



The enhancement of Learning Support

We need your help!

Are you interested in professional development for Learning Support Practitioners (LSPs)? Would you like to see development activities that build on what already works well and reflect what practitioners and learners say they really need? Have you got good experiences of effective practice that could be shared? We need your help to make sure that learners with additional needs receive effective, personalised and timely learning support.

The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has commissioned Natspec, the Association of National Specialist Colleges, to develop **a national programme of CPD to improve the quality and management of learning support for learners with additional needs across the FE sector.**

To improve the training and support available to LSPs and their managers we need your help and experience. We need to know:

- What are the training and development needs of LSPs and those who manage them?
- What opportunities, materials, accreditation and expertise currently exist to support the professional development of LSPs and those who manage them?
- What networks already exist at national, regional and local levels and how could we usefully develop these?

Here are the ways you can get involved.

- Complete the survey on the Natspec website, at www.natspec.org.uk. It only takes a few minutes, and sharing your experience will ensure the recommendations are relevant for practitioners.
- Contact the project managers to express your interest in contributing, perhaps by taking part in an interview, organising a local meeting of LSPs or sharing information about training materials that have worked for you.

The project advisory group includes AoC, Niace and Skill; we are working with LLUK to see how this project can best be aligned with their current work on a qualification pathway for LSPs working with LLDD.

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This is your chance to influence the outcomes of this important piece of work and improve the CPD available to LSPs and those who manage them. Please take the time to contribute.

