

## Spaces for ATS second cohort filling up fast

We are pleased to report that the waiting list for the second cohort of 75 places for the Advanced Teacher Status (ATS) programme is almost full, with 35 additional places having been allocated over the past week. In total, around 55 successful applicants have now been formally accepted onto the waiting list for the second cohort, after more than 120 practitioners registered for the first cohort.



“I applied for ATS as I felt I needed a personal challenge and I really enjoyed the process of gaining QTLS. I was considering studying for a MA in Education, but felt it wasn't quite what I needed. I strongly believe I need to participate in the ATS programme to develop my skills and knowledge to professionally develop,” says SET member Jo Gardiner, Head of Salon Studies & Young Enterprise Centre Lead at HDHS.

“I truly believe that ATS will provide greater credibility and professionalism putting teachers, like myself, onto a different level. My school provides lots of opportunities for in-house CPD, but much of is aimed at ‘normal’ teachers and not always relevant to vocational teaching. I feel that ATS will give me the opportunity to develop my skills and allow me to challenge other traditionally qualified teachers’ preconceptions about QTLS. I was absolutely thrilled to be accepted onto the programme. I must have checked my inbox a hundred times waiting for confirmation to see whether I was accepted or not. Thank goodness I was as I can't wait to get started!”

Applicants in cohort two will start their portfolios in April 2018 and will still be able to take advantage of the reduced fee of £250, providing they are willing to provide on-going feedback whilst undertaking ATS.

If you would like to find out more about ATS, please [visit the ATS section on the SET website](#), or send your query to [ats@etfoundation.co.uk](mailto:ats@etfoundation.co.uk).

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## News: SET builds online community with Facebook groups

The Society for Education and Training (SET) has revamped its online community space by moving its community of practice forum across to four new Facebook Groups.

The groups include a general SET group, QTLS, Webchats and Local Networks. Read more about our online communities [on the SET website](#), including how to join and familiarise yourself with our group rules.

Don't forget to like our [Facebook page](#) – with more than 4,000 followers and counting, it's the best place for members and practitioners to get the latest updates and news from the SET team.



### Latest Video: What is QTLS?

Check out the first in a series of videos where our members introduce you to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status (QTLS).

The new video is the first in a series which will answer any of your questions and explain more about the status.

[Watch the video](#)



### Case Study: My QTLS experience

In her case study, Polly Wardle, Senior Sports Lecturer for Bristol City Community Trust, explains how undertaking QTLS has helped her with her next career move and reaffirmed the importance of upskilling and staying up-to-date with new processes and technologies.

[Read Polly's story](#)



### Webinar: QTLS – Your questions answered

If you missed the live recording of the QTLS webinar yesterday, you can still register to watch it on-demand using the button below.

You can also view our other webinars by visiting our [webinars section on the SET website](#).

[Register now](#)

### Member benefit highlight: Free advice from Law Express

Did you know that as a member of SET you can access free legal advice through Law Express as part of your membership? Find out more and download a series of new factsheets about employment, dismissal and grievance.

### News: CPD self-assessment tool for assessors

A new online tool for practitioners thinking of becoming an end-point assessor for apprenticeships has been developed as part of the Future Apprenticeships programme.

### News: Training to support apprenticeships with sensory impairments

The National Sensory Impairment Partnership (NatSIP) is holding an interactive training day for apprenticeship training provider staff to meet the needs of deaf/hearing impaired and vision impaired apprenticeships.

[Access the benefit](#)

[Read the blog](#)

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## Last call for governance vacancies

We're currently recruiting new members to our [Practitioner Advisory Group \(PAG\)](#) and one member of the PAG to join the [SET Management Board \(SMB\)](#).

To apply for a role on the PAG or SMB, [visit the SET website's governance recruitment page](#) (you will need to be logged in to access the online application form).

**The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 2 October 2017.**

A small technical hitch last week meant that some of you were unable to submit the online form – this has now been resolved and apologies to anyone who was affected.

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## What's on

- Tuesday 3 October, 17:30-19:30 – SET London local network. [Book your place](#) (you will need to be logged in)
- Thursday 9 November, 16:30-18:30 – SET Bradford local network meeting. [Book your place](#) (you will need to be logged in)

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