



Islington Headteachers' Network Constitution/ update September 2023

Objectives

- To campaign for the maintenance of, and improvement in, the quality of publicly funded education in the London Borough of Islington.
- To provide mutual support and advice to headteachers within LBI
- To offer a forum for debate and dialogue on education issues
- To act as a voice for Islington headteachers with other organisations concerned with the quality of education

Membership

Membership is open to all state funded education settings in the London Borough of Islington on receipt of £700 subscription.

Subscriptions are drawn down once per year.

Voting and Attending Rights

The right to attend or vote at meetings shall be conferred on the headteacher of a subscribing school or setting, or on any named proxy, or on a substitute representative nominated by the school's headteacher. Substitute representatives and those holding proxy votes shall be allowed to vote at meetings when the nomination of the substitute or proxy has been registered before the meeting with the Chair or Clerk. When a person ceases to be the headteacher of a subscribing school, his/her voting and attendance rights automatically lapse.

Executive Committee

The management of the IHn shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. The committee will have 9 members (including Chair(s) and Treasurer) and will be representative of the networks or groups within the borough, as follows:

- Futurezone
- The Maamulaha Network
- Deanery Schools
- Catholic Schools' Network
- Special Schools
- Children's Centres

- New River College
- Plus one rep from a setting not currently in a network/group outside of IHn
- Plus one rep from NAHT

The Executive Committee will be elected by the heads of subscribing settings.

The term of office of each executive member will be four years.

No individual may hold the office of executive member for more than two consecutive terms.

Management Functions

The functions of chairing meetings, acting as the network's spokespeople with representatives of other bodies, such as DfE, LBI, or media, will be carried out by the executive committee.

The role of proposing annual subscription, organisation of subscriptions, maintaining accounts will be carried out by the Treasurer. A second signatory to the accounts will be drawn from the Executive Committee.

A clerk will be appointed by the executive to undertake administrative duties, including the organisation and minuting of meetings, undertaking correspondence and the management of the network website. The clerk is also additional signatory for the accounts.

The Executive shall have the power to delegate their functions to other individual members, or a working party, to assist them in their work.

Meetings

Three General Meetings are held each year, one in each term. The dates are decided by the Executive Committee and shared with all members at the AGM which is in the Autumn term.

The Treasurer will present a report on the externally audited accounts at the AGM.

Quorum

The quorum for all meetings shall be a third of the subscribing settings. Subscription shall be determined by the Treasurer.

Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution is reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and approved by all members bi-annually.

September 2023. The constitution is to be reviewed in December 2024 by Exec and 2025 by full membership.