

LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The Elizabeth Casson Trust (ECT) in conjunction with the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) has highlighted the need to develop occupational therapists in their role as the future leaders of the profession.

In the case of the RCOT their Career Development Framework is seen as a structured vehicle for identifying capability and future learning needs whereas the ECT, in a complementary capacity, is employing a number of devices to help occupational therapists develop the requisite personal attributes including resilience, confidence, integrity, supportiveness, the ability to influence, to create an impact and to sustain action.

The ECT held a leadership learning event in February 2018 at which they carried out a low-key launch of their Professional Leadership Project.

The ECT is now progressing to the second phase with the next learning event being held at the RCOT's London premises on the 3rd October 2018.

The 3rd October event will be open to all occupational therapists at whatever stage of their professional development and whatever their position in the career structure. The ECT firmly believes that professional leadership is relevant at all levels of an occupational therapist's development and this is reflected in the entry criteria. Attendance at the event is free and participants can request financial support from the Trust for travel to attend the day.

It is hoped that individual occupational therapists will gain considerably by working with likeminded professionals in applying newly learned or honed skills in a collaborative setting and focusing on their professional challenges.

Following the October event, participants will be invited to establish a leadership project in their respective workplaces that could be used as a vehicle for identifying, implementing and advancing professional leadership behaviours. Participants will then be encouraged to bid for funding of up to £10,000 that the ECT is offering to the successful bidders in support of this key work.

Pivotal dates in the Project timescale:

3rd October 2018
Leadership learning event

1st January 2019
Submission deadline for Leadership Project bids to be assessed

28th Feb 2019
Successful applicants notified with anticipated project start date by March 2019

Details about the ECT Professional Leadership Project, the bid process and details of the next round for bids can be found on the Elizabeth Casson website: www.elizabethcasson.org.uk and on twitter at www.twitter.com/elizabethcasso1

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