

# Linking Leaders of Secondary Science

## *A Peer Review Action Research Project for Secondary Curriculum*

**Leaders** We are seeking expressions of interest from curriculum leaders of secondary science who are keen to further explore the power of action research in school improvement as they further develop their curriculum area.

Building on the success of the original Linking Leaders project an independent evaluation was conducted by Wavehill. North East Combined Authority, The Newcastle Research School and Education North Tyneside are working in partnership to drive this exciting new project for ambitious curriculum leaders of science.

The one-year fully funded project includes professional development sessions for the science curriculum leader and a senior leader from each establishment where delegates will explore the latest research evidence.

At the core of the project is school to school peer review, giving leaders the experience of evaluating provision in another setting and having a “fresh pair of eyes” to help guide their own work.

Schools from across the seven North East Combined Authority regions are now able to apply.

The opportunity is open to delegates from middle, high and secondary schools.



# Outline of the Programme

The programme involves four half day professional development sessions which focus on the importance of research-driven pedagogy and the power of an action research model of school improvement. Delegates will consider the various mechanisms we use to diagnose issues within our science departments, evaluate the effectiveness of the science curriculum and the associated impacts on workload. These sessions will focus on all aspects of the curriculum in science and the effects these have on both teacher workload and pupil outcomes. Delegates will have time to explore the planning, delivery and assessment within their departments and begin evaluating current practice.

Sessions will support delegates to plan the school to school review. The final session will reflect on the school to school reviews and plan next steps.

**Session 1 – Monday 20th October 2025 1pm-4pm**

**Session 2 – Thursday 13th November 2025 1pm-4pm**

**Session 3 – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 1pm-4pm**

**Session 4 – Monday 29th June 2026 1pm-4pm**

Venue - Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park, NE3 5HN

Scan the QR code to register for this programme and briefings

