

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER 2019

Although Summer means a break for some in the sector, many of you will have remained busy, either because your work pattern doesn't include a late July/August holiday, or because you work during the period anyway. For the talented young people who competed at **World Skills 2019 in Kazan**, August may well be one of the busiest, but undoubtedly most exciting, points in their fledgling careers. Representing the UK at what has become known as the 'Skills Olympics' is a huge achievement. Our congratulations go to all those who were there, and in particular the four medal winners and 15 medallion of excellence awardees from the UK team. To excel on the world stage in this way is a remarkable achievement and these individuals should be very proud.

Also deserving of our congratulations are the hundreds of you who found out in August that they had been awarded **Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status**. This is a significant achievement and I encourage those yet to attain QTLS to do so. Those who already hold QTLS have until 13 September to apply to be part of the next cohort to take the next step, to **Advanced Teacher Status**.

For the ETF this is also a busy time helping to recruit technical teachers to begin careers in FE, addressing the well-recognised workforce challenge. We reported in the **July–August edition** the success of our **Further Forces** programme. This month I want to highlight two of our other programmes that boost capacity in technical education; **SET for Teaching Success** and **Teach Too**. Both have application deadlines coming up and I encourage you to consider how involvement could benefit you.





**David Russell**

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## **Toolkit to help harness students' digital capabilities launched**

A new toolkit to help providers harness students' digital capabilities to support teaching, learning and assessment has been published by the ETF. It offers recommendations for the creation of staff-student partnerships within post-16 teaching and training organisations, reflecting the key findings from four pilots that took place earlier this year.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



## **Places available on autism, dyslexia, hearing impairment and SEND courses**

Places remain available to book on ETF courses raising awareness of the issues confronting learners with autism, dyslexia, hearing impairment and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. They take place between October and January. A limited number of 'free places' are available to eligible bookers.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)





## Teach Too phase six application deadline approaching

Organisations who wish to apply for funding as part of the **sixth wave of the ETF Teach Too programme** have until midday on Friday 27 September to do so. Applications are sought for four organisational development programmes with a value of up to £10,000, and three small-scale projects with a value up to £5,000. Teach Too addresses quality improvement in technical and vocational teaching and learning and is a collaboration between FE providers and employers.

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## T Level Professional Development offer expands further

The **ETF's T Level Professional Development offer** has developed further with the announcement of face-to-face sessions on how the programmes will be assessed and the opening of the application period for further Teacher Regional Improvement Projects. To ensure you are up to date with the latest developments, consult our TLPD calendar of events and **sign up** to receive our TLPD bulletin.





