

College of Teaching

Have decisions about membership of the College already been made?

- **No decisions** regarding membership have been made but it is understandably a topic that causes much debate.
- The proposals outlined by Claim Your College have been developed with **classroom teachers** in mind.
- Claim Your College anticipates membership will be **inclusive** to all those in the teaching profession however it will **not be compulsory** to join.
- Being a member of the College will be **voluntary**. Claim Your College has followed the principle that the College should not occupy spaces where other bodies already exist.
- The proposed scope covers **early years and compulsory age schooling**.
- The Claim Your College proposals state that teachers working in other sectors such as those in **Further Education** (FE) could achieve the standards ultimately set by the College in their settings.
- It would be for **future members** to decide whether to extent the College's remit to these areas, by mutual consent **with other bodies**

- Full (i.e. chartered) membership would be achieved as in any chartered body through demonstrating **exemplary practice, learning, knowledge and professional development** as a teacher.
- Full membership confers **voting and decision-making rights** on all those achieving the standards and maintaining good professional status and standing.
- Claim Your College envisage that it **will be demanding** to achieve full membership. Just as engineers, lawyers, chartered accountants, actuaries and others spend the first part of their working lives working towards full professional status, so these proposals assume that it would typically take teachers around four years to achieve full chartered status.
- Increasing the expectation of professional training, development and support **in the early years** of a teacher's career is a core part of these proposals.
- In a recent Claim Your College survey of 13,000 teachers, undertaken by The Education Company, two-thirds preferred a model where **teachers lead** but a **wider community** of education professionals can join a College.
- The Founding Trustees of the College are currently being recruited and one of their tasks will be take forward discussions related to membership status including **membership fees** in consultation with the profession.

Credit

- The College of Teaching is the new chartered professional body for the teaching profession.
- The Claim Your College coalition, backed by over 450 organisations and individuals, is taking forward developments around the College of Teaching in collaboration with practising teachers, school leaders, unions, subject associations and other leading education bodies and third sector organisations.
- Claim Your College is underpinned by a determination that our current activity is a stepping stone to a teacher-led future. We will not allow anything or anyone to impose their will on the long-term future of what must be a profession-led College. We are dedicated to making the voice of the serving teacher paramount over the three-year incubation and consultation period of the College.
- For further information, or to have your say, visit www.claimyourcollege.org.
- Resources including the College of Teaching events pack, presentations, Pinterest site and animations and videos of teachers and school leaders sharing their views are available from the Claim Your College site.
- Follow Claim Your College @CollOfTeaching #CollegeOfTeaching #ClaimYourCollege.
- Like Claim Your College on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/claimyourcollege>.