Welcome to your September Maths & English CPD update for the West Midlands – we hope you’ve had a restful & enjoyable summer break! We have plenty to tell you about in this edition, including news of NEW Functional Skills CPD, a programme of webinars for the autumn, and opportunities to book customised CPD events for your organisation.

A reminder too that we are your ETF regional specialist leads for maths & English in the West Midlands, and are here to support you in identifying and planning the professional development needs of your staff with regards to maths and English. We are more than happy to meet with you or discuss things over the phone - just get in touch to arrange a time!

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Functional Skills

As we’re sure you’re all aware, new Functional Skills qualifications will come in to effect from September 2019, and ETF are offering a range of CPD to help teachers prepare for the changes.

*NEW Level 5 Teaching Functional Skills CPD modules

WMCETT have developed 5-day (or 10 half-day) CPD modules aimed at Functional maths and English practitioners from across the sector, and which will offer opportunities for accreditation. See more information on the WMETT website here.

Practitioners can now book onto the first Teaching Functional Skills Maths level 5 course in central Birmingham:

- **Location:** The Studio, Birmingham B2 5EP
- **Dates:** 12th, 20th, 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th Dec

For more information & booking, see: https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/439

There is also information there about further courses in London and Manchester.

The Teaching Functional Skills English level 5 module will be available shortly, with courses starting in December.

To enquire about hosting a course in your organisation, contact: j.chamberlain@warwick.ac.uk
*NEW Collaborative projects to improve Functional Skills delivery*

ETF are commissioning 15 action research projects to improve maths and English Functional Skills delivery. Each project will receive a £6,000 grant plus £2,000 in-kind support, and must be delivered by a partnership of providers. For further details and how to apply, please contact: Tracey.Wood@creativeeducation.co.uk

Note that a proposal development workshop is being held in Birmingham on 27th September to support potential applicants.

**Functional Skills: discover new materials and approaches to support teaching and learning – interactive webinars**

The aim of these interactive webinars is to introduce the purpose, content and structure of new materials to support revised Functional Skills in maths and English. You will be introduced to some of the key teaching approaches modelled in the materials, and to a range of ideas for lessons that can be adapted for different contexts and models of support. The webinar will also help you make the most of one-day or two CPD programmes, which will explore the materials in detail.

**Dates: 04/10/18, 19/11/18, 10/12/18**

For further information and booking see: [https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/264](https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/264)

**Also available:** One & two-day CPD courses for those who wish to explore the materials in more detail, see:

- Functional maths: [https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/281](https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/281)
- Functional English: [https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/280](https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/280)

**COMING SOON Phonics: framework, resources & CPD**

A key element of the new entry level content for Functional English will be the inclusion (and testing) of phonics. With this in mind, ETF have commissioned the development of a framework for guidance and a toolkit of resources for incorporating phonics within functional skills teaching, followed by a CPD programme to support practitioners. It is expected that the resources will be available by January, 2019, after which the piloting of CPD will start to be rolled out. **Watch this space for further details!**

**Shaping Success: maths & English CPD opportunities**
In addition to Functional Skills, the full range of ETF CPD courses are still available to book, see the full menu here: https://www.et-foundation.co.uk/supporting/support-practitioners/maths-and-english/courses/

What has changed is that we can now customise these courses to meet the needs of your organisation, including combining parts of different courses, or adding new material as required.

To find out more about the range of opportunities and possibilities, contact your RSLs, Catriona Mowat & Steve Pardoe: WM.RSL@etfoundation.co.uk

**Interactive webinars: autumn menu**

A variety of 90 min webinars for maths & English teachers & managers are now available to book on to in the autumn term. Follow the links for more information & booking:

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… and a series of webinars for those **working with apprentices**:

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6. Spotlight on maths & English CPD and resources to support apprenticeship delivery and gateway 05/12/18

7. Improving Assessment for Learning (maths and English) 14/12/18

8. Mentoring Apprentices in the workplace with an emphasis on maths and English 17/12/18

Help learners with dyslexia, autism & hearing impairments

Remploy are working with ETF to offer training courses to increase awareness of these issue, including FREE online taster sessions.

To find out more, visit: https://information.remploy.co.uk/acton/rif/12273/s-07d3-1808/-/l-0476:897/l-0476/showPreparedMessage?sid=TV2:ZfJmDkiYI

Maths & English Managers Networks

WMCETT will continue to run FREE network meetings for maths & English managers in different parts of the sector. Dates for the autumn round of meetings are as follows:

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For further details or to register your attendance for any of these meetings, please contact Steve Pardoe or Catriona Mowat WM.RSL@etfoundation.co.uk

Professional Exchange maths and English groups

The West Midlands Professional Exchange has several groups which are currently holding a series of meetings and doing research in between to explore areas of interest or concern in maths and English. These initial groups are due to report later this year, then further ones will be established. If you are interested in joining these, and have a subject you would like to suggest to be researched, please contact WMCETT Project Manager Julie Chamberlain on J.chamberlain@warwick.ac.uk.
Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Mathematics

There are still places available on the University of Warwick’s Level 5 Diploma course for maths subject specialists, starting on 11th October. The course focuses on approaches to teaching GCSE and Functional Skills maths, and is delivered on a blended learning basis, with just 8 days attendance across the year.

For further information see: https://warwick.ac.uk/study/cll/courses/professionaldevelopment/itt/courses/dtmnum/

For full up-to-date information of maths & English in the region, visit our Padlet: https://padlet.com/steve_pardoe/Wmetf.

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