

NEON Awards 2024 Nominations

Category

NEON Widening Access Initiative (Outreach) Award

Name of project and institution

Plan Prepare Provide, University of Leeds

Brief Description

Plan Prepare and Provide (PPP) is a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) initiative designed for Art Teachers. Launched in 2017, it aims to elevate student aspirations and achievements in secondary schools, sixth forms, and colleges through Art Teacher CPD. The program includes online CPD sessions in both semester 1 and semester 2, followed by a 2.5-day Art Teacher Residential at the University of Leeds Campus in July. Through PPP, teachers actively enhance their teaching and artistic practices, build professional networks, share ideas, and integrate concepts from art history into their lessons with confidence.

Why has this project been nominated

Plan Prepare and Provide (PPP) deserves recognition for the NEON Widening Access Initiative (Outreach) Award due to its proven contribution to increasing the knowledge and positive attitudes of secondary school art teachers towards higher education, and provision of valuable CPD in support of raising of art attainment in KS3-KS5 learners. Launched in 2017, PPP has consistently supported Art Teachers in elevating student aspirations and achievements. By actively engaging with online CPD sessions and participating in the Art Teacher Residential, teachers enhance their teaching practices, build networks, and integrate new concepts into their lessons. The program's positive outcomes include increased teacher value, confidence in delivering the written element of the Art A Level, and renewed enthusiasm for teaching to benefit learners in the classroom. Overall, PPP fosters a positive mindset among teachers, reinforcing the significance of HE and inspiring them to encourage their students' aspirations. In the last 3 years the programme also offers an accredited PGCert course offered to those who are part of the PPP network. This postgraduate certificate allows participants to further research and reflect on how they can implement new and engaging practices within their classrooms.

How long has the project been running

7 years (2024 is the 8th year)

Number of participants for each year of the project's operation

25-30 teachers take part in PPP per year

More details

<https://artsoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/art-teachers-residential/>

