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Common findings from visits to examples of successful (inclusive) practice

- Collaboration/team work at all levels – in classroom, school, local community with good co-ordination

- Community/area wide school transformation – with support. Change in response to crisis?

- Strong and trusting relationships

- Shared values that put the learner at the centre of services and take longer term view of benefits

Common findings cont'd

- Leadership – strong, visionary, distributed - with regard for democratic principles, creating an open 'no blame' culture

- High regard/respect for learners (and families)and listening to their views – engagement and motivation

- Positive attitudes and acceptance of responsibility for all learners – support as part of the 'regular' system

- Inclusive pedagogy – often starting with special education experience/expertise

Common findings cont'd

- On-going (not hit and run) professional development: use of research, co-teaching, regular meetings/support, links to initial teacher education institutions

- Flexibility in school/class organisation, timetabling, learner grouping

  - Curriculum - cross curricular competences, study skills – coherence and relevance

  - Assessment – 'can do', assessment for learning with active involvement of learners, recognition of wide range of achievement

- Different use of resources – not more

Common challenges

- The language of inclusion

- Allocating support without 'labels' – acceptance of different forms of support as part of the 'regular' system

- Including learners with learning disabilities (curriculum issues) – particularly in secondary education

- Professional development of school leaders, teachers, support staff

- Providing services 'close to home' for low incidence disabilities

- Cooperation between different adminstrations (national, local) and different agencies

- Flexible (delegated) funding models – incentives for success