P18 interview synopsis

Profile

* Primary 1 teacher
* Teaching 6 years
* 30’s

Contextual insights

These are insights that won’t be communicated through grouping quotes on Miro, like relevant stories or anecdotes that emerge throughout the interview conversation (examples below).

Each interview synopsis should have contributions from at least two researchers. Same or similar insights between the researchers should be kept.

Researcher 1 (Leah):

* Has a collaborative relationship with 2 other local primary schools through which they share information and have sourced their own training around play pedagogy
* They chose their training based on their school improvement plans and personal special interests
* Her LA uses ‘CPD Manager’ which she feels is not very current and does not offer training in areas she’s interested in
* Feels the ES website has improved over time and is useful for presenting practical examples and case studies but she’d like to see them link to a wider variety of CPD
* Feels ES is great for updating policy information, she feels they are very trustworthy as a policy information source
* WhatsApp and Twitter are important to her for sharing information with other teachers
* Has no awareness of PLL or NIH
* Sees digital as a way to be future facing and try to see where teaching will go in the future
* Uses Glow to organise her own resources, share resources and has attended Glow meets (which she finds out about from Twitter). Otherwise she has not ‘played around’ with it much.
* Feels ES is for managers and policy/bureaucratic information
* Feels ES could provide more localised events like forums and workshops to present new policy information, the research behind the policy and making policy relevant to the classroom. Also feels it would be a good way for ES to hear what is going on in the classroom.

Researcher 2: Steve

* Variety of channels for CPD
* Independent learning as a group of primary schools. Uni of Strathclyde via School development plan
* Word of Mouth as a way to source new CPD
* Digital as the future of teaching
* Would love to see ES with a side bar on best practice (Aggregator)
* ES is more policy centred
* Peer to peer knowledge share in cluster of three
* Don't know about PLL and NIH
* Peer to peer digital upskilling
  + Go in house for that
  + Then CPD manager – they don’t have much tho
* Digital is access to vast knowledge
  + Potentially an easier way in for some kids
  + Digital needs to be introduced carefully and with intent
  + Teachers need to be more imaginative and not be afraid of digital
* Twitter is variety and sharing / Glow is for sharing and organisational
* ES is for managers not for teachers
  + Higher level interactions not specifically classroom based learning
  + There is a level of trust
  + Guidance role
* LA = own agenda that doesn’t always marry with the school. Similar for ES as well.

Themes

These are words to describe the key areas of discussion or insight from the interview, either directly or where they relate to Education Scotland specific research areas.

* ES is distant from the classroom
* Self-organising
* Self starter
* Glow as resource sharing platform
* Social media as info channel
* Peer to peer recommendation as a way to get new learning

Quotes:

‘I love going out to see other schools because there’s no rules. There’s no shoes that fit all the schools so you kind of have to go around and sort of get little gems from everywhere and make it work in your environment and in your school.’ 9:32

‘I think it (ES) is for our managers. It’s a way of showing us what we should be doing, the expectations that Education Scotland have of us as a whole. So they definitely pull Education Scotland in a lot when we’re having our in-house meetings and make us aware of new policies, further reading we should be doing in our own time. I don’t think it’s something I tap into regularly. If I’m looking for a particular thing it would be my first port of call to see if there’s something there that would help what I’m looking for. But I think there’s other places now- Twitter and WhatsApp groups, social media.’ 24:50

You said it would be your first port of call? Why is that?

‘Just so I know I’m on the right track. Just to kind of see if that’s where I should be going.’