

## Sustaining leadership effectiveness in schools

### Resource 17: The ethics tree



**Morals**

**Values**

**Ethics**

Ethics are the deep roots that establish the fundamental foundations of what we believe – the deeper they are the stronger the belief. The roots come together in the trunk of the tree – the personal values that are shaped by our ethical foundations and the culture in which we live. The trunk in turn extends into the branches which have to interact with the environment, as our values are tested in everyday life.