



**Leading and Learning for a Sustainable Future:**  
Sustainability in sector improvement, leadership and growth  
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**LSIS**



- Sector-owned, supporting the development of excellent and sustainable provision across the sector
- Aims to accelerate the drive for excellence
- Aims to build the sector's own capacity to deliver improvement and strategic change
- Sustainability a strong theme in corporate plan

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**Sustainable development**



**Development that meets the needs of the present  
without compromising the ability of future  
generations to meet their own needs**

Forward looking	Future	Continuity
Systemic	Bigger picture	Global
Quality of life	Well-being	Responsibility
Learning	Progression	Improvement

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Sustainability and the sector



- If sustainability really is a critical agenda, it must be meaningfully embedded in:
  - Mission – vision, values, strategy and action plans
  - Leadership – people and positioning
  - Learning – all areas, not just the quick wins
  - Infrastructure – services backing up the vision
  - The context – local, national, global partnership and planning

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Core themes of LSIS' strategy



- Leadership and capacity building – skills, knowledge and support
  - Equipping the sector – tools for the job
  - Recognition and working together – adding value through collaboration and celebrating success
- and...
- Making LSIS into an exemplar sustainable organisation

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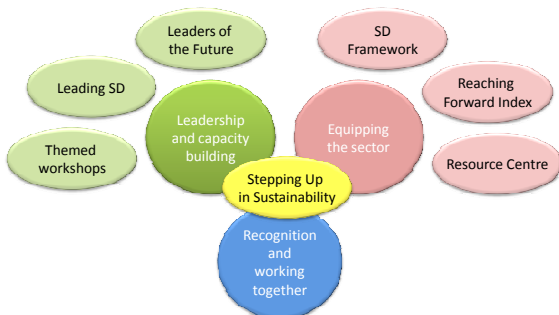
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Leadership and capacity building

- Stepping-up in Sustainability Fund to develop, embed and disseminate effective approaches
- Leaders of the Future programme to build champions' capability and confidence
- Online Toolkit for SD champions to maximise their effectiveness, and to make the business case
- Leading Sustainable Development programme to support SMTs in developing strategic responses.
- Thematic workshops on a number of topics

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Equipping the sector

- Help providers to make sense of sustainable development: what different strategic bodies area doing, and the support that is available
- Help providers to share learning, experience and successful approaches

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Equipping the sector

- An enabling framework for sustainable development to support providers in responding to the agenda, in particular through a common vision and key themes.
- An extensive review of the resources, information and tools available to providers and of how they could be made more easily available.

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Recognition and working together

- Promote effective collaboration and sharing between strategic bodies
- Develop processes to help providers measure progress and share successes

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Recognition and working together

- Continue to facilitate the Sustainable Development Alliance for Learning and Skills which aims to join up and add value to our collective thinking, strategy and action to embed sustainable development.
- The Reaching Forward index will be a new set of measures and indicators to support self-assessment and benchmarking.

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Engaging with the sector

- Sharing and discussing the strategy and its implementation
- Small 'reference group' of experts from the sector
- Consultation and information on specific programmes
- Opportunities for sector to contribute to a number of activities
- SuS Fund is putting £418,000 into the sector

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Questions and challenges...



- What does sustainability mean for you?
- Is it in the top ten challenges for your organisation?
- What are your priorities responding to this agenda?
- Do you want to get involved?
  - Support your champion: Leaders of the Future and toolkit
  - Organisational thinking and strategy – Leading Sustainable Development and piloting the Reaching Forward Index
  - Learning more through thematic workshops
  - Etc...

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