

Overview of SWitch Project Activities

By working in collaboration through the *SWitch* management structure, the membership of *SWitch* identify and agree each year, priorities which will take forward their overall aims.

For relevant identified priorities, a project brief is issued inviting tenders from *SWitch* members, working in partnership, to undertake project activity to address the relevant area of work. Each project activity team is led by a *SWitch* member organisation, but wherever possible has cross-sector representation.

In **2007/08** the *SWitch* CETT allocated funding to 7 project teams, led by 5 different member organisations and involving a total of more than 20 organisations (members and non members) from across the *SWitch* constituencies.

Project teams have undertaken research to gather baseline **evaluation data** relating to teacher training within the region, including:

- Researching **baseline data** re the trainee cohorts and the current situation of each *SWitch* member organisation (SW0702)
- Researching the current **models of mentoring** in *SWitch* member organisations (SW0707)

Project activities for 2007/08 include work on:

- **Recruitment, initial assessment, induction and ongoing support** for teacher trainees (SW0703)
- Models of **Individual Learning Plans (ILPs)** within Teacher Training programmes (SW0705)
- **Mentor training** and mentoring in teacher training programmes (SW0708)
- Undertaking a **survey of trainee satisfaction** (SW0704)

Information about the outcomes will be made available via the *SWitch* website and through dissemination events.

New priorities for 2008/09 - work recently commissioned/currently being commissioned include:

- Promoting the **contextualisation of ITT** to increase its accessibility and relevance to trainees from non-FE college contexts (SW0801)
- Promoting and trialling practical ways to provide opportunities for **trainees to extend their range of teaching experience** (SW0803)
- Embedding the Minimum Core into ITT (SW0804)
- Working Group to develop a sustainable Regional Strategy for ITT and CPD

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