

College of Teaching

Is the College of Teaching needed? Does it have a clear purpose or mission?

- Teaching is a **standout example** of a major profession that has no independent professional body.
- There is clear consensus among supporters of the College of Teaching that its primary purpose is to **raise the status** of the profession and put it on par with law, accountancy and the numerous other professions with chartered representation.
- The absence of such a body has resulted in government defining **professional practice** over the years, disempowering the profession and affecting the standing of teaching in society.
- Teachers are becoming increasingly frustrated with accountability that does not help learners and recruitment is harder than ever. The new College offers a way to bring a **common code of practice** to teaching.
- 13,000 respondents (75% of these were classroom teachers or subject leaders) were asked what they would value as a **membership benefit** to the College of Teaching. The top five benefits, ranked as, “**extremely valuable**” or “**valuable**” were:
 - Professional knowledge sharing – 91.2%
 - A common code of practice – 87.5%
 - Professional development – 85.9%
 - Recognition by schools – 84.1%
 - Professional standards – 82.0%.

- More than 80% of those surveyed **seek the benefits** a new College would offer, indicating a **need** for the College.
- It is vital that teachers and the profession **own this organisation** from the outset if we collectively want to take the College of Teaching forward. We have a **once in a lifetime** opportunity to make this happen.

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 a College of Teaching presentation, flyer, Pinterest site and animations and videos 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>.