

IMPROVING INCLUSION AND OUTCOMES FOR LEARNERS WITH SEND

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITIES (SEND) COURSES AND SUPPORT**

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Ensuring learners with SEND are supported by education and training providers is a sign of an inclusive approach to improving their opportunities - in education, in employment and in leading meaningful lives. The information in this brochure shows what support there is for leaders, managers and practitioners in the Further Education and Training sector.

The Education and Training Foundation's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) offer includes resources, courses, webinars, networking opportunities and support.

Our offer is underpinned and informed by the sector to make sure that all learners with SEND are supported in their learning and in the achievement of their aspirations.

Our three newly formed Centres for Excellence in SEND are working with the sector to bring a step change in improving outcomes for learners with SEND.

"This nationally important Centres for Excellence in SEND programme will develop and enhance SEND provision and teaching in the FE sector, support individuals to reach their potential and boost the nation as a whole."

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE
THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION



Our offer includes:

- Three new Centres for Excellence in SEND, supporting leaders, managers and practitioners.
- A range of courses for everyone working with learners with SEND.
- Self-evaluation tools to help you reflect on your current skills, knowledge and teaching approaches.
- Strategic approaches, including training for managers and senior leaders.
- Inspirational videos from learners and leaders to show what a difference you can make.
- A wide range of resources, including resources to support specific learning needs and how to recognise and report progress and achievement (RARPA).

Find out more:

➤ Go to etfoundation.co.uk/SEND

✉ or contact Teresa Carroll, Head of Wellbeing and Social Inclusion

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Centres for Excellence in SEND

There are three distinct Centres for Excellence in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will be offering expert support for leaders, managers and practitioners who wish to put learners with SEND at the centre of their organisation as part of a Department for Education (DfE) funded national programme. Each Centre hosts a SEND Strategic Leadership Hub led by the Principal and/or CEO of the organisation to provide support to leaders of providers across England's Further Education (FE) and Training sector. Communities of practice within each centre are providing support to managers and/or practitioners. The Centres will each concentrate on one of three key themes for the programme:

People

Weston College focusses on people – how to ensure organisations take care of their staff and all learners with a particular focus on their mental, social and emotional needs.

Curriculum

Derby College focusses on curriculum – how to ensure that the curriculum always has a clear purpose so that learners with SEND have potential to achieve their aspirations.

Community

City College Norwich focusses on community – how to ensure that learners with SEND are progressing into and being present within communities who recognise and embrace their potential.

The aims of this transformational programme are to:

- Increase the engagement of senior leaders across the sector in strategic discussions about SEND. In particular, this includes exploring how the needs of learners with SEND feature in their strategic plans for organisational growth and in meeting local community needs. This also includes delivering high quality provision, setting the culture of their organisation and building capacity in their people.
- Develop and disseminate effective practice in the operationalisation of strategy. This will include creating pathways to employment, curriculum co-creation and delivery. Meeting workforce development needs, and, promoting staff and learner wellbeing are also important considerations.
- Increase the connection between the strategic direction of an organisation and the delivery of teaching and learning for learners with SEND.

➤ **Sign up for leadership support and to join communities of practice:**
send.excellencegateway.org.uk/centres-for-excellence

Resources

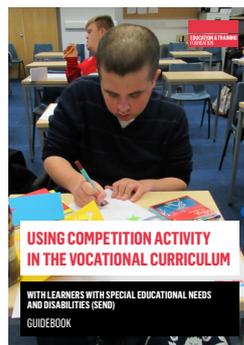
The SEND Exhibition site showcases a wide range of resources developed in response to the needs and feedback from the sector. Resources are available to support:

- working in the sector
- leadership and management
- teaching and learning
- employers and employability

Our latest resource offer includes:



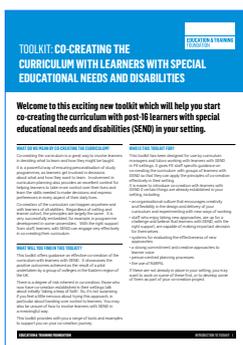
Are you considering working with learners with SEND or you already do and are thinking about your next step? This career guide is for you.



