

# LINKING LEADERS: EMBEDDING INCLUSIVE PRACTICE

Following the successful roll-out of *Linking Leaders*, secondary leaders across LA7 are invited to be part of the next chapter – one that places **inclusion at the heart of leadership**.

## What is Linking Leaders?

Linking Secondary Leaders is an 8-month programme with 5 face to face CPD sessions and the opportunity to visit another school.

Practical, collaborative, evidence-informed sessions are led by The Difference, national leaders in inclusive practice, and supported by Education Durham.

## Why take part?

- 100% funded by the North East Combined Authority – no cost to your school
- Expert content around building strong relational cultures, adopting restorative approaches to behaviour, and designing whole-school sustainable inclusion systems
- Proven, evidence-based strategies you can use straight away to start to reduce Lost Learning for every child.
- A collaborative network of peers to share challenges and solutions.



# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

*All sessions will take place in Durham Leadership Centre, DL16 6YP.*

## **Session 1: Inclusive practice through relationships**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025, 9.30-3.30

## **Session 2: Restorative practices for behaviour- and conflict management**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, 9.30-3.30

## **Session 3: Peer-review visit planning and meeting partner schools**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 9.30-3.30

## **Session 4: Whole-school systems for inclusion**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9.30-3.30

## **Session 5: Planning for sustainability and impact evaluations**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 1.00-4.00

## Booking information

3 places are reserved for schools/ academies from each of the following regions:

- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- Northumberland
- North Tyneside
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

Please sign up by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September using [\*\*this form\*\*](#). You will be contacted via email w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> September to confirm if you have secured a place.

