

## Information sheet 017: Useful websites and resources for English (adult literacy), mathematics (adult numeracy) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

### 1) Resources and Organisations

#### The nations

- [www.bis.gov.uk/fe-skills](http://www.bis.gov.uk/fe-skills) - section on **BIS** (formerly DIUS) website dedicated to Further Education Sector in England. Includes access to the latest research, consultations and reports on English (adult literacy), Mathematics (adult numeracy) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- [www.aloscotland.com/](http://www.aloscotland.com/) - national online databank for **literacy and numeracy** resources, training and development, research and networking in **Scotland**
- [www.delni.gov.uk/index/successthroughskills/skills-and-training-programmes-2/essential-skills.htm](http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/successthroughskills/skills-and-training-programmes-2/essential-skills.htm) - publications, statistics, course information and resources for essential skills in Northern Ireland
- <http://essentialskillswales.co.uk/> - publications, statistics, course information and resources for essential skills in Wales

#### Resources (all)

- [www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise) - the **BBC resource** for learners and teachers in literacy, numeracy and ESOL.
- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/18272](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/18272) - Skills for Life section of this website for teachers of English (literacy and ESOL), maths (numeracy) and functional skills. Includes online versions of the literacy, numeracy, ESOL and pre-entry **curricula documents**, a whole section of embedding English and maths for vocational teachers.
- <http://rwp.excellencegateway.org.uk/Home/> - Access to national resources developed between 2001 and 2010. Includes **national learning materials**, initial and diagnostic **assessment** and **Access for All**.
- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/18259](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/18259) - **resources** for English (literacy), ESOL and mathematics (numeracy) teachers with downloading instructions.
- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/sfilln](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/sfilln) - Skills for Life Support Programme – offers a support service to institutions offering Skills for Life to enable quality improvement.

- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/20171](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/20171) - most recent editions of '**Update**' magazine contains news and information about new and current projects. Links to previous editions.
- [tlp.excellencegateway.org.uk/tlp/fs/fs-resources/index.php](http://tlp.excellencegateway.org.uk/tlp/fs/fs-resources/index.php) – **Being Functional** site, contains resources for assessing, embedding, teaching and a whole organisation approach to **functional skills**.
- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/17215](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/17215) - reports, resources and materials for **learning support** staff and managers.
- [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/1150](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/1150) - **starter kits** for English (literacy), Mathematics (numeracy) and ESOL. Includes guidance to providers on the whole organisation approach, embedding and professional development training.
- [www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk) - the National Literacy Trust, an independent charity dedicated to building a literate nation.
- [www.lsis.org.uk/](http://www.lsis.org.uk/) - Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS), the sector-owned body that aims to accelerate the drive for excellence in the learning and skills sector.
- [www.move-on.org.uk/index.asp](http://www.move-on.org.uk/index.asp) - **national literacy and numeracy practice tests** Level 1 and Level 2.
- [www.niace.org.uk](http://www.niace.org.uk) - the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
- [www.nrdc.org.uk](http://www.nrdc.org.uk) - the National Research and Development Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy (NRDC), dedicated to conducting research and development projects to improve literacy, numeracy, language and related skills and knowledge.
- [www.readingagency.org.uk/adults/](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/adults/) - resources and campaigns to encourage adult reading.
- [www.skillsforlifenet.com](http://www.skillsforlifenet.com) - **news and information** network for Skills for Life Professionals.
- [www.skillsworkshop.org](http://www.skillsworkshop.org) – a large bank of free teaching resources for literacy, numeracy, ESOL and functional skills produced by practitioners.
- [www.talent.ac.uk](http://www.talent.ac.uk) - information on **initial teacher training** and **continuing professional development** for individuals, teachers and employers including a coursefinder and detailed list of voluntary organisations and websites where jobs are advertised. Contains news, information and large bank teaching resources produced by practitioners.
- <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/skillsforlife/> - News, funding information and publications from the Skills Funding Agency

