Irish National Stakeholders Workshop

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Key Stakeholders...

Teachers
Parents/community
Policy makers
Stakeholders
Universities
Industry
School Management

Aims of National Workshop

To raise awareness among identified stakeholder groups of the importance of supporting IBSE

To explore how we can foster sustainable networks of stakeholders in STEM education

"Bringing together students, teachers, industry leaders and policy makers to examine and share their views on science teaching and learning was, in itself a model exercise in inquiry based education"

"The debate on school-based assessment is one that is emerging rapidly. IBSE can play a major role in here. When teachers, school management, subject departments in schools recognise the huge advantages in being part of a larger support network, this process will be successful. Teacher professional development is key here."

Effective Communication Strategies

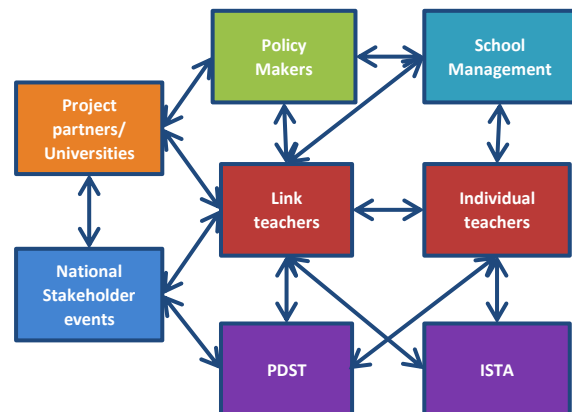Multiple communication strategies required to engage all stakeholders

Use social media

Engage relevant professional bodies

Student competitions

Facilitate teacher exchange

Involve parents/parent networks

Model for engagement...

Policy Makers
School Management
Project partners/Universities
Link teachers
Individual teachers
National Stakeholder events
PDST
ISTA

Communication with Teachers

Link project results & materials with existing resource-banks and networks for teachers

Resources need to be clear, succinct and easy to follow

Host workshops and provide explanations on using resources

Ensure resources are suitable for local curricula

"Through my experience, teachers learn most through small cluster-group workshops convened preferably in school laboratories. In addition, the regional education centre network and third-level colleagues can play a large role in organising seminars and disseminating information to schools"

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