

Yorkshire and Humber Practice Development Groups #FEYorksHumberETF

#FE collaboration has gone from strength to strength during 2020 and, to further enable this sharing of ideas, skills and innovation, The Education and Training Foundation is establishing [Practice Development Groups \(PDGs\)](#) across England to give practitioners an insight into **practitioner-led development**. The aim through the PDG programme is to create amongst providers, an **expansive learning environment** which will facilitate **professional growth and development** through participation in a community of practice.

PDGs will consist of action learning sets of practitioners who will **meet and work together** on a short-term, small-scale project to **improve an aspect of their teaching, learning and assessment**. The projects can cover any programme of study in the FE sector but need to develop an aspect of teaching, learning and assessment which enhances the teaching of English or the embedding of maths or English into that area.

Calderdale College is delighted to be hosting the PDGs for the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

How will it work?

The #FEYorksHumberETF PDG will consist of action learning sets (ALS) of five to six practitioners (within or ideally across organisations), who meet monthly over four months. The practitioners will support one another as they develop their mini projects, **supported by trained experienced group facilitators**.

The 40 participants will kick off with an **exciting online launch event**, facilitated so practitioners can get to know each other and collaborate with other ALS groups. This **vibrant practitioner-led community** will also occupy a shared online space for further discussion, collaboration and support. The PDG rounds will end with a **rich face to face sharing** of projects at the #FEYorksHumberETF collaboration events (January/April).

Getting involved

Each ALS will commit to meeting four times (face-to-face and/or virtually.) over the round. You will also need to commit to attending the launch event which will be a half day event in October / January and participate in the end of project collaboration event.

Your group of 5-6 participants, supported by a dedicated group facilitator will use an **action learning set approach** which provides an equal space for every voice and will enable participants to bring **ideas to action**.

Round 1: Oct – Jan 2021
Round 2: Jan – Apr 2021

Online Launch Event

M1

M2

M3

M4

Collaboration Event

All participants will receive training on the ALS approach at the launch event; training which will be of huge benefit to participants and their organisations following the project.

The ALS groups are for all teachers and trainers in FE and **no experience is required**, just a desire to work with other educators to improve an aspect of your teaching, learning or assessment.

There are two rounds available to join: Oct 2020 to Jan 2021 and Jan to Apr 2021. You can only apply to be involved in one of the rounds provided you are part of an ESFA funded organisation.

Interested? We have limited places so apply today.

Practice Development Group [Application Form](#)

Information for Organisations

The Yorkshire and Humber PDG will provide our region with a space to explore and develop teaching, learning and assessment with a focus in the embedding and enhancement of English and / or maths.

We have 40 places per round for staff to get involved in the project and organisations can have multiple participants taking part. Each applicant must complete an individual application form and should declare the support of their senior management team.

Commitment from organisations

What we ask from you:

Release practitioners to participate in half day launch event in Oct 2020 (or Round 2: Jan 2021)
Release practitioners to participate in four approx. 1.5 hour meetings to pursue maths/English collaborative inquiry (Oct – Jan / Jan – Apr)
Release practitioners to participate in collaboration event in Jan 2020 (or Round 2: Apr 2021)
Support PDG members to share collaborative inquiry findings within the organisation (and release them for any opportunity to present externally).

What we can provide in return:

- Access to a bank of co-curated resources: webinars, videos, articles, newsletter, guides and resources which link to PDG members maths/English projects.
- Access to a wider national community of peers curious about developing maths/English
- High quality training on action learning sets which can be brought to and developed by your teams.

- Invite to our regional Y&H Showcase event, which will bring together educators from across the region to share ideas, innovations and developments in English and maths.
- Signposting and support to access The Education and Training Foundation's latest CPD offers, including other opportunities across the diverse FE sector.

This is a fantastic opportunity to refocus teaching, learning and assessment on English and maths by motivating and inspiring teachers and trainers from across the Yorkshire and Humber region to embed practice of these subjects into their curriculum.

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