## Numeracy

- [www.ncetm.org.uk](http://www.ncetm.org.uk) - a major initiative to enhance professional development for mathematics teachers. Includes resources for teaching.
- <http://www.nanamic.org.uk/resources.htm> National Association of numeracy and mathematics in colleges. Includes numeracy teaching resources

## ESOL

- [www.natecla.org.uk](http://www.natecla.org.uk) - National Association for Teaching English and other Community Languages to Adults.
- [www.esolscotland.com](http://www.esolscotland.com) - ESOL developments in Scotland, including resources, information about ESOL courses for learners and professional development for practitioners
- <http://esol.britishcouncil.org/> - resources for learners and teachers.
- [www.esoluk.co.uk/index.php](http://www.esoluk.co.uk/index.php) - resources for learners and teachers including video and audio texts

## 2) Awarding Institutions

- [www.ascentis.co.uk](http://www.ascentis.co.uk) (formerly OCNW)
- [www.cambridgeesol.org](http://www.cambridgeesol.org)
- [www.city-and-guilds.co.uk](http://www.city-and-guilds.co.uk)
- [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com)
- [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)
- [www.trinitycollege.co.uk](http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk)

## 3) Jobs websites

- <http://www.independent.co.uk/student/career-planning/getting-job/> The Independent newspaper student micro-site
- <http://jobs.guardian.co.uk> The Guardian newspaper job website
- [www.fecareers.co.uk](http://www.fecareers.co.uk)
- [www.fejobs.com](http://www.fejobs.com)
- [www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com) – a website where you can search for Skills for Life providers
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx> - a website where you can search for Skills for Life providers – possible employers.
- <http://www.protocol-national.co.uk/pn/> - Protocol National, an agency with wide range of job opportunities and focus on temporary work in the sector
- [www.rit.refugeecouncil.org.uk/](http://www.rit.refugeecouncil.org.uk/) – a project that supports refugee teachers to return to teaching in England, also with ESOL teaching opportunities.
- [www.skillsforlifeforum.com/](http://www.skillsforlifeforum.com/) News and information network for Skills for Life professionals, with nationwide course and job search options
- [www.talent.ac.uk/](http://www.talent.ac.uk/) - Focus on London but includes nationwide course and job search options.

- [www.teachFE.com](http://www.teachFE.com).
- [www.tesjobs.co.uk](http://www.tesjobs.co.uk) The Times Education Supplement job website.

#### **4) Volunteering websites**

- [www.navca.org.uk/directory](http://www.navca.org.uk/directory) - National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA).
- <http://www.do-it.org> - 'Do-it' Search by postcode and interest (e.g. literacy) on the website.
- [www.timebank.org.uk](http://www.timebank.org.uk) - national charity that aims to inspire people to volunteer in their communities.
- <http://www.i-volunteer.org.uk/opportunities/> - I-volunteer
- <http://www.work-experience.org> - National Council for Work Experience.
- <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk> - National Council for Voluntary Organisations.
- [www.volunteering.org.uk](http://www.volunteering.org.uk) – Volunteer Development Agency for England
- [www.talent.ac.uk](http://www.talent.ac.uk) - Contact details for organisations and voluntary opportunities to teach English (literacy/ESOL) and maths (numeracy), particularly in London.
- [www.volunteering-ni.org](http://www.volunteering-ni.org) - Volunteer Development Agency for Northern Ireland
- [www.volunteernow.co.uk](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk) – Volunteer Now for Northern Ireland
- [www.volunteering-wales.net](http://www.volunteering-wales.net) – Volunteering in Wales. Includes contact details for local organisations and volunteering opportunities.
- [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk) - Wales Council for Volunteering Action (WCVA)
- [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk) - Volunteer Development in Scotland
- [www.volunteerscotland.org.uk](http://www.volunteerscotland.org.uk) - Volunteer Centre Network in Scotland. Search by postcode and interest and includes contact details for local organisations.