now responsible for coordinating and delivering teacher training in their own schools.

We believe that our 'model' of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) works because it is a genuine Partnership of people who passionately believe that teacher training can and should be delivered with the trainee at the very heart of why and how we deliver training

The Doncaster ITT Partnership is the only Accredited SCITT (School Centred ITT) Provider in Doncaster and supports schools-based trainees in Primary, Secondary & Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units through two Alliances: Partners in Learning (PiL) for Primary & DRAFTTs (Doncaster Regional Alliance For Teacher Training Secondary).

Trainees have personalised training plans and different learning experiences with a dedicated school-based Mentor and a Training Coordinator. Training is designed by outstanding practitioners (inc. Headteachers & SLEs etc.) and delivered by them in Partnership schools (paid to host and deliver training) and at other central training venues in Doncaster. This includes the optional PGCE which is delivered by colleagues from the University of Hull, at both face-to-face workshops and via on-line support.

Since the school closures before Easter, we have continued to support our current trainees through on-line learning to ensure they can meet the Teachers' Standards in order to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), many with the additional PGCE.

Working with schools, PiL and the Local Authority we are supporting them all to hopefully secure NQT posts for September, so please pass on details of teaching posts that you're looking to fill, even temporary maternity covers etc.

Recent Department for Education (DfE) guidance backs the continued recruitment of trainees for next year using video interviewing and, with support from Partner schools and our own Tutor Team, this has proved to be highly successful. We now need more schools to offer training placements for September or we may have to turn away otherwise good applicants.

Trainees are still recruited through a rigorous selection process and there is a strong collaborative agreement that our commitment is to provide outstanding training to support trainees to become excellent teachers.

One area of almost limitless 'untapped' potential in schools are existing graduate level support staff who would like to apply for ITT, but who cannot afford to give up paid work in school to become a student teacher. However, an option for schools to consider if they are able to support an experienced classroom practitioner, is the **School Direct Salaried** training route. The school receives a grant to help support the

training and contribute to salary costs. If you have someone who would make an excellent teacher in your school, then please contact the Partnership.

We look forward to hearing from schools wanting to support their own 'Salaried' trainee, able to offer placements to fee-paying student teachers or who have an NQT post to fill.

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