

## NAME/MEC On-line CPD Project

### Background

This is a pilot project funded by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA). Four subjects were chosen for the pilot scheme – English, History, Music and Business Studies. NAME and MEC are jointly leading the music strand, which will be hosted on the NAME website. The project has two phases

- a scoping exercise (March – July 07)
- the main project (July 07 – July 08)

### Aims

The aim of the project is “**to develop and enhance the subject specific on-line/distance CPD opportunities available to primary and secondary teachers**”.

The definition of CPD used by TDA is: **reflective activity designed to improve an individual’s attributes, knowledge, understanding and skills. It supports the individual’s needs and improves professional practice.**

TDA has specified that the funding must be used to create materials and approaches that:

- relate to primary and secondary phases
- do not replicate what is already available
- relate to needs identified in the consultant’s report
- promote high quality teaching and learning
- meet the TDA’s definition of CPD (above)
- are user-friendly, accessible, well-designed and fit for purpose
- exploit the full potential of ICT to enhance high quality CPD opportunities

### Timeline

Nov 06	TDA makes initial proposal to NAME and MEC to agree participation in the project. Meeting of TDA development group. TDA commission a consultant to provide a report on existing provision for on-line CPD
Feb 07	Consultant’s report produced
Mar 07	TDA convenes a Music Development Group to discuss the consultant’s report and suggest ideas for the development of the project
Mar – Jul 07	Scoping exercise. NAME and MEC commission responses to the consultant’s report and undertake a survey of members’ needs in respect of on-line CPD provision. Further meetings between Subject Associations and TDA to discuss aspects of project development
June 07	First meeting of NAME/MEC Project Steering Group which reviews the responses and the survey of members and agrees main focus on pedagogy – helping practitioners to be more reflective and effective
Jul 07	NAME & MEC submit project plan to TDA
Oct 07	Steering Group meets and sets a timetable for the appointment of a Project Leader and a Web Designer
Nov 07	Appointment of Project Leader and Web Designer
Dec 07	Steering group to begin commissioning materials
Feb 08	Trials of pilot site
Jul 08	Site opens

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