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Dear Colleague

At the Annual Conference, this year jointly planned by FLSE East and **engage**, the Thursday afternoon programme includes a session called 'Teach Meet'. This is designed to provide an opportunity for delegates to briefly showcase an idea, an approach, or a new area of development of the work in their school.

The session will be introduced and led by Steve Watt, Principal of The Grange Therapeutic School in Oakham. Steve is also the Chairman of the **engage** East region group. This is Steve's explanation of how it will work:

Teach Meet is a fun but really energising way of colleagues celebrating within a 3 minute unprepared slot describing a successful initiative within their setting as 'leaders'. They sign up for a 'one armed bandit' willingness to stand up and really fire out a summary of a successful initiative(s) in their school. Really good fun hosted by an X factor impresario -yes ME!-

Your willingness to stand up and share good practice or developmental ideas is essential-I have not yet meet school leaders who fail to 'big up' their own successes.

Whilst the essence of this approach is its impromptu spontaneity the organisers (see below) will be relieved to receive an indication from anyone who just cannot wait to be a participant. There may well be points awarded. And what do points mean??

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