

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT: MAKING USE OF DATA AND GOOD PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS

Annual Conference

Thursday 3 November 2011

Conference Overview:

This year's annual conference on using data and good practice in schools to raise achievement welcomes the UK's leading experts and practitioners to explore in detail:

- How LA data can be used for self-evaluation and to compare families of schools
- How RAISEonline and FFT data can be used for self-evaluation and inspection
- How to use value added and a range of information to drive school improvement
- How to identify and tackle underperformance by using data
- How to use good practice in schools to raise achievement

This conference is a unique opportunity to share new developments at national and local level and to engage in practical workshops activities on how data can be used to drive school improvement. The format of the training session is interactive and includes presentations, practical exercises and discussion. The workshop sessions also use data triangulation and different sources of data to check and establish the validity of evidence to support school self-evaluation.

Target Audience:

Headteachers, deputy headteachers, senior teachers/teachers, school improvement advisers, school governors and school data managers

Conference Speakers:

Keynote speaker: Performance tables - what are they good for (absolutely nothing?)

Professor Steve Strand of Warwick University will review the development of performance and achievement tables in England. He will ask whether they meet the objectives for which they were proposed, and whether recent developments are more - or less - likely to adequately inform parents about school performance. He will also argue that recent changes such as the removal of CVA, are likely to make parents less, not more, informed about school performance. Schools need to use good data systems (FFT, RAISEonline, LA data) for school improvement and to continue to oppose simplistic league tables.

Martin Kaliszewski from the DfE will be joining us to share the latest developments in RAISEonline. Martin will develop your understanding and knowledge of the system so that you can use it to make effective interventions in teaching and learning that raise whole-school achievement. Martin will also cover how RAISEonline, school and LA data can be used for school inspection purposes.

Mike Treadaway (Director of Research at Fischer Family Trust) will share new developments with FFT and discuss how to use FFT data to drive whole-school improvement.

Feyisa Demie will also show you how to place data at the heart of your school self-evaluation using newly extended Lambeth value-added data and contextual reports.

Other speakers: The conference will be opened by **Cathy Twist (Assistant Director)**.