



THE WISDOM OF COLLEGES

DIVERSE TOGETHER SMARTER

Together, we are more than the sum of our parts.

The colleges in our Collective represent the breadth of the college sector - from small to large; urban to rural; serving diverse communities across the UK.

Our College Collective is a community of equals - each college and participant has something of value to offer, and something of value to learn.

The College Collective movement celebrates the diversity and wisdom of colleges accrued over the decades and demonstrates to all that college practitioners are the real experts needed to help build a new economy fit for the 21st century.

We harness and apply the diverse and unique perspectives of college professionals to encourage innovation, achieve excellence and create value.

The College Collective brings us together. The approach is dynamic, inclusive and people-driven. Our colleges will benefit from the power of cognitive diversity to drive innovation, action and business sustainability.

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WHAT THE PROGRAMME ENTAILS

The Collective comprises of over twenty forward thinking colleges from across the nations who are working in collaboration, sharing managers and insights to share practice and thinking on a wide range of self-identified needs and expertise. These include commercial development, innovative pedagogy and curriculum development and leadership.

The Collective pools insights and knowledge through recognising and sharing talented practitioners who are trained and accredited as AoC Associate Experts.

- Your college will receive training for selected managers to become AoC Associate Experts
- AoC Associate Experts gain a Certificate of Achievement, and an automatic upgrade to Professional Member of the Institute of Leadership and Management – with digital credential & membership post-nominals to showcase their commitment to delivering great leadership
- A detailed Needs and Expertise Analysis will match your managers to support other organisations for up to 5 days each, primarily through remote means
- In return, your college will benefit from excellent support from AoC Associate Experts from partner organisations in the Collective who have been matched to suit your needs and requirements
- Your college will benefit from thorough quality assurance, including a monitoring meeting and an evaluative impact report.

WHAT WILL THE BENEFITS BE FOR THE COLLEGE/ INDIVIDUAL

- AoC Associate Experts get development and progression through experience and insights from other organisations
- Your AoC Associate Experts will gain recognition and accreditation through the prestigious Institute of Leadership and Management
- Colleges benefit from employees who are trained and accredited AoC Associate Experts with broadened experience working with other colleges and institutions
- Colleges benefit from the experience of AoC Associate Experts with current experience and knowledge, driving excellent practice and innovation through cognitive diversity and sharing
- Colleges and Associate Experts will be part of an active learning community of FE professionals, connected across the UK.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any educational institution can join The College Collective. Our College Collective is a community of equals- each college and participant has something of value to offer, and something of value to learn.

FIND OUT MORE

Email Natalie.Gee@aoc.co.uk to find out how you and your college can get involved.

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