

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Coaches.



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What is expected of me as a coach?

As a coach, you are expected to provide free coaching to at least one aspiring woman leader. You may wish to provide coaching to more than women but this is entirely your choice.

Is there a minimum number of sessions I have to provide?

The number of sessions you wish to provide / length of the coaching relationship is determined by you and agreed with your participant. We have deliberately not been prescriptive as we believe this will largely depend on what the participant wishes to be coached on.

Is there a format I should use?

There is no specific format you must use for your coaching sessions. We recommend that once a participant contacts you to initiate a coaching relationship you organise a conversation with them to discuss the finer details and check that you are a good match.

Will formal training be provided?

Training is not essential and formal coaching qualifications are not compulsory, however, there is access to two, free online training modules via the Teaching Schools Council website.

Can I charge?

No. On this occasion, we are looking for coaches who are in a position to volunteer to coach aspiring women leaders.

Do I need to be employed/a Headteacher/qualified, to register as a coach?

To register as a coach you do not need to be a Headteacher or possess formal coaching qualifications. To register as a coach you need to feel confident that you possess the qualities and experience required to guide and inspire aspiring women leaders and have the desire to do so.

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Will my coach charge me?

No. The coaches on our directory have registered to volunteer to coach aspiring women leaders.

How should I get in touch with them?

Once you have selected a potentially suitable coach from the directory, you should send them a quick email to initiate the coaching relationship.

Do I need to let my school/the DfE know that I am taking part?

Before you are able to gain access to the coaching directory you will need to complete a brief online survey that will tell us at the DfE that you are taking part. As the coaching will take place in your own personal time – it is up to you if you wish to tell your school or not.

Do I need to get permission to do this?

As the coaching will take place in your own personal time, it is up to you if you wish to gain permission from your line manager or not.

How long can coaching take place? Is there a set amount of time?

There is no minimum or maximum amount of time that coaching should take place. This can be established in your initial meeting with your coach and you can work towards a programme or approach that works best for the both of you.

Is it just for teachers?

Coaching is for aspiring women leaders. It can be for middle leaders, classroom teachers and teaching assistants. It is for any woman working in a school in England that aspires to lead at any level.

I want to be a school business manager/acquire another type of leadership position (rather than a Headteacher). Can I access coaching?

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