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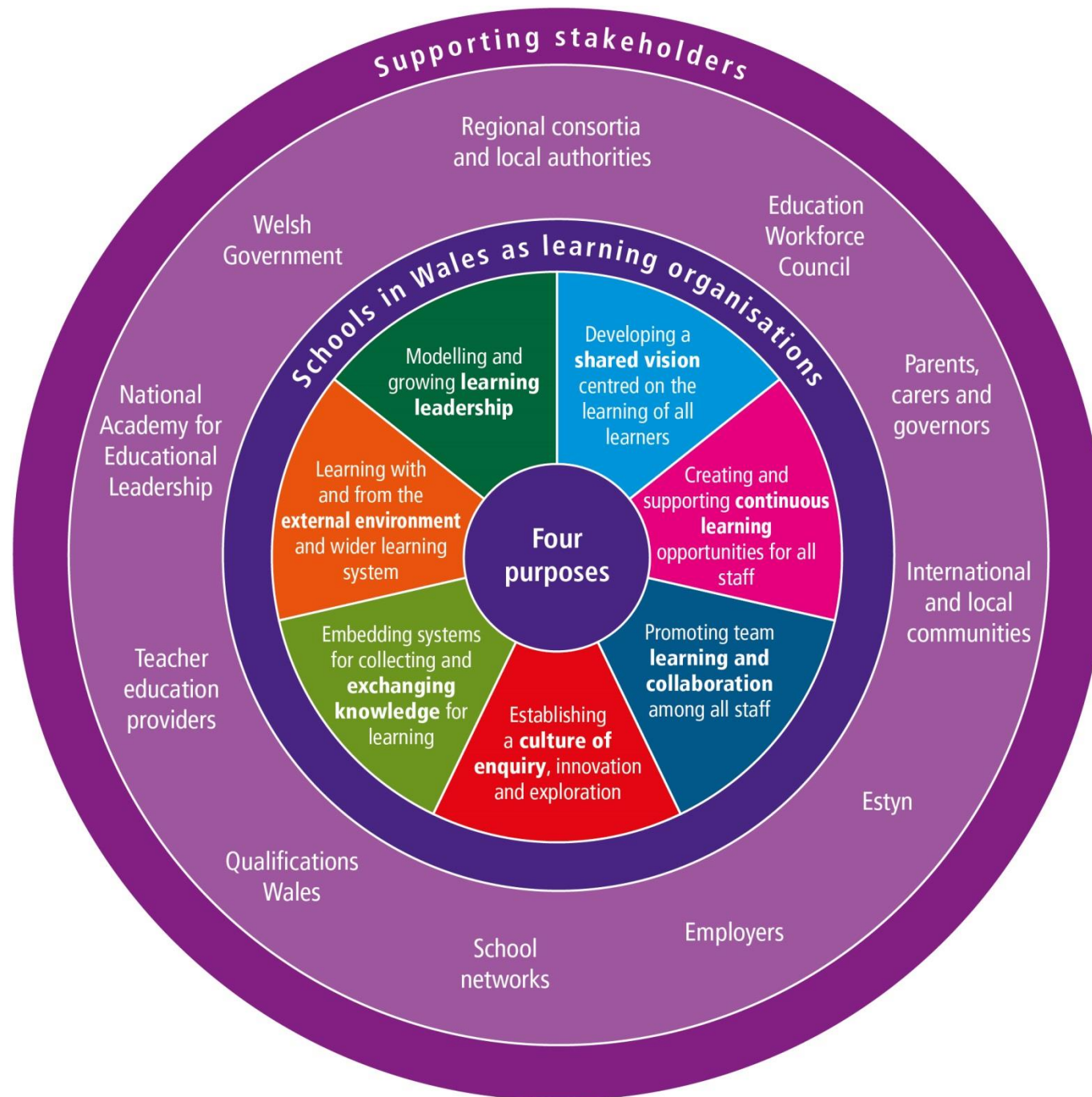
Developing Schools in Wales as Learning Organisations



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The SLO model for Wales focuses on realising **seven 'dimensions'** in our schools.

