

Research Informed Schools: SIG Summary 2024-2025

The past two academic years (2023-2024 and 2024-2025) have been very healthy for the SIG Research Informed Schools.

We have hosted quite a few webinars, perhaps about 10 each year for the past two years, with moderators from the SIG and highlighting professionals in schools (e.g. High Tech High), universities (e.g. Oxford-Brookes) and most importantly, the action research initiatives of teachers.

The core SIG membership is connected to many additional individuals interested in either research by schools to improve their programs or research by teachers in schools as their own professional research. These two major strands of interest may be quite far apart or may overlap to quite a degree - we welcome all models to the conversation.

The SIG LinkedIn page is perhaps not the best way to connect with people, though we are maintaining it so far. WhatsApp works very nicely, and now several SIG members stay in touch through the Sandcastle initiative of forming virtual communities of practice to support action research. See www.magnusonedstudio.org/Sandcastle for more information.

It is time for Paul to pass the torch of SIG leadership to another member. We'll begin that process in April 2025 and have a new leader by the beginning of the school year, 2025-2026.

With great appreciation to Sarah, Jo, Aby, Kam, and everyone on this committee and all the SIGs at ECIS, to say nothing of all those teachers across the world doing their best for students.

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