OpEx for Education™ Insights Event

Agenda

Time	Session
09:30 – 10:00	**Registration, refreshments and networking**
10:00 – 10:15	**Welcome and event introduction** Lee Herridge, Director of Professional Development and Sector Engagement, ISBL
10:15 – 10:55	**Session Title:** *Strategic OpEx: Why Operational Excellence Matters Now* **Speaker: Rebecca Beaver, Resource and Business Management Adviser, RBMA Consultancy** **Learning outcomes:** *What is Operational Excellence, and why does it matter for schools and trusts now?* *Drawing on the research that informed the development of the OpEx framework and training, this keynote will explore how organisations can diagnose operational challenges, strengthen their operating practices and create additional capacity for improvement.* *Through practical scenarios and examples, delegates will see the potential impact Operational Excellence can have across an education organisation.*
10:55 – 11:30	**Session Title:** OpEx Insights and impacts **Speaker: Lee Herridge, Director of Professional Development and Sector Engagement, ISBL** **Learning Outcomes:** Reflecting on the OpEx journey and its impact, this session will share key insights, emerging learning and examples of how the framework has supported operational development across schools and trusts.
11:30 – 11:45	**Refreshment Break**
11:45 – 12:25	**Session Title:** School Operations in Practice: What Effective Operational Leadership Looks Like **Speaker: Anne Alsop, Director of Finance and Operations, Cheltenham Bournside School** **Learning Outcomes:** A practitioner-led exploration of Operational Excellence in action. This session will examine what effective operational leadership looks like in practice and how strong operational approaches can support capacity, consistency and sustainable improvement. A sector-focused session exploring financial considerations and support for schools and trusts.
12:25 – 13:00	**Session Title:** Understanding Your Organisation: Using the OpEx Diagnostic Tool **Speaker:** Lucy Jones, Head of Growth & Engagement, CEOE

	Learning Outcomes: Discover how the OpEx diagnostic tool can help you assess your organisation's current position, identify areas for development and prioritise meaningful action. The session will also explore the diagnostic and development support available through ISBL and how organisations can continue their OpEx journey.
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch and networking
13:45 – 14:35	**Session Title:** Practitioner Roundtables: New Learning and Real-World Application Choose a facilitated roundtable and explore one of the core areas that underpin Operational Excellence: • **Culture** • **Productivity** • **People** • **Systems and Data** • **Continuous Improvement** Each roundtable will provide an opportunity to examine practical challenges, hear real-world examples and share approaches with peers. Roundtable leads will share key themes and practical insights from their discussions, followed by an opportunity for questions and wider delegate reflection.
15:10 – 15:25	**Afternoon Break**
15:25 – 16:00	**Session title:** **From Insight to Action: Building your OpEx Development Plan** **Facilitators:** Rebecca Beaver, **Resource and Business Management Adviser, RBMA** and Lee Herridge, **Director of Professional Development and Sector Engagement, ISBL** Turn the day's learning into action by identifying your organisation's priorities and beginning an individual OpEx development plan. You will consider your next steps, including how to use the diagnostic tool within your organisation and how ISBL can support your continued development.
16:00 – 17:00	**Conference Close** The day will close with networking and reflections. Continue the conversation, connect with peers and share your reflections on the day