

Previous delegates to this course have said:

- *This was an excellent learning experience.*
- *I will recommend this course to my colleagues.*
- *The course should be a 'MUST' for all leaders (and aspiring leaders) in science.*
- *This course totally deserves all the glowing tributes and positive comments that others have previously made.*
- *My PT found the work of my gap task invaluable and the work is continuing as part of the development plan*

### **Course Description**

The course will be coordinated and organised by staff from SSERC and delivered by experts nationally recognised in their field. Participants will be provided with a variety of supporting publications and resources and on-going access to advice and support both during the course and once it has been completed. A draft programme will be available on the SSERC website ([www.sserc.org.uk](http://www.sserc.org.uk)).

Coverage will include:

- Curriculum and course development issues with particular reference to CfE
- Areas for development identified in recent HMIE reports including *Science: A portrait of current practice in Scottish Schools* and *The Sciences 3-18 Curriculum Impact Report*
- Improving learning and teaching through self evaluation
- Approaches to managing science health and safety issues
- Science departmental/faculty issues and policies
- Leading teams and managing change

The course will take place at SSERC, Dunfermline with accommodation being provided at the King Malcolm Hotel.

### **Commitment**

Admission to the course is dependent on nomination by your school or Local Authority and on submission of a satisfactory application. Participants will be expected to carry out an action research, management or similar task in school between November 2013 and the recall days in March 2014. On completion of the course, participants will be able to access follow up opportunities designed to further develop their skills.

### **Funding**

As the lead partner SSERC engages with other Scottish and UK organisations, local authorities, professional institutes, associations, centres and agencies active in establishing systematic and sustainable CPD for science educators in Scotland. A major partner in provision of this Leading for Excellence in Science course is the National Science Learning Centre (NSLC) in York and through this partnership we have access to ENTHUSE funds which can be used to offset the costs of the course.

Delegates from local authority schools will, on successful completion and subject to certain terms and conditions, be entitled to receive an ENTHUSE Award which should cover the combined cost of both parts of the course.

Prior to the start of the course, institutions will be invoiced for the costs of both parts of the course (£850 – to include accommodation, meals and course materials) which can then be met from the ENTHUSE Award.

### **Application**

In the first instance interested parties should complete the attached expression of interest form.

A full application form will be sent out requiring the applicant to describe what attendance on the course will achieve (a) for them personally and (b) for their school/department.

A brief statement of recommendation from a senior manager will also be required.

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SSERC and King Malcolm Hotel

Name:	
School:	Local Authority:
Subject Specialism:	
E-mail: <i>(Please print clearly)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I agree to this email address appearing in the delegate pack</i>	
Do you have any special dietary or access requirements? YES / NO (please circle as appropriate and specify requirements below)	
Signed:	Date:
To apply please return this expression of interest form to the address below or by email to: <a href="mailto:sts@sserc.org.uk">sts@sserc.org.uk</a> by 20 September 2013.	

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**Develop your leadership and management skills to  
develop a constantly improving faculty or department**

**Rationale**

*Curriculum for Excellence* aims to bring about transformational change and ensure the best possible education for our children and young people. The Scottish Government recognises the pivotal role of science within *CfE*. Management structures in schools and colleges are diverse resulting in posts of responsibility for science faculties and combinations of science subjects as well as principal teachers of biology, chemistry and physics. As a consequence of these factors and the increasing emphasis on the need for teachers to take increased responsibility for what they teach and their own self evaluation, the role of science leaders has never been more important.

**Audience**

The course is aimed at all of those who have, or aspire to have, responsibility for leading science education in their establishments. Although some leadership skills are generic, there are aspects of science education which require specific leadership skills and have particular management responsibilities. These particular responsibilities, as well as wider leadership issues, will be considered in science specific contexts.



The course will be held at King Malcolm Hotel, and SSERC in Dunfermline. All meals are included throughout the course. Only 20 places are available, so early application is advised.

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