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For more information, to find local contacts, to view the calendar of events, to read about our accreditation options, or to contact us to volunteer to get involved, see the SDF website: sdf.ac.uk

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Introducing the Staff Development Forum



The Staff Development Forum (SDF) is a national, regionally representative UK network of staff, organisational and educational developers in Higher Education.

Our mission is to enhance personal and organisational practice and performance in Higher Education institutions, by supporting the initial, professional and ongoing career development of the staff development community.

Our aim is to provide: a forum for professional debate and discussion; a vehicle for the circulation and cross fertilisation of new ideas in the field; and a focus for continuing professional development (CPD) and professional accreditation opportunities. By acting as a 'hub' that links the work of our 12 regional networks, we are well placed to reflect a variety of perspectives on a range of current issues.

SDF encourages the sharing of good practice, closer working across institutions, and the development of stronger links with other professional bodies working in related areas in higher education.

If you work in the development community, in whatever capacity, we're glad to work with you to support your CPD, so please let us know your views and ideas. We already have an excellent working relationship with the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE), which financially supports the SDF through an annual grant. The SDF is also keen to work with other professional bodies that support developers in HEIs – please get involved and help us to influence the future of higher education.

We look forward to working with you!

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WHAT WE OFFER: CONNECTING, SUPPORTING, DEVELOPING

The SDF is committed to the promotion of excellence and the support of excellent practice in the Higher Education community. It provides support to the staff development community by a number of means, including:

- a calendar of national continuing professional development events
- pathways to gain professional accreditation for all levels of developers
- an Annual Conference for new and experienced staff, in partnership with the Leadership Foundation
- a low-cost Spring conference, providing very practical ideas for use back in HEIs
- support to regional consortia through which initial and continuing professional development, workshops and events are delivered
- mentoring, coaching and action learning schemes
- newsletters and electronic media
- publications on strategic issues affecting the profession
- sharing of resources and personal networking

GETTING INVOLVED

SDF provides support for anyone who has a remit for staff, organisational or educational development as part or all of their role. You can get involved in any of the following ways:

- subscribe on the SDF website to use forums for discussion with peers across the UK, receive updates and information
- contact your regional group and take part in their activities
- Attend any of SDF's national or regional events
- Get your professional expertise recognised via one of the SDFs accredited programmes
- Become a mentor on one of our accredited programmes
- Volunteer to offer a session, seminar or event for the calendar of activities.