



## Looking ahead into 2017

After a tumultuous 2016, there is reason for the Education and Training sector to be optimistic as we move into 2017. We now sit under the same Government department as our colleagues in the school sector, with a Minister who clearly values FE and Skills.

This was evident with the additional grant to the Education and Training Foundation at the end of last year, to develop no fewer than 10 important professional development projects for practitioners, managers and leaders working across the sector. For members of SET, there are also a raft of opportunities to develop as practitioners, in particular our increased focus on career development.

Aside from the reinvigorated professional formation for QTLS and the newly designed, member informed and research loaded InTuition magazine, two other exciting member opportunities for the coming month are:

- Regional Collaborative Practice Development Days - offering practitioners the opportunity to enhance their skills in teaching, learning and assessment through collaboration and networking. [Find out more](#)
- SET Webinar: 16-18 performance tables - giving members an explanation of the English and maths progress measures being published for the first time this month. [Register here to attend the webinar on 2 February 2017.](#)

I look forward to engaging more with SET members over the next year and keeping you abreast of new and exciting developments as they arise.

**Dan Williams**, Chair of the SET Management Board

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## Accessibility improvements

We are currently looking at ways to improve the SET website with a particular focus on accessibility for those with visual impairments.

We'd like to hear from any members who this affects. If you would like to be involved please email [membership.communications@etfoundation.co.uk](mailto:membership.communications@etfoundation.co.uk) using the subject 'Accessibility audit' and we will arrange a convenient time to speak to you.

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### **My Career Story: Steven Coleby**

In the first of our member career stories, Steven Coleby tells us about how he stumbled into the world of education and training through a series of events, along with a good dose of hard work and determination. [Read Steven's story on our website.](#)

If you'd like to share your story with us, please email [membership.communications@etfoundation.co.uk](mailto:membership.communications@etfoundation.co.uk) and we'll send you a template to complete, or we can

### **Collaborative Practice Development Days: exclusive offer for SET members**

Don't forget to book your exclusive subsidised place on the [Collaborative Practice Development Days](#).

Places at these events normally cost £85, however we're delighted to be able to offer a limited number of places for just £20.

These CPD days give you the opportunity to enhance your skills in teaching, learning and

### **Develop your digital skills**

Research carried out by the Career College Trust suggests that teachers over the age of 35 lack confidence and capability in using technology.

This comes as no surprise, when you consider a recent OECD report on Adult Skills indicates that 75 per cent of adults in the UK have digital skills at Level 1 and below.

You can now access four online digital skills development courses to

interview you over the phone.

**Share your story**

assessment though collaboration and networking.

They are hugely beneficial to ongoing professional development and will support your career progression.

To book your place call 0800 083 1830 and quote "SET subsidised place" and your membership number.

help you develop your use of social media and video in your teaching and training.

SET members receive an exclusive 15 per cent discount on this training.

**Book now**



### **Develop your career through FE Teaching LEAD**

FE Teaching LEAD (Learning, Education and Development) is aimed at practitioners who aspire to take on a leadership role in the learning and skills sector.

Participants will attend three residentials spaced over the academic year that will focus on:

- Policy and Practice developments and personal development to support participants to acquire the skills and experiences needed for career development and leadership

### **In the news**

Adult education has been in the headlines as MP David Lammy [launches a campaign](#) to increase the number of part-time evening courses for adults who want to retrain.

According to government figures there has been a 38 per cent fall in the number of adults aged 19 or over participating in further education since 2007-08.

Lammy has also commented on [recent figures published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency](#), which records no black

### **What's on**

SET Webinar, 2 February 2017, 4.00-5.00pm: 16-18 performance tables, an explanation of the English and maths progress measures [Find out more and register](#)

South region local network meeting: 8 February 2017, 5.30-7.30pm, South Downs College [Book here](#)

Dates will be confirmed for local network meetings in Bradford, Essex, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, Keighley/ShIPLEY, North-West London and South-East London soon.

- Developing teaching and learning to improve learning outcomes in a curricular and vocational context

- Leadership skills and practices specific to the learning and skills sector, in particular, strategic leadership, management of change, leadership of teams, and professional development

Participation in the programme costs £950, with bursaries available for some applicants. Participants will gain 60 credits at levels 6 and 7.

[Find out more](#)

academics in the staff category of “managers, directors and senior officials” for the third year in a row.

Teresa May has announced that the government will be investing £170 million in technical colleges, which will offer training and qualifications in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

[Register your interest in network events here.](#)

#### Collaborative Practice Development Days

- 8 February 2017: North East. Ramside Hall, County Durham
- 17 February 2017: North West. Holiday Inn, Leeds (Brighthouse)
- 20 February 2017: East. The British Racing School, Snailwell Road, CB8 7NU
- 2 March 2017: West Midlands. The Hub, Walsall College, Littleton Street West, WS2 8ES
- 13 March 2017: East Midlands. Curve Theatre, Leicester.

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