



# The Derby Research School Illuminate Group

Achieving rigour in action research by developing the necessary skills, concepts & approaches

**The Illuminate Group will allow schools to conduct their own action research based in particular enquiry within their own contexts.**

The programme will consist of two elements:

## Phase 1: Action Research Skills (Sessions 1,2,3)

We will introduce participants to the core principles of conducting action research to give schools more rigour in monitoring the impact of initiatives.

We will explore how action research can support a deepening in understanding of how and why interventions & strategies work and more importantly, when they are least effective. We aim to offer schools tools to refine and explicitly express what best practice is in their schools, underpinned and demonstrated by evidence.

Action research skills will focus on the following areas:

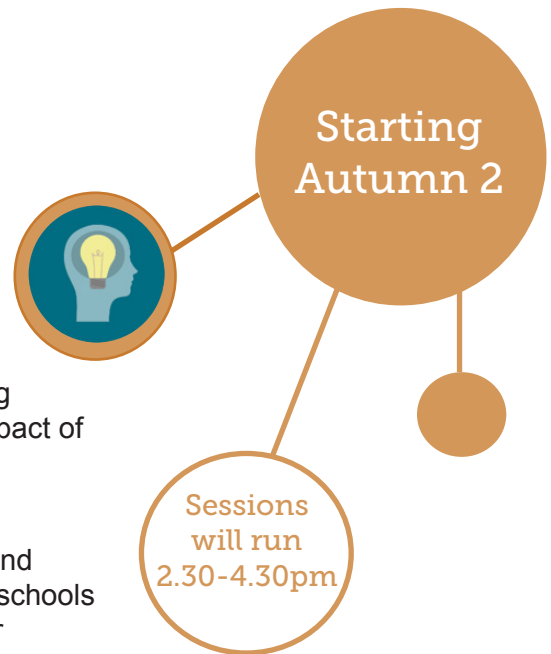
- Identifying what the research suggests about their area of interest
- Constructing a research question
- Selecting research instruments for effective tracking and monitoring
- Interpreting your findings
- Reflecting on practice and making recommendations from action research.

Run over 3 sessions with gap tasks in between to support school action research. Participants will write up their action research to share in school.

## Phase 2: Network Collaboration & Peer Coaching

Schools are supported in engaging with peer support and coaching. There will be smaller input sessions on key skills as needed by the cohort. The focus will be on the review process and ongoing support.

Participants may want to conduct new action research, scale up an existing project within their setting or collaborate with other schools to look at a larger scale research project.



To express an interest in this programme please follow this link to our eventbrite listing:

<http://bit.ly/2grmGs3>

**Future Opportunities:** We will also be signposting projects the EEF are recruiting for. By taking part in current projects, schools can learn about educational research at a larger scale and be better able to assess the quality of research. If schools are at a stage to scale up their projects, the Research School can offer support for bids for EEF and IEE funding

**Derby Research School at Wyndham Primary Academy**

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