

Belfast Model School for Girls Best Practice Event

Belfast Model School for Girls invites you to join them on two learning/benchmarking opportunities, which are being held as part of the Northern Ireland Best Practice Scheme.

The scheme is sponsored by the Public Service Improvement Unit, in the Department of Finance and Personnel, as part of the Government's strategy for reforming and modernising public services. It will run over the next two years and its aim is to highlight and share good practice within the public sector.

All Best Practice events are open to staff from public sector and voluntary/community sector organisations in Northern Ireland and are free of charge.

The Model School for Girls events however are particularly targeted at personnel from the education sector and related areas.

The events are taking place on the following dates.

Date: 20 June 2008
Time: 10.15am to 1pm (followed by lunch)
Theme: Effective Partnerships Promoting Learning

Date: 18 September 2008
Time: 3.30pm to 6:30pm (followed by refreshments)
Theme: Effective ICT & Partnerships Promoting Learning

Venue: Belfast Model School for Girls, Dunkeld Gardens, Belfast BT14 6NT

Please see information on parking on last page.

If you would like to book a place on these learning opportunities, please complete the attached booking form and return it to: catherine.harland@dfpni.gov.uk. If you require further advice or assistance please visit www.bestpracticeni.gov.uk or contact Catherine Harland on 028 9081 6032.

BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Belfast Model School for Girls is an all ability 11-18 years old school located in North Belfast. Pupils are drawn from a catchment area with a high proportion coming from recognised areas of deprivation. The school has formed a wide range of partnerships within Business, Education, Health and Sport.

All of the partnerships contribute to the School vision of "Achievement for All" and to improving the life chances of pupils. It has a long tradition of innovation and has received a number of external awards such as the Schools' Curriculum Award, the Educational Technology Laureate and Investors in People recognition.

The School has developed excellent links with the whole community and shares good practice through collaboration with appropriate organisations. Partnership permeates every area of school from teachers working with Primary Schools in the area to business representatives working with mixed groups of sixth formers in the school.

The School is a designated Specialist School for ICT and one of only two Full Service Schools (pilot 2006) in Northern Ireland. The Full Service Extended Schools Programme supports the school's work with voluntary and statutory agencies and neighbouring communities offering a range of services to students, their families and the wider community. Examples include: adult learning classes, vocational classes, community forum, health initiatives, parental and pupil support.

Collaboration also takes place with other schools and colleges in terms of provision and sharing best practice to widen curricular choice.

The Girls' Model is a Health Promoting school and works closely with the local HAZ (Health Action Zone) team on a range of projects, many of which provide opportunities for parental involvement. They also work in partnership with a range of community organisations and collaborate with them to raise pupils' achievement and aspirations.

The school has developed collaborative and sustainable partnerships with a wide range of organisations over a period of many years and this will be the focus of the two learning activities. These events would be of considerable interest to schools, Further and Higher Education and other educational establishments.

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Belfast Model School for Girls**

Event Programme – Friday 20th June 2008

Effective Partnerships Promoting Learning

09.45 am	Registration & Tea/Coffee
10.15 am	Welcome/Opening Remarks John Graham, Principal, Belfast Model School for Girls
10.20 am	Full Service Extended School Presentation
10.45 am	Partnership Presentation
11.00 am	Developments in Reform and Sharing Best Practice Will Haire, Permanent Secretary, Department of Education (NI)
11.15 am	3 carousels lasting 30 minutes each - Learning Support - Health and Well-Being - Transition Enhancement
12.45 pm	Plenary Session
01.00 pm	Light Lunch

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Event Programme – Thursday 18th September 2008

Effective ICT Partnerships Promoting Learning

3.00 pm	Registration & Tea/Coffee
3.30 pm	Welcome
3.40 pm	Developments in Reform and Sharing Best Practice Alan Shannon, Permanent Secretary, Department for Social Development
3.50 pm	ICT Specialist School Presentation
4.15 pm	Partnership Presentation
4.30 pm	3 carousels lasting 30 minutes each - Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Partnerships - Primary ICT - Global E-Twinning
6.00 pm	Plenary Session
6.30 pm	Refreshments

Booking Form

Northern Ireland Best Practice Scheme Event Belfast Model School for Girls

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Job Title:

Email:

Tel:

Access /
Special Dietary
Requirements:

Event Date (please
tick one or both
boxes as appropriate):

20 June 2008

18 Sept 2008

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Directions and Further Information

The event will be held at the Belfast Model School for Girls, Dunkeld Gardens, Belfast BT14 6NT. Please click [HERE](#) for directions.

Car parking is restricted due to the new school building work. Parking is available at Ballysillan Leisure Centre. A minibus service, operated by the school, is available in both directions. This will run before and after the events (or at other times as required). Click [HERE](#) for directions.

If you require more detailed information on the school or the event programme please contact Janice Clarke on 028 90 391768.