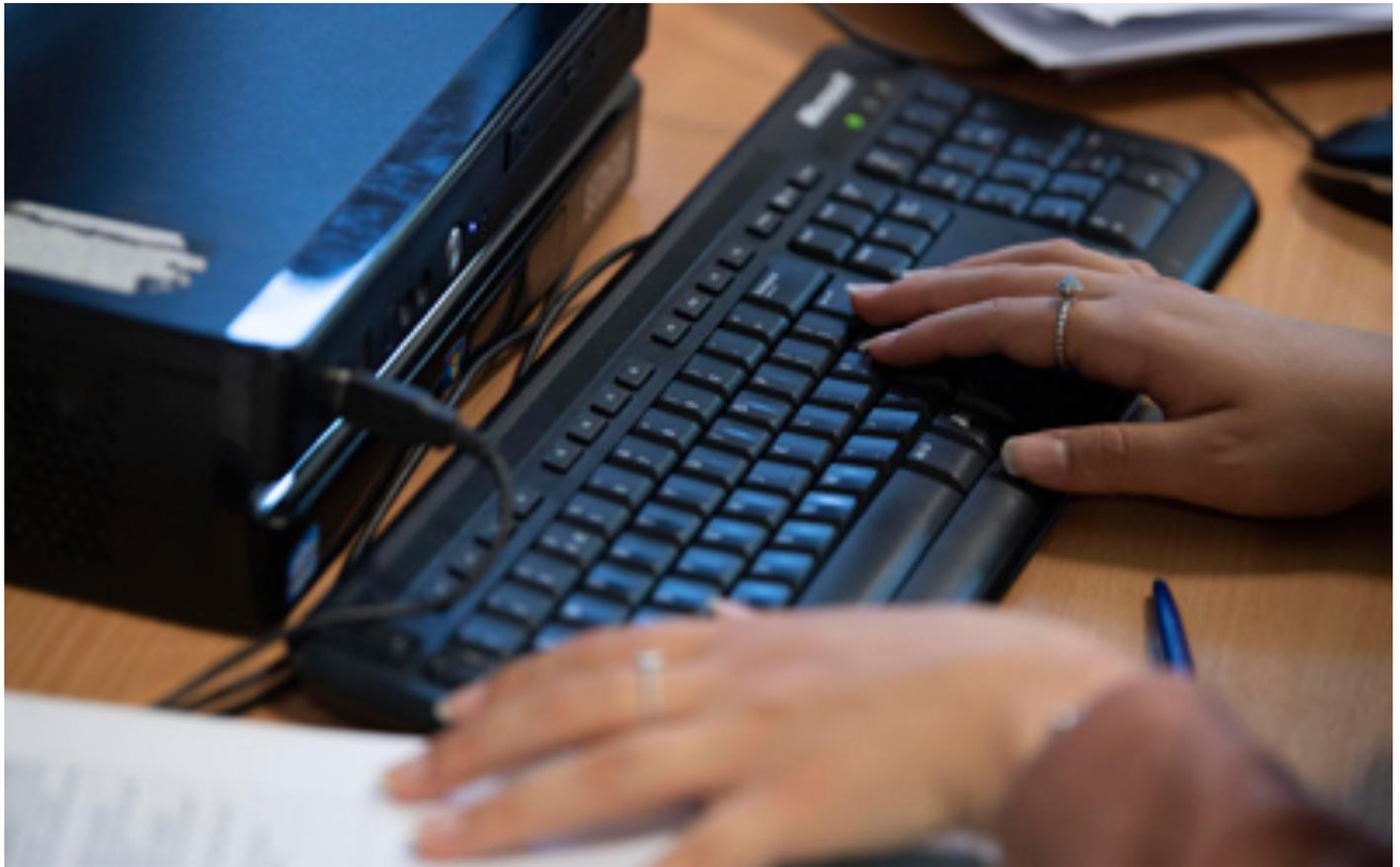
## Updated ETF guide to FE published

The ETF has published an **updated guide to the Further Education system in England**. *So what is the FE Sector?* provides a clear explanation of what the Further Education sector is, what the different types of provider in it are, and what opportunities are available to potential learners, their parents, teachers and trainers, and employers.

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## Prevent enrolments pass half-a-million landmark

More than half-a-million learners, staff and board members have now utilised components of the **ETF's suite of Department for Education-funded Prevent resources**. The resources include the 'Prevent for FE and Training' website, face-to-face training sessions and the Side-by-Side Prevent duty modules on the ETF Learners website.



### ETF in the News

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**Tes: Let's champion the first chartered teachers of FE**

**Tes: Meet Alex Knowles: the ex-RAF engineer teaching in FE**

**FE Week: T Level Professional Development: New online calendar**



### 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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### Governance Professionals Conference booking open

Booking is now open for the AoC/ETF Governance Professionals Conference, which takes place on 23 January 2020.

### Evidence Informed Practice explained

Joint Heads of Evidence Informed Practice Anna Douglas and Anne Hudson introduce the concept in a blog for the ETF website.

### Maths and English Regional Specialist Lead required in Midlands

The ETF is recruiting a Maths and English Regional Specialist Lead in the Midlands. Details are available from [Imke Djouadj](#)

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