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London is already a leader in England's education system. Now is your chance to be part of this success story. Getting Ahead London aims to create the capital's next generation of head teachers. The scheme is funded by Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan and run by Challenge Partners.

### How it works

Getting Ahead London will give you the training and support you need to become a head teacher in London. You'll be matched with a dedicated coach who'll help you reach your potential and find suitable leadership opportunities. You'll also get to meet leaders from education, business and other sectors at special networking events.

### How long is the scheme?

One year. The coaching programme runs September 2017 to July 2018. There'll be an introductory event on Thursday 13 July 2017 where you can find out more.

### Who is it for?

This scheme is for associate, acting, deputy or assistant heads in primary, secondary, special or all-through schools. You must show potential to lead a London school with the right support.

### How much does it cost?

This scheme is free. If your application is successful, you must commit to six coaching sessions (two per term) and at least two events in the 2017-18 academic year.

## What support do I get?

### The programme includes:

- coaching from highly experienced London heads to help you reach your leadership potential
- help to find leadership opportunities
- face to face leadership development and networking events
- online tools and resources to support your development
- help with applying for jobs and preparing for interviews

## Am I eligible for the scheme?

### In order to apply, you must:

- have two plus years' experience and a strong track record as a senior school leader
- have the potential to progress to headship with the right development opportunities
- be committed to the continued success of London schools
- have three referees – including your current head teacher / line manager

## How to apply

Interested? You can apply online at: [london.gov.uk/gettingahead](https://london.gov.uk/gettingahead)

The application form has been designed to be simple and quick to complete. Most of the information we request is for profiling purposes, so we can match participants with coaches. It will not be used for assessment.

To find out more, please contact: [educationprogramme@london.gov.uk](mailto:educationprogramme@london.gov.uk)

## What happens next?

We'll contact the three referees you have named once you've sent us your application to assess your suitability. After that, we will be in touch for a short phone interview between Monday 19 and Friday 30 June.

## When do applications close?

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 14 June and your references must be sent by Friday 16 June.

We will notify successful applicants by Friday 30 June. If accepted, you must come to the introduction event at City Hall on the afternoon of Thursday 13 July.