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**Session 1 - Presentation (11.30 – 12.00) Thursday May 11th**  
**1D7 Session lead: Kären Mills**  
**Room: Meeting Room 122**

**Title: Partners in ITE. Schools taking the lead in the preparation of future teachers**

**Lead Presenter:** Kären Mills – University of Cumbria

**Aim:**

1. To share initial findings which identified some possible explanations as to why some HTs (Head Teachers) have chosen to involve their school in school based ITE (initial teacher education)?
2. To explore how the perceptions of these HTs impacted on their decisions concerning the preparation of future teachers in their schools?

**Content:** The content of the presentation will be to share initial findings of a research project considering partnership through the lens of a selection of primary school Head teachers (HTs) as they embark on one school based route of ITE. Given the rapidly changing nature of ITE There is a need for more in-depth study of partnerships between HEIs and schools. The body of available research primarily focusses on evaluating partnerships between schools and universities in a range of contexts and is generally written from the perspective of HEIs (Ledoux and McHenry 2008:156; Kirk 2013: 23). Thus, there appears to be little research which gives a voice to the schools, particularly primary schools, and reflects upon their perspectives of partnership and the roles that school and university take in ITE. The data from this research give a voice to the HTs of 12 schools and preliminary analysis of these data suggests that there are a number of reasons why schools might seek to move away from traditional routes and take the lead in ITE. It is envisaged that the discussion as a result of this presentation will begin to explore the implications of school based routes for future partnerships between schools and ITE?

**Thinking deeply about teacher education:** This presentation explores the idea of developing alternate routes into ITE and expanding partnerships between HEIs and other providers of ITE.

**The country/ies to which the presentation relates:** England