This toolkit provides you with a range of resources to embed competition activity into your curriculum in a way that enthuses both staff and learners.



This resource will help you as a manager with SEND responsibilities to work with your tutors and learning support assistants so everybody understands the difference they are making.



Creating the curriculum with your learners is one way of making sure that it is meaningful to them. This toolkit will help you to do this.



To help you explain supported internships, and secure more supported internship work placements, we have created a downloadable leaflet for you to personalise, print off and give to employers.

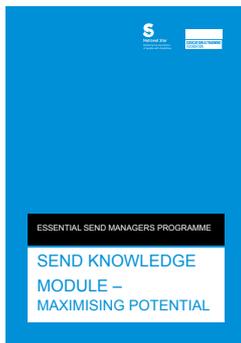


Phones, tablet and computers have a wide range of features built-in which can help you read, write and communicate. This display poster and interactive pdf, created by TechAbility, features all the links to the Make Technology Work for You videos.

Visit the SEND Exhibition site to see the wide variety of resources:
send.excellencegateway.org.uk

Courses

SEND Managers' programme:

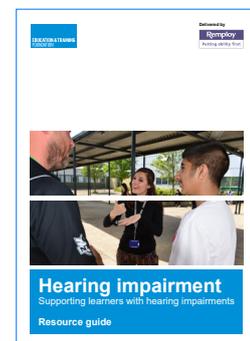


The two-day knowledge module equips managers with the skills, confidence and knowledge to navigate their way through the SEND landscape. It also increases the understanding of managers of SEND law, policy and the Code of Practice in relation to their role in the FE Sector.



The two-day 'How to lead when you're not in charge' module equips participants with the tools and techniques for working in complex situations. It also provides an opportunity to try out systems leadership approaches to reflect on how they can be applied to real-time issues.

Specific needs programme including guides:



One-day courses to support staff in the FE sector to increase their awareness and meet the needs of learners with dyslexia, autism and hearing loss. They equip practitioners and managers with the knowledge and confidence to adapt communication, teaching strategies and environments, to enable learners to achieve their full potential.

🖱️ **Book a place:**
booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/search

Online modules

Access our free online modules on Foundation Online Learning.

There are two self-assessment tools to support practitioners and organisations to assess their effectiveness at supporting learners with SEND.

Develop your skills and confidence at supporting learners with SEND, developing your system leadership skills or building your confidence at working with employers through our free online learning opportunities.



The right place - work placements for students with SEND, is a free online interactive course created by the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) in partnership with Mencap. You might also want to develop your IAG skills and/or check out what additional support is available to help learners with SEND through our IAG courses.

How to enrol

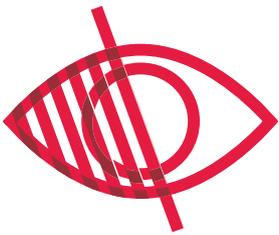
The modules can be found at Foundation Online Learning at foundationonline.org.uk. This is the Moodle-based learning environment of the ETF.

To enrol:

1. Ensure that cookies are enabled on your browser
2. Go to foundationonline.org.uk
3. Log in or create an account to set up your username and password
4. From the 'homepage' choose SEND from the course list
5. Then select from the available courses
6. Choose the Enrol option
7. You are ready to start!

Coming soon

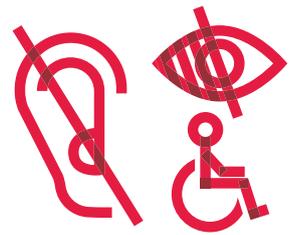
We also hope to offer training on supporting learners in mainstream providers who have:



Sight loss or are blind



Physical disabilities



Multiple disabilities



In response to demand, we are developing a workshop provisionally entitled **'Everything you need to know about funding support for learners with SEND'**.

Want to find out more?

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"I wasn't sure what I'd get from this but I give it a 10 for how it has made me think. We all need to strive for our common goals, but appreciating our differences within this – we need to tell our own story – make it personal!"

PARTICIPANT OF
'HOW TO LEAD WHEN YOU'RE
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