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Professional practice pathways for remote teaching

Understanding educational policies and practices

This series – Professional practice pathways for remote teaching – focuses on providing content and resources that are useful for teachers wanting to continue to develop their knowledge and skills while working from home. It covers all 12 of the practices on the British Council's Continuing Professional Development framework: https://bit.ly/PPPCPD

How can you use this series?

For each professional practice, we've given you six shorter options and a 'deep dive'. Why not set aside some time each day to look at one of the links and spend a week focusing on each professional practice you'd like to study?

You can use these documents on your own or with colleagues who are also interested in the same areas. Try working through these guides together to share ideas and compare notes.

Introduction to understanding educational policies and practices

Understanding educational policies and practices involves locating up-to-date and relevant information about national, regional and institutional educational policies and practice. It also includes employing professional and pedagogical practices that are consistent with applicable policies related to a number of different areas, including the goals of education, learner empowerment, educational reform, inclusive education, literacy, child protection, the curriculum, syllabus and methodologies, teaching standards and many more.

This professional practice also involves reflecting on the impact of educational policies and practice on your decision making, professional behaviour and your learners' outcomes.

Where are you now?

Reflecting on how aware you are of global, national or state educational policies and expected practices at the moment and the steps you can take to improve this is an important starting point. Read the introduction to understanding educational policies and practices paragraph again. Which of the areas that it mentions do you think are your strengths? Which areas do you need to develop further? Make some notes and, if possible, discuss your answers with a colleague.

Resources to explore

Now choose which of the resources you would like to have a look at from the list on the next page. We've included estimates of how long it will take to work through each resource. As you read, listen and watch, think carefully about how what you are learning applies to your own context.

TeachingEnglish

1   **An education system that works**

In this webinar, Sadie Maddocks looks at different successful education systems and discusses what makes them work. The webinar examines lessons that we can learn and looks at practical ways that teachers can implement key changes to make a difference. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP1

40 min

2   **Keeping it real – the starting point is where you are!**

In this webinar, Colin Bangay looks at teacher education in resource-constrained countries with growing school-age populations. He argues that in order to deliver, there must be stronger support for teacher education. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP2

30 min

3   **Survey of English language teaching in primary schools worldwide**

This global survey by the British Council provides an overview of recent policy decisions and trends in the area of teaching English to primary schoolchildren in different countries. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP3

60 min

4   **Insights into education practices during Covid-19**

These reports explore how ministries of education in 52 countries responded to Covid-19 and provide insight into the experience and professional needs of over 9,600 teachers and teacher educators in over 150 countries as they learn to support their learners remotely. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP4

40 min

5   **CLIL: Content and language integrated learning**

CLIL refers to both learning another (content) subject such as physics or geography through the medium of a foreign language and learning a foreign language by studying a content-based subject. This article looks at the theory and application of the practice. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP5

20 min

6   **Features of successful education systems**

This podcast episode explores what makes an effective education system. There are eight other episodes in the podcast series to check out as well. https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP6

30 min

The deep dive

Looking for more? This resource will give you a lot more information about this important area, with opportunities to reflect, useful theory and concepts, and lots of practical ideas for you to try.

- **Teaching for Success Self-Study Guide: Understanding educational policies and practices** – https://bit.ly/PPPUEPP7