

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2019

The past month has been one in which the FE and Training sector has featured prominently in the political spotlight, with the issue of funding being addressed by the political parties following the publication in May of the **Auger Review**. Amongst the welcome wider discussion of financial support, it is important that the significance of the sector's professionals and the need to invest in them is not forgotten.

Ensuring that talented people are recruited, developed and supported, so that they can provide high-quality learning for their students, is of paramount importance. That's where the ETF comes in, as this newsletter underlines. It includes news of our **Centres for Excellence in Maths** programme and the launch of the Management Dashboard function of our **Enhance Digital Teaching Platform**, as well as the availability of **new resources** to support those working with pre-entry level ESOL learners.

The importance of the work the sector does with speakers of other languages was reflected by the Home Office's **Integrating Refugees report**. Published in June, it stressed the intrinsic role language skills play in the integration and wellbeing of refugees. We are pleased to be extending the support we offer to the sector in doing this important work.

We also report the availability of new elements of our **T Level Professional Development (TLPD) offer**. With so much happening in TLPD all the time, it would be impossible to include all of the latest developments in this newsletter, so I encourage you to check our **TLPD calendar** and sign up to receive our **TLPD bulletin** to keep up to date.

With **Dyslexia Awareness Week** taking place in the second week of October, we also include a reminder of the support we are able to offer colleagues working with learners with the condition.





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Education and Training Foundation

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**New resources for supporting pre-entry ESOL learners available**

New resources for volunteers, teachers and trainers supporting pre-Entry level ESOL learners are now available on the ETF's ESOL Excellence Gateway website. They include a short research report to outline the challenges, effective practice guidelines with top tips and key knowledge, and a suite of teaching and learning materials including time saving templates and a video.

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## TAKING LEARNING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Welcome to the Enhance Digital Teaching Platform for teachers and trainers in the FE and Training sector

### Our most popular modules



Digital well-being for all (Part 2)

Digital Wellbeing

★★★★☆ 4.7



Enhancing learning resources with AR

Emerging Technologies

★★★★☆ 4.6



How to tread a positive digital footprint

Digital Wellbeing

★★★★☆ 4.5



Digital tools for Personal Learning and Development

Professional Learning & Development - PLD

★★★★☆ 4.4



Being confident

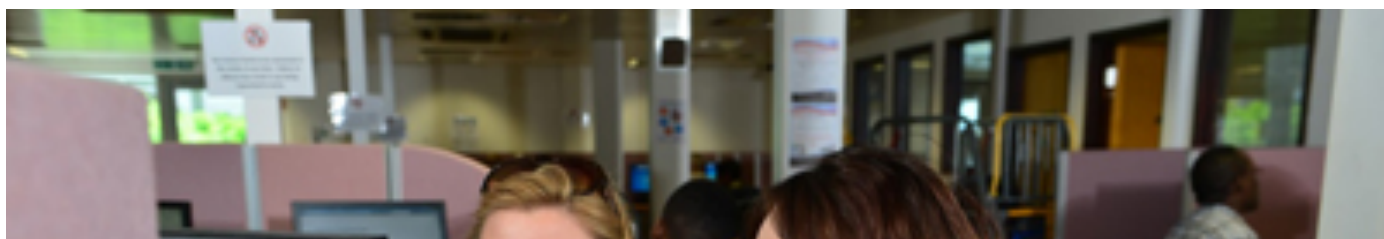
Professional Learning

★★★★☆ 4.4

## Enhance Digital Teaching Platform management dashboard launched

The management dashboard functionality of the ETF's Enhance Digital Teaching Platform is now available. It is designed to support a staff development strategy based on the Digital Teaching Professional Framework. Managers can direct staff to relevant training modules on the platform and then track their progress as individuals or cohorts. The dashboard also includes a reporting tool.

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## Dyslexia Awareness Week

With **Dyslexia Awareness Week** taking place between 7 and 13 October, the ETF is reminding practitioners of the array of support available to help them support learners with the condition. The resources include a guide to supporting learners with dyslexia, an awareness course, and support for leaders available via the ETF's three Centres for Excellence in SEND.

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## Latest news from the Centres for Excellence in Maths programme

The September edition of the ETF's **Centres for Excellence in Maths (CfEM)** programme newsletter is now available. It features the latest news and views from the programme, including a blog reflecting on work investigating the attitudes of students towards their studies and news of resources being developed from recent contextualisation workshops. It is available, along with previous editions, on the CfEM area of the ETF website.





## Governance and middle manager T Level Professional Development available

CPD support for middle managers, governors, trustees and governance professionals who will be introducing T Levels at their institutions is now available to access or book. The support – the **Organisational Readiness** strand of the ETF's Department for Education-funded TLPD offer – includes face-to-face events, online modules, webinars and mentoring opportunities on both a pre-planned and on-demand basis.

# SIR data submission deadline on 31 October

The window to submit data for the 2018/19 **Staff Individualised Record collection** closes on 31 October. All providers funded through the Education and Skills Funding Agency are requested to submit data, which is aggregated and analysed to show the changing structure and composition of the FE and training workforce, then published and communicated to the sector. The data informs policies aimed at tackling recruitment issues.



## ETF in the News

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**Tes:** Does edtech have a role in Ofsted's new framework?

**FE News:** Toolkit to harness students’ digital capabilities to support teaching, learning and assessment launched

**FE Week:** Movers and Shakers: Edition 290



## ETF Vacancies

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Do you want to make a real difference to the UK's further education and training profession and the lives and opportunities of those they teach and train?

The ETF, and its membership body SET, plays a pivotal role in supporting the sector.

Find out more on our [vacancies page](#).

## News in brief

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### Lambeth College becomes SET Corporate Partner

Lambeth College has become the latest Corporate Partner of the Society for Education and Training.

### Maths and English managers' course places

Places remain available for the ETF's 'Leading teaching and learning for maths and English managers' course which takes place in Birmingham at the end of November.

### Making the switch from offender learning to SEND

The first in a series of three blogs for the ETF website sees a new SEND Manager reflect on her new role after almost two decades working in offender learning.

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