

## Become a Peer Inspector in the independent mainstream and independent special school sectors

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### About the role

We're looking for senior leaders in the independent mainstream and independent special school sectors to become Peer Inspectors. Peer Inspectors are a key part of our inspection teams. If you qualify as a Peer Inspector, you'll use your knowledge and skills to observe sessions, talk to learners, and scrutinise samples of their work.

You'll have discussions with parents, education staff and other colleagues that support learners in these settings. You will use your and your team's observations to draft sections of the inspection report. Being a Peer Inspector is a superb opportunity to see effective practice where it's happening every day, and to take these examples back to your provision to support improvement.

### Eligibility

You'll inspect through the medium of English and will have:

- at least two years experience in a senior leadership role, (Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher)
- at least 5 years teaching experience
- support from your Headteacher or Chair of Trustees, or your Proprietor or Chair of Governors or Management Committee (if you're a Headteacher yourself).

You must currently be working in the independent mainstream or independent special sector to be eligible for this role.

If you've applied to become a Peer Inspector before but you weren't invited to the training, we'd be happy to consider a new application. Usually, we aim to allocate a proportion of training places to schools that do not currently have Peer Inspectors.

### Selection and training

The training will be available in English, and will include:

- **Pre-training activity:** a reading list to complete before you attend the training.
- **Part two:** Three days of training and oral and written assessments, which will be held on **8-10 November 2022** (location TBC).
- **Probationary inspection(s):** You'll be deployed on an assessed inspection, and the lead inspector will grade your performance. You need an A or B grade to pass.

Peer Inspector training is totally free of charge, and we'll pay for your travel and subsistence and accommodation (if you're eligible) in line with our [travel and subsistence policy](#).

## Disclosure and Barring Service check

If you're invited to the training, we'll ask you to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. It should be an enhanced certificate, no more than three years old, and should include the child workforce category. You'll need this check to become a fully registered Peer Inspector.

## Deployment

We usually deploy Peer Inspectors around once a year or once every two years. A few Peer Inspectors are deployed more often. When you're on inspection, we'll pay a flat rate contribution to your school for supply cover. We'll also cover your travel and subsistence costs.

Every year, we invite all Peer Inspectors to attend update training in the summer term; you must attend this training to carry on as a Peer Inspector. There's no charge for the training, but we're not able to pay supply cover or travel and subsistence costs.

## How to apply

**Online application form:** <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MECC77/>

**Closing date:** 10 October 2022

We'll contact everyone with the result of their application by **w/c 17 October 2022**.

Any fields marked with \* are mandatory, so you won't be able to submit the form without entering a response for these fields. If they don't apply to you, please enter 'N/A'.

## Contact details

This pack contains all of the information you need about the role and the application process, but if you have any questions, please email us at [events@estyn.gov.wales](mailto:events@estyn.gov.wales) or call us on 02920 44 6510.

We look forward to receiving your application.