

Make QTLS your 2018 goal!

Advance your career with
Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS)
status

Supporting practitioners through the QTLS process

Undertaking additional work which leads to a new professional status or qualification can feel daunting, especially when you are balancing it with work and family life. For any practitioner who is thinking about gaining Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS), we are here to support you throughout the process, keep you motivated and give you the best possible forums to seek advice and guidance.

Just last month, our first live webchat using our Facebook Group connected with 56 newly-registered members who quizzed our QTLS team on everything from deadlines to mentoring. As a result of the webchat, members said they felt motivated and committed to completing QTLS. They also said they were relieved to know they were on the right track when it came to providing observations and understanding the technicalities of submitting their workbook.

[Read a transcript of the webchat on the SET website.](#)

So, **with just over a week to go** for practitioners working in the post-16 Further Education (FE) and Training sector to register to gain QTLS (closing date: **31 January**), visit SET's [QTLS section](#) to view the latest FAQs and eligibility criteria and [read member stories about personal experiences of QTLS](#). You can also email professional.formation@etfoundation.co.uk if you have a more specific question.

Geoff Petty series: Teaching methods in education

We are pleased to announce a new monthly series from Geoff Petty, author and leading expert on teaching methods and regular inTuition contributor. In his first article, taken from the InTuition archive, Geoff discusses how teachers who deliberately take a back seat and let students assess their peers' work by using 'model answers' or 'worked solutions' can lead to a marked improvement in their performance.

[Read the start of the series on our website.](#)



MY QTLS EXPERIENCE:
Calvin Maye

Calvin Maye has been coaching children and adult learners for over 15 years and is due to start a new job as a PE teacher at the secondary school he left 21 years ago. He explains why it was his passion to help others to achieve more which led to his decision to do the same.

[Read the case study](#)



CAREER FOCUS: Career paths in Further Education and Training

When you speak to a group of people who work in the FE and Training sector, you will soon discover there is no typical career path. Find out more about the different ways you can move around the sector by reading our latest career focus article.

[Read the article](#)



SURVEY: Perceptions survey

Every year the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) asks the Further Education and Training sector what they think about its performance and impact. Now is your chance to take part and help us help the profession. The survey's closing date is 31 January.

[Take the survey](#)



NEWS: Call for new members of local networking group

Bob Parsons, SET fellow and lecturer of supported learning, is a member of the new East Kent Local Networking Group. He explains why local networking groups are so



TAKE PART: Research poster competition

We are working in partnership with the Chartered College of Teaching to offer SET members the opportunity to enter a Research Poster competition based on a small-scale research or inquiry in



ETF webinars: maths and English in apprenticeships

Improve your delivery of maths and English within the new apprenticeship standards by attending a series of interactive CPD webinars.

The webinars are offered at a subsidised rate of £25 and

beneficial to his role as a lecturer.

your college, or as part of a programme of study.

there are additional discounts available for SET members.

Book your place for the first meeting on 21 February.

Closing date: 5 February.

[Book today](#)

[Enter the competition](#)

[Find out more](#)

What's on

Local Network Groups

We hope you have been inspired by Bob's story to join the local network group in your area. Local network groups give our members the opportunity to meet and collaborate with others.

To book your place for each of the following events you will need to be logged in to the SET website and [use this link](#). The next meetings will be held on:

- 21 February, East Kent local network meeting, 18:00 to 20:00.
- 15 March, Bradford local network meeting, 16:30 to 18:30.
- 19 March, Newcastle local network meeting, 18:00 to 20:00.

SET webinars: Working effectively with support staff: Thursday 25 January, 4 to 5pm

This webinar will explore recommendations on the use of support staff, the distinction between learner support and learning support and the approaches to up-skilling support staff to enable them to provide alternative ways of explaining concepts. Presented by Kevin Piper, a director of education with more than 30 years' experience, register now to find out more about how high quality training and resources for support staff can impact learner attainment.

[Register for the webinar today.](#)

Recordings of SET webinars will be available after the event. Find these and all of our other webinar recordings in our [resources and webinars section of the SET website](#).

SET's first annual conference – have your say

As part of our ongoing research for The Society for Education and Training's (SET) Annual Conference, we'd still like to hear from SET members who wish to contribute ideas and knowledge to the proposed event.

In early February, we are looking to talk to members to find out your views and to get your suggestions on topics, practices, theories, speakers and workshops for the event. Your input will

inform the development of SET's first annual conference which has gained approval to go ahead by the SET Management Board in their January meeting.

If you can spare half an hour to share your thoughts and ideas, [please fill out the online form](#) to let us know your contact details and we will be in touch to arrange a time to speak to you. The dates available are: 5/6/7 February.

To set up interviews, your contact details will be shared with the consultant who is conducting this research. Please confirm in the form if you are happy for us to share the information you have provided in this form. It will not be used for any purpose other than setting up and conducting the interviews.

To find out more [read the article](#) on the SET website.



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