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language and numeracy provision and  
help more learners achieve qualifications  
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Support for Literacy, Language  
and Numeracy in the South East

**LSIS** LEARNING  
AND SKILLS  
IMPROVEMENT  
SERVICE



Access the **new, LSIS sector-led support programme** and improve the quality of your literacy, language and numeracy provision (encompassing Skills for Life and functional skills) so that more learners achieve their qualifications and progress in life and at work.

## What's involved?

Choose to focus on a number of national priorities that include:

- Establishing a strategic, whole organisation approach to your literacy, language and numeracy provision
- Embedding literacy, language and numeracy skills development across your provision
- Improving the quality and increasing the quantity of your numeracy offer
- Being responsive to the New Approach to English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) and to the needs of other priority groups
- Building the capacity of your literacy, language and numeracy teacher and teacher training workforce
- Initial, diagnostic and ongoing assessment
- Developing flexible delivery models
- Employability skills.

You will be allocated an experienced practitioner/manager from our network of high performing lead providers to work with you to identify and address your development needs around your chosen priority. They will:

- deliver 5 days in-house support between September 2010 and July 2011, comprising consultancy, support and/or training as required

We could not have achieved a third of our progress without the support we have received. Complex areas have been simplified and resulted in achievable outcomes, directly impacting on the confidence of our staff. This will impact on our learners as we progress towards providing an improved learner journey.

As small organisations, it's easy to get isolated. These meetings are really valuable in sharing ideas and making us reflect on what we do at the moment.

Providers participating in LSIS Support for Skills for Life in 2009–10

- run a peer working group enabling you to work collaboratively with other local providers. A grant of £750 will help towards your staff costs and travel.

## What are the benefits of getting involved?

- increased learner participation and achievement of literacy, language and numeracy qualifications
- increased job outcomes for learners
- a greater awareness across your organisation of the barriers learners with poor literacy, language and numeracy face
- staff better equipped to support learners to develop their literacy language and numeracy skills and apply them in real situations.

Support your involvement in other key national initiatives such as:

- Functional skills
- New Approach to ESOL
- Foundation Learning
- Employer responsiveness.

## Who's the support for?

The support is relevant to all providers in the learning and skills sector:

- FE colleges
- Offender learning providers
- Training providers
- Adult and community learning providers
- Voluntary and community organisations
- Sixth form colleges

who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Providers who are new to literacy, language and numeracy provision
- Providers with significant numbers of learners below Level 2
- Offender learning institutions
- Providers with employer facing activity
- Employers seeking to improve the skills of their workforce
- Senior / middle managers, practitioners, IAG staff and teacher trainers employed by the above

## How do I apply?

Support activity will begin from **September 2010**. Places are limited to **37 providers**.

**To download the programme flyer and application form, please go to [www.excellencegateway.org.uk/294868](http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/294868)**

Your participation in the programme can be paid for by using funds allocated to your LSIS Account. Make sure you have activated your LSIS Account to avoid delays to the application process.

**For further information about LSIS Accounts, please visit the LSIS website at [www.lsis.org.uk/services/lisaccounts](http://www.lsis.org.uk/services/lisaccounts). You can contact the LSIS helpline on 02476 627 953 or [enquiries@lsis.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lsis.org.uk).**