



Quality
Improvement
Agency

**Skills for Life
Improvement Programme**

Better teaching
Better learning
Higher achievement





The Skills for Life Improvement Programme

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme is new. It builds on previous initiatives, making best use of people, systems and materials to help deliver the Skills for Life Strategy in the future. It is an innovative programme designed to support creative change in a wide range of self-improving organisations.

Improving the quality of the learner's experience, progression and achievement is central to the Programme. It draws on research findings from the National Research and Development Centre to excite interest in evidence

based innovation. It makes real and practical links into other major national reform and development initiatives, like the National Teaching and Learning Change Programme and Train to Gain. And it provides expert support for the effective use of a wide range of existing materials and resources.

The Programme sets a high priority on developing the knowledge, skills and confidence of the workforce. It provides opportunities for unqualified and part-qualified staff in all learning settings to gain qualified status quickly. It also stimulates

new thinking and enhances staff skills through continuing professional development on a range of issues, for example motivating and engaging learners.

There will of course be a strong focus on quality improvement with expert consultancy support for the use of tried and tested quality improvement tools and techniques, with essential links to Quality Networks. Development Advisers will offer practical help and guidance to refresh and strengthen teaching and learning practice in literacy, language and

numeracy from pre entry to level 2, including provision for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

We all know there are large numbers of learners with literacy, language and numeracy needs. It is vital that these needs are met. By working together we can drive up quality and achievement across all our organisations to ensure the success of all our learners.

Director of Strategic Reform and Development, QIA

Workforce Development

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme can help you. It is designed to help staff at all levels, in all learning settings, gain professional qualifications and continue to develop thinking, skills and practice.

The programme offers access to **professional qualifications**. It:

- Provides accelerated routes to teaching and subject specialist qualifications, with accurate information about the most suitable way through to qualified status.
- Sponsors experienced and qualified staff to train as level 7 mentors and support colleagues within their own organisations.
- Helps experienced staff gain qualified status through LLUK's scheme for Professional Recognition Learning & Skills (PRLS).

The programme offers opportunities for **teacher educators**. Support is focused on:

- Preparing to offer intensive, accelerated routes to subject specialist qualifications in literacy, numeracy or language.
- Developing teacher educators for those who teach learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.
- Many other aspects of post-16 teacher education.

The programme website is regularly updated with details of **continuing professional development**. Training is:

- Focused on national and local priority issues.
- Designed to stimulate new thinking, develop and hone teaching skills, refresh and strengthen practice.
- Available at a local, and/or organisational level.



A Whole Organisation Approach to Quality Improvement

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme can help you be more effective in meeting the literacy, language and numeracy needs of all learners.

The programme offers:

- Expert consultancy support to promote the effective use of tried and tested quality improvement tools and techniques.
- Development Adviser support for local 'clusters' of organisations to work together in a structured way to improve and share the most effective practice.
- Opportunities to link Skills for Life to existing and new provider networks, including regional Quality Networks.

To find out more about the range of activities in your region visit the Skills for Life Improvement Programme website:
www.sflip.org.uk



Innovation in Teaching and Learning

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme can help you refresh and strengthen practice to ensure learners engage, progress and achieve.

The programme offers:

- Exciting opportunities for practitioners to benefit from expert support at a local level, with targeted support for those working with disadvantaged learners including those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, offenders and unemployed people.
- Development Advisers who act as catalysts for creative change, both in-house and through local 'cluster' projects, to include the brokering of links between Skills for Life staff and Subject Learning Coaches (developed through the National Teaching and Learning Change Programme).
- Practical help and guidance from experienced and skilled Development Advisers on a range of key issues, for example: initial assessment and the effective use of Individual Learning Plans, embedding literacy, language and numeracy, promoting the use of e-learning, using group work to engage and motivate learners.

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