

Online Training and resources for staff relating to SEND

A compