

Action Research For Teaching and School Improvement (ARTSI)

***A new way of supporting teachers in evidence based and research informed practice.
Creating a professional learning community of research active teachers to enable
sustained school improvement.***

What is it?

- An opportunity for teachers engaged in action research to meet on a regularly basis.
- A forum to support and enhance practice, or identified school improvement areas, through developing the action research of teachers. A rare opportunity for teachers in Cornwall to receive expert advice and guidance on research methods and latest educational research from educational researchers working at a national and international level.
- An opportunity to ensure that any action research going on in schools is the best that it can be, with robust findings that impact on classroom practice and school improvement.
- Involvement for teachers who may previously have been working alone on their research to become part of a lively professional learning community. A partnership between the Peninsula Teaching School and the Peninsula Observatory for Pedagogy and Practice (POPP the Educational Research, Innovation and Intervention Centre for The Cornwall College Group).

Who is it for?

- Any teacher in Cornwall engaged in educational research, or thinking of undertaking a piece of research.

When will it be?

- Termly
- Timings will be varied between breakfast sessions and twilight sessions to ensure the minimum impact on cover.
- It will be hosted at one of The Cornwall College Group colleges (rotating) at no cost to any teacher/school attending (sponsored by POPP).

Why support teachers in attending?

- It will give teachers (and leaders) a forum to discuss, refine and support action research, thereby providing a greater chance of the findings impacting on professional practice and school improvement. It will enhance active research projects, such as those for NPQML, NQPSL, and NPQMH, as well as additional development for teachers engaged in an MA (Education) or EdD
- It will help to develop a culture of evidence based and research informed teaching and school improvement in Cornwall.

- It will provide opportunities to share school research findings at a national and international, such as through educational conference papers that ARTSI will support.

Action:

- Head Teachers/Principals to endorse ARTSI as a unique and innovative opportunity for action research support and development.
- Schools to identify research active/interested teaching staff to attend the ARTSI meetings. It would also help to identify a 'Research Champion' as the school contact for future communications.
- Head Teachers/Principals to support attendance (that will be outside of school hours) at the termly meetings and promote engagement with ARTSI within school.

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First Meeting:

Monday 9 November – ARTSI Big Breakfast Research Meeting; Cornwall College Camborne; Penhaligon Building; 7.30am. Danish pastries and plenty of coffee provided!

Applications to attend should be emailed to nicola.ryan@cornwall.ac.uk and include your name, school, email address and research interest.