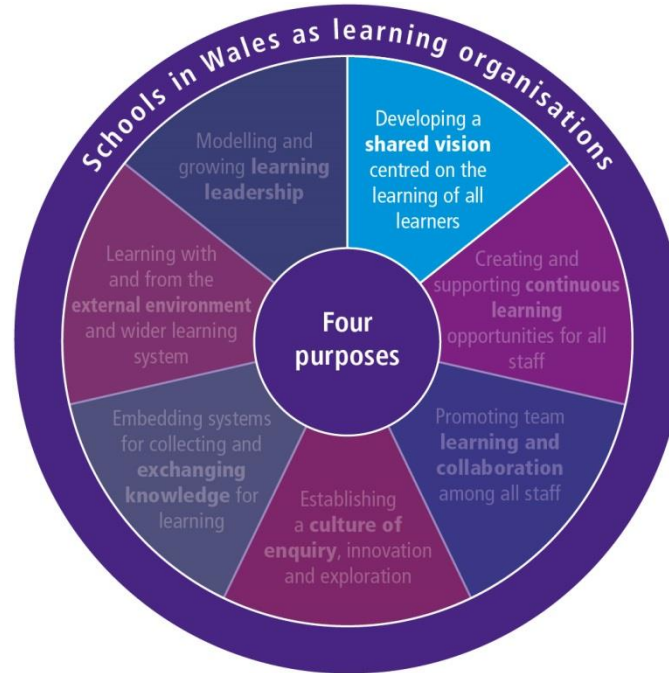


The seven action-oriented dimensions highlight the **aspirational goals and processes** to transform a school into a learning organisation.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - DEVELOPING

- A shared and inclusive vision aims to enhance the learning experiences and outcomes of all learners.
- The school's vision focuses on enhancing learners' cognitive and social-emotional outcomes (including their well-being), encompasses both the present and the future, and is inspiring and motivating.
- Learning and teaching are oriented towards realising the vision.
- The school's vision is the outcome of a process involving all staff, including governors and other stakeholders.

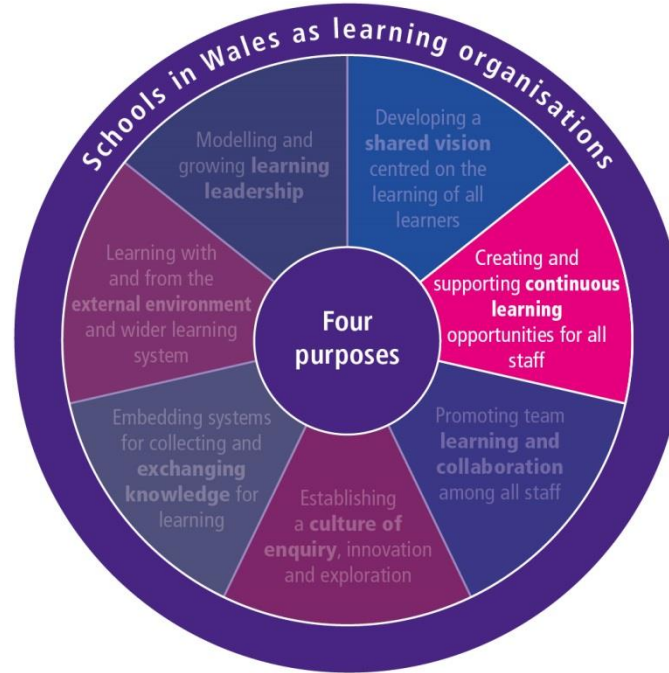
- Learners, parents/carers, the external community and other partners are invited to contribute to the school's vision.



The SLOs vision is a motivating force for sustained action.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - CREATING

- All staff engage in continuous professional learning to ensure their practice is critically informed and up to date.
- New staff receive induction support.
- All staff have access to coaching and mentoring support.
- Professional learning is focused on the learner's learning and the school's goals.
- Staff are fully engaged in identifying the aims and priorities for their own professional learning.

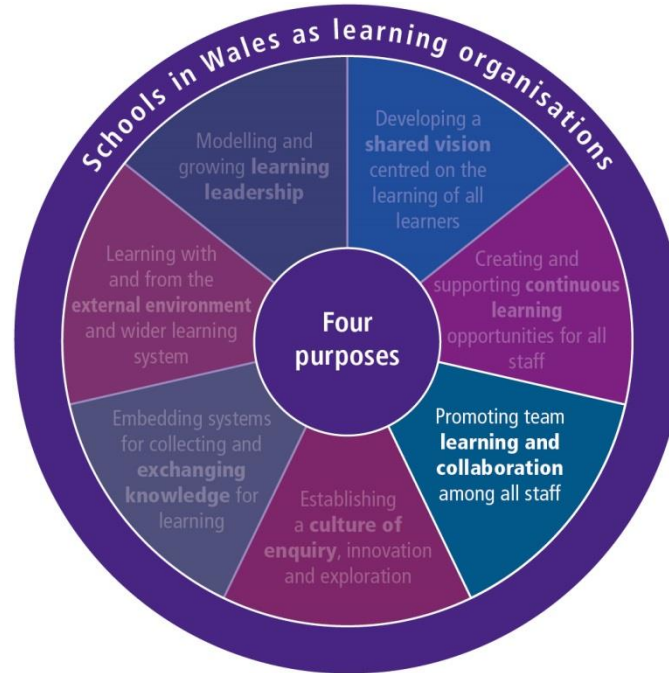


- Professional learning challenges thinking as part of changing practice.
- Professional learning connects work-based learning and external expertise.
- Professional learning is based on assessment and feedback from a range of sources including the learner.
- Time and other resources are provided to support professional learning.
- The school's culture promotes and supports professional learning.

