



The
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School Improvement Partner Training 2025/2026

The Mulberry Bush training programme, endorsed with a Crossfields Institute Quality Mark, will provide experienced, effective primary and secondary mainstream school leaders with the skills and knowledge to become a School Improvement Partner (SIP).

This will be of benefit to leaders' own school/organisation, as well as helping them to provide support and share good practice with other schools.

Led by 3 very experienced school leaders/SIPs you will take part in 6 days training at the Mulberry Bush Third Space, Toddington, Gloucestershire. You also will apply your learning in 2 practice days working as a SIP. Following this you will be invited to join the Mulberry Bush SIP network, where you will receive on-going support and professional development opportunities. Places limited to 16 participants per course.



The training will prepare you to:

1	Have a critical awareness of own school's strengths
2	Understand the range of functions of the SIP role
3	Understand how to structure a SIP visit
4	Understand how to report on a visit
5	See the value of collecting evidence from different sources
6	Analyse and interpret performance data
7	Work with staff holding different roles and responsibilities, and with governors/trustees
8	Explored common SIP challenges/barriers
9	Understand and manage emotional aspects of the role
10	Develop a style of work that empowers leaders to take ownership and delegate responsibilities
11	Develop a coaching style of work
12	Understand an effective performance management process
13	Have an awareness of current key educational issues



“ Meeting regularly with other Head teachers on this course, with the most knowledgeable of tutors, has not only taught me a great deal but become a highlight in the calendar. Everything needed to become a SIP has been thought about, documented and delivered with skill. ”

– FORMER PARTICIPANT

Course leaders

Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Dominic Salles and Andy Lole

Cost

£3,250

For more information and an application form

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Closing date for applications

23rd May 2025



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