



What Works is an initiative designed by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. It aims to maximise the impact of prevention and early intervention to improve outcomes for children and young people living in Ireland. At the core of the initiative is a desire to foster persistent curiosity among those working to improve the lives of children and young people.

As part of What Works, DCYA are working with Dr John Bamber to deliver a pilot action learning set specifically targeted at grantees under the former QCBI Innovation Funding Scheme. This set is intended to run alongside a nationwide programme of sets aimed at professionals working with children, young people and their families.

Action Learning Set

19 July 2019

Venue: Department of
 Children and Youth Affairs
 Times: 10.00 to 16.00

The set will open to up to
 8 participants on a first
 come, first served basis.

Joining Instructions

If you would like to join
 this action learning set,
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This pilot What Works Action Learning Set is open to grantees under the QCBI Innovation Funding Scheme on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of one participant per organisation. The set will have up to eight members and members will be expected to attend all meetings.

The first meeting of this set is expected to take place on 19 July, and it will be informed by the Introduction to Action Learning Event which was held in the Department of Children and Youth Affairs on 9 November 2018.

The structure of a set is simple, with an emphasis on members being honest with themselves and others and willing to listen carefully to what others are saying. The now well established process has been used to support innovation the world over, in public, private, community and voluntary settings.

This action learning set which will meet on a monthly basis over 5 months. The first meeting will:

- Introduce set members to each other
- Establish the ground rules for the set
- Start the process of mutual sharing
- Confirm the meeting dates for the next four months

This action learning set will be facilitated by **Dr John Bamber**. John is an independent consultant specialising in the uses of evidence to inform policy development, service design, and processes of continuous improvement.