The SLOs staff are responsible for their own professional learning.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - PROMOTING

- Collaborative working and collective learning – face-to-face and/or using ICT – are focused and enhance learning experiences, learner outcomes and/or staff practice.
- Staff reflect together on how to make their own learning more powerful.
- Staff learn how to work together as a team.
- Staff feel comfortable seeking advice from each other.

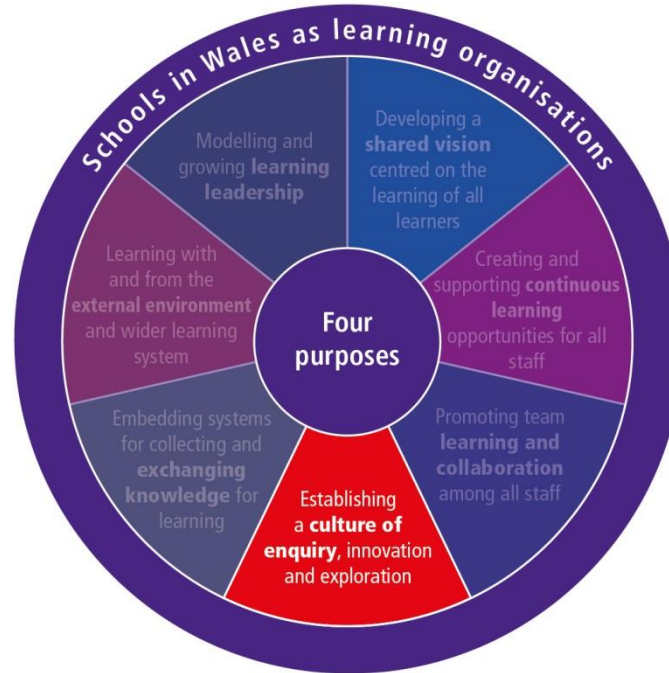


- Trust and mutual respect are core values.
- The school allocates time and other resources for collaborative working and collective learning.

Collaborative working and collective learning are central to the SLO.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - ESTABLISHING

- Staff are willing to take risks and experiment and innovate in their practice.
- The school supports and recognises staff for taking initiative and risks.
- Staff engage in forms of enquiry to investigate and extend their practice.
- Enquiry is used to establish and maintain a rhythm of learning, change and innovation.
- Staff are open to thinking and doing things differently.

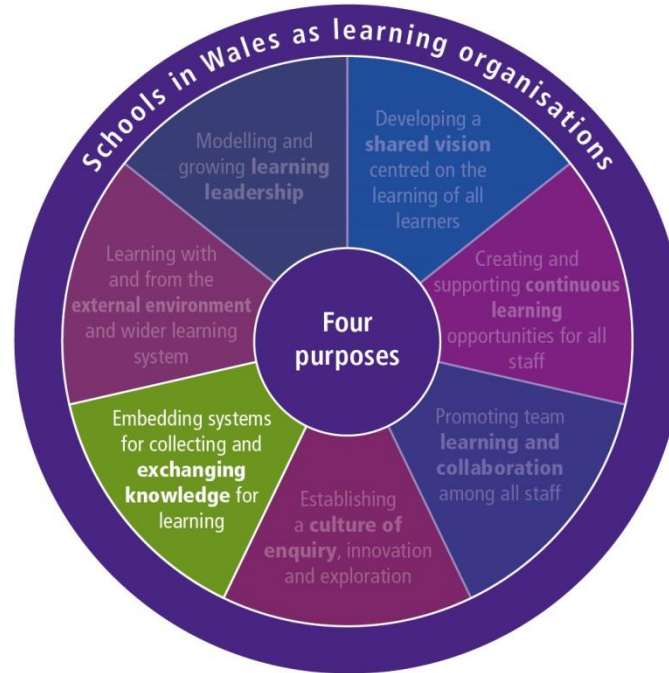


- Problems and failures are seen as opportunities for learning.
- Learners are actively engaged in enquiry.

SLOs uses enquiry to establish change and innovation in educational practice.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - EMBEDDING

- Systems are in place to examine progress and gaps between current and expected impact.
- Structures for regular dialogue and knowledge exchange are in place.
- Examples of good and failed practices are made available to all staff to inform learning.
- Sources of research evidence are readily available and easily accessed and are used by staff to improve their practice.

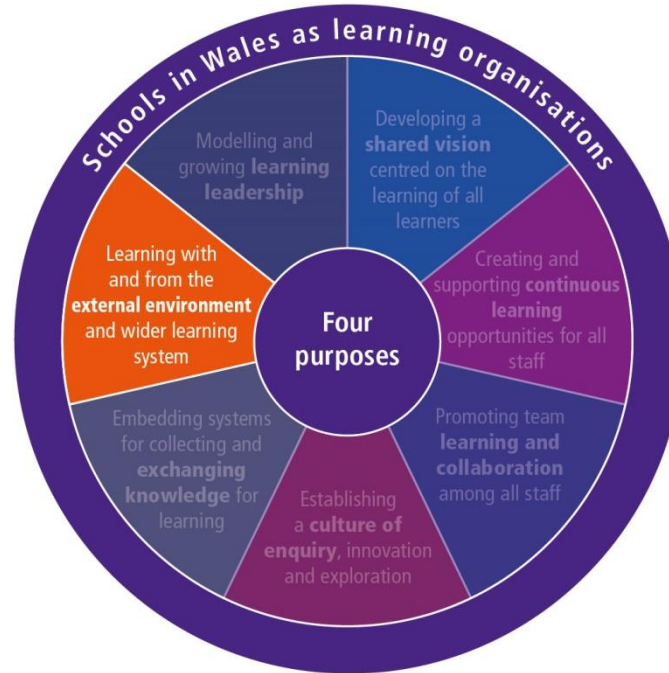


- Staff have the capacity to analyse and use multiple sources of data for feedback, including ICT, to inform teaching and allocate resources.
- The school's development plan is based on learning from continuous self-assessment and is updated at least once every year.
- Staff regularly discuss and evaluate whether actions had the desired impact and change course if necessary.
- The school evaluates the impact of professional learning.

SLOs ensure they are “information-rich” or, more appropriately, “knowledge rich”.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - LEARNING

- The school is an open system, welcoming approaches from potential external collaborators.
- The school scans its external environment to respond quickly to challenges and opportunities.
- Staff collaborate, learn and exchange knowledge with peers in other schools through networks and/or school-to-school collaborations.
- The school collaborates with parents/carers and the community as partners in the education process and the organisation of the school.

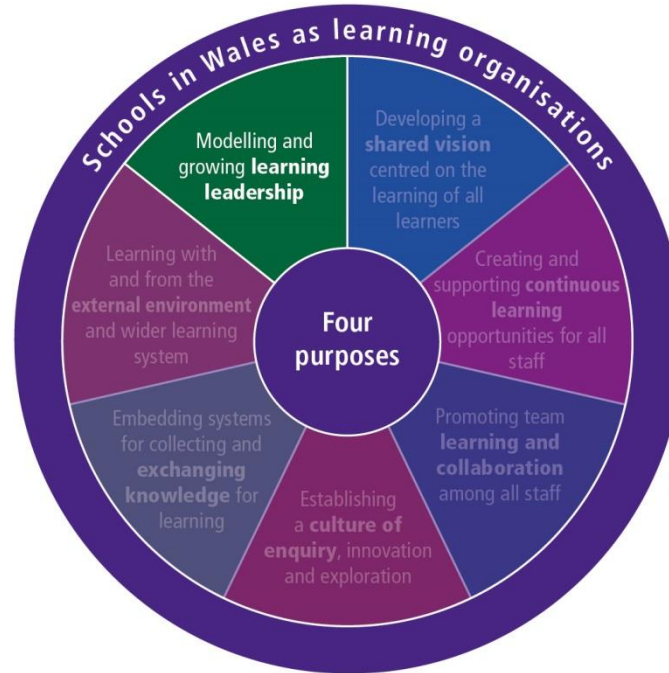


- The school forms partnerships with higher education institutions, businesses, and/or public or non-governmental organisations in efforts to deepen and extend learning.
- Partnerships are based on equality of relationships and opportunities for mutual learning.
- ICT is widely used to facilitate communication, knowledge exchange and collaboration with the external environment.

SLOs exchange information and collaborate with the wider learning system.

SLO – EXPLORING THE SEVEN DIMENSIONS - MODELLING

- School leaders ensure that the organisation's actions are consistent with its vision, goals and values.
- School leaders model learning leadership, distribute leadership and help grow other leaders, including learners.
- School leaders are proactive and creative change agents with a strong focus on improving learning and teaching.
- School leaders ensure the school is characterised by a 'rhythm' of learning, change and innovation.



- School leaders develop the culture, structures and conditions to facilitate professional dialogue, collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- School leaders promote and participate in strong collaboration with other schools, parents/carers, the community, higher education institutions and other partners.
- School leaders ensure an integrated approach to responding to learners' learning and other needs.

Leadership is the essential ingredient connecting the seven SLO dimensions.

