



Wishing you all a Happy New Year

As 2017 draws to a close I wanted to say a big thank you to all our members for your valued support over the last 12 months of further success and growth for the Society for Education and Training (SET). We have recently sailed past a new landmark of 16,000 members, and are well on track for our target of 18,000 by the end of next March.

Two of our main goals are to support your career progression and to build a strong community of likeminded professionals from FE and training. In 2017 we have made some excellent strides towards these aims. SET now includes a **wide range of support and development** opportunities for teachers and trainers at all stages of their career. We have increased our student member numbers almost threefold, as we welcome to SET more newly qualified teachers near the start of their career in education. Our wealth of **career guidance** and advice can help them plot their path through the early stages of the training profession, including the manifold benefits they can gain by undertaking the reformed **QTLS status**. With the development of our new **mentoring e-learning and matching service**, we are offering peer-led support to less experienced members, but also a further progression opportunity to those more experienced colleagues who are willing to offer their time as a mentor. And finally, through the successful launch of **Advanced Teacher Status (ATS)**, we have set the standard for those wanting to demonstrate and be recognised for their mastery in Further Education and Training.

But what's new for 2018, more importantly? With all this strength in depth, the New Year is all about sharing this support with as many existing or new members as possible. We're excited to be introducing our first SET Annual Conference, giving you the opportunity to network, learn and share skills and practice. In addition, following close work with the Practitioner Advisory Group

and Management Board, we will be revealing a brand new visual identity in the spring, giving SET a fresh, dynamic new look and feel, allowing us to increase our prominence in the sector and to continue to grow our presence on social media and online communities. We look forward to sharing these exciting plans with you as we move into what we are sure will be another successful year.

Have a lovely festive break, from myself and all of the team at SET.

Best wishes,



Tim Weiss
Director of SET

Register for the SET mentoring service

“Mentoring is probably the most powerful developmental process people can experience. And when it works, it develops two for the price of one.”

David Clutterbuck 2014



Mentoring can be an enlightening experience for both parties and this is why we are pleased to announce the launch our mentoring service for SET members who will benefit from the support of our most experienced practitioners and leaders. Over the last few months, we have been working with our mentoring steering group to design a service to provide support and encouragement to members facing work or career decisions, opportunities or dilemmas.

Linda Carter, SET Mentoring Associate

Registrations for members to become a SET mentor are now open until 8 January, and as of this week, members who are interested in being mentored can also register. [To find out more please visit the SET website.](#)

FACEBOOK: SET's Festive Countdown

We are giving one lucky person the chance to win a *free place on an ETF course and a £100 Amazon voucher, simply by guessing the word attached to our festive prize draw. Find out more about how to enter by [visiting the website](#) or Facebook page.

Closing date is 31 December, so don't miss out!

MY QTLS EXPERIENCE: Abigail Pannozzo

Abigail Pannozzo has been teaching Level 3 Fine Art, Graphic Communication and Photography at a sixth form college for three years. She explains why undertaking QTLS was so important to her after completing a PGCE in Post-16 education.

*Terms and conditions apply.

Register for QTLS before the 31 January 2018 deadline. For more information on QTLS and eligibility criteria, [visit the SET website](#).

[Visit our Facebook page](#)

[Read Abigail's case study](#)

WORKSHOPS: £10m Flexible Learning Fund

In January 2018 the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) is hosting nine free regional workshops funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to promote the £10 million Flexible Learning Fund to employers, adult education providers and other potential bidders (deadline 31 January, 2018).

[Find out more and book](#)

LAST CALL: Training Needs Analysis survey

If you are a teacher, trainer or leader working in FE, you still have a couple of weeks left to take part in an online survey to explore training needs across the sector. The data will be used to ensure future training for teachers and trainers aligns with professional needs and priorities.

[Take the survey](#)

What's on

Local Network Events

Our local networking groups are gathering pace across the country with the last Newcastle meeting comprising 13 attendees in total, including several new members. The evening included an engaging session on how to use role play effectively. In addition, one SET member gave attendees his personal experience of the QTLS process after successfully completing it.

For each of these events you can book your place on the [SET website](#) (you will need to be logged in first):

- Bolton: 20 January, 10:00 to 12:00 and 12:00 to 13:00.
- East Kent: 21 February, 18:00 to 20:00.
- Bradford: 15 March, 16:30 to 18:30.
- Newcastle: 19 March, 18:00 to 20:00.

ETF webinars: Maths & English in apprenticeships

Are you interested in improving your delivery of maths and English within the new apprenticeship standards? As part of the maths and English Pipeline, the ETF is offering a series of interactive webinars to support a range of staff including assessors, work-based supervisors, trainers, instructors, employers and managers to address some of the key challenges around delivering maths and English in apprenticeships. [Further details are available on the ETF website](#). Bookings will be open from January 2018.

inTuition – December issue

The latest inTuition 30 – winter 2017-18 is packed with the latest news, information, opinions and research, from how to set fair and useful rules to facilitate learning, to whether employers need to do more to develop a national progression framework. You can also read our cover story ‘Teaching saved me from a life of crime’, which introduces SET member Cyril Derriviere who spent many years in prison before he decided to change his life through education. Cyril is now a QTLS-qualified teacher working in London with young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties.

[Download the digital edition now.](#)

ETF CPD Programme: want to find out more?

All of ETF's programmes are designed to meet the current and future needs of the FE profession. They cover a wide range of topics and are all highlighted in the new corporate brochure. It is [available online](#) or you can [contact us](#) to order some copies free of charge.

You can also find out more and book a place on the latest ETF courses by signing up to the ETF newsletters on the [ETF website](#). If you would like to read December's Course Newsletter you can do so [here](#).

SET Christmas opening hours

The SET team is going to join the majority of you by taking a little rest over the festive break. Here are our hours of operation if you need to get in contact with us:

- 25 December – closed
- 26 December – closed
- 27 December – 11am-2pm
- 28 December – 11am-2pm
- 29 December – 11am-2pm
- 1 January – closed

Normal hours resume 2 January, 2018.

[More information can be found on our website.](#)



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