



Inclusion Community of Practice

for the Eastern Region

Launching Autumn 2025



Improvement East
Eastern Region Sector Led Improvement

What is the Inclusion Community of Practice?

- As part of the Regional Improvement and Innovation Alliances (RIAs) Programme for 2025/26, DfE have asked Improvement East to establish an *Inclusion Community of Practice for the Eastern Region*, with the purpose of supporting and accelerating progress towards greater inclusion in mainstream education

How will it be delivered?

- The Eastern Region *Inclusion Community of Practice* will be facilitated by Improvement East via the 2025/26 RIA grant, and all activities will be co-produced and delivered in partnership by regional colleagues

Who should attend?

- The *Inclusion Community of Practice* invites participation from all 11 LAs in the Region. LA Inclusion leaders and practitioners, Health and Parent-Carer representatives are invited to join

Aims of the ***Inclusion Community of Practice***



To establish a **Regional Community of Practice** involving LAs, Health practitioners and Parent-Carer representatives from across the region to **identity and share best practice**



To co-produce a regional **Inclusion Self-Assessment Tool** and **Inclusion Strategy** based upon local and national good practice



To support the establishment of **Local Inclusion Partnership Forums** able to identify and encourage successful local inclusive practice, including nominating **best practice for regional recognition**

Inclusion Community of Practice – Activities and Key Deliverables

Phase 1

FOUNDATION & DEVELOPMENT

Establish a Community of Practice for Inclusion, including representation from all 11 LAs, young people, parent-carers and Health

Conduct a regional diagnostic to assess current strengths and areas for improvement

Develop a Regional Inclusion Self-Assessment Tool for local areas

Create a Regional Inclusion Strategy and Toolkit

Design an Audit Framework to define and measure best practice

Launch Local Area Partnership Forums to identify, audit, and nominate inclusive practices for regional recognition

Phase 2

KNOWLEDGE SHARING & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Build a web-based repository of audited case studies, including impact evidence and reflective insights

Define nomination categories for best practice recognition

Invite local areas to submit case studies and projects for regional awards

Produce “Talking Heads” video interviews showcasing best practices in action

Phase 3

CELEBRATION & IMPACT

Organise and deliver a Regional Best Practice Sharing Conference and Awards Event

Capture and disseminate learning from the event to refine the audit framework and inform future practice

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Programme of Events

16 Oct 25	<i>Online COP session 1pm – 3pm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing a Regional View of Inclusive Practice
11 Dec 25	<i>Online COP session 1pm – 3pm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Area Presentations, Sharing Best Practice
29 Jan 26	<i>Online COP session 1pm – 3pm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing an Inclusion Strategy and Toolkit• Launch the Local Partnership Forums
5 Mar 26	<i>Online COP session 1pm – 3pm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalise Best Practice Case-Studies, Strategy and Toolkit• Audit nominees and identify category winners
May 26	<i>Online Local Partnership Forum sessions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Celebration Event preparation
Jun 26	<i>In-Person Regional Celebration Event</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion Recognition Awards



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