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Dear colleague,

This edition features the latest developments in our Apprenticeships Workforce Development programme, an array of EdTech support, and an important Education for Sustainable Development survey.

Additionally, if you lead on Safeguarding and/or Prevent for your organisation, now is your chance to shape the professional development support we offer in this area by **completing a separate survey**.

Sharing ideas, experience and effective practice is of course an important aspect of being part of any community. In our sector, the biggest professional community is the Society for Education and Training (SET). If you are not already a SET member, I urge you to join. More information is available in SET's new membership review, one of the events we have recently featured on our **Instagram** account.



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Chief Executive Officer

Education and Training Foundation



Two more courses added to Apprenticeship Workforce Development offer

Two further courses were added to the ETF's Apprenticeship Workforce Development Continuous Professional Development offer on 19 February. Apprenticeship Leadership: Effective Use of Resources, and Technical Curriculum Design: Effective Curriculum Design in Practice, join the six modules, and separate Strategic Leadership and Governance workshops, already launched. Fully funded by the Department for Education, the courses are available through the ETF's Professional Development Platform.

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Education for Sustainable Development survey – closing 28 February

The ETF survey of the Further Education and Training sector workforce's experience and knowledge of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) closes on 28 February. Questions focus on opinions about sustainability and education, ESD and learners, ESD and your work, organisational ESD approaches, and training and CPD. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The findings will help to shape the ETF's ESD work.

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Remote teaching and learning webinar series

The **series of ETF webinars addressing the challenges of blended and remote learning** continues in March with sessions on Digital Accessibility (4 March), Engaging learners and maintaining good mental health when delivering remotely (11 March), Digital differentiation in delivery and assessment: Tools and techniques to exploit the opportunities (18 March), and Extending your digital skills (25 March). They take place on Thursdays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm and are free to access.



National Safeguarding Forum: Digital Safety

Booking is now open for the ETF **National Safeguarding Forum: Digital Safety**, which takes place on 23 March. It will examine contemporary and emerging risks; explore how the FE and training sector should plan and respond; and introduce some best practice and resources. The event is for those whose role's focus is Safeguarding and/or Prevent. There is no charge to attend. The deadline for booking is 19 March.

Weekly EdTech drop-in clinics

The ETF's **weekly educational technology online drop-in clinics** continue through to the end of March. They take place on Wednesdays from 12:30pm – 1:15pm and support those who are using the EdTech modules on the Enhance Digital Teaching Platform and working towards the associated digital badges. The clinic on 3 March will focus on next steps in extending digital skills, while on 10 March the theme is selecting tools to use with learners.



Technical Teaching Fellowships awarded

Technical Teaching Fellowships have been awarded by the ETF and the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 to Ben Houlihan of Bridgwater and Taunton College, Peter Jackson of Lincoln College, and Rosa Wells of Solihull College and University Centre. Each will be expected to share their expertise and learning across the sector as part of the award with an aim of supporting quality improvement in technical teaching and learning.

ETF in the News

Tes: Climate change: 5 reasons why FE needs to act now

Tes: Why we need a self-improving education system

FE Week: Staff need to know about the Apprenticeships Workforce Development programme

ETF Vacancies

Do you want to make a real difference to the UK's further education and training profession and the lives and opportunities of those they teach and train? The ETF, and its membership body SET, plays a pivotal role in supporting the sector.

Find out more on our **vacancies page**.

News in brief

Essential Digital Skills – Exploring teaching tools sessions

The final two ETF lunchtime Essential Digital Skills – Exploring teaching tools sessions take place in March. They will focus on Quizlet and Microsoft Voice Recorder.

The Further Education CFO Programme – booking closes 5 March

The deadline to book places on the next cohort of The Further Education CFO Programme is 5 March. It is for senior finance professionals working in the FE sector.

ETF expert speakers confirmed for March events

ETF expert speakers have been confirmed for the AoC English and Maths Conference, the Building your Employer Offer Conference, and the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Conference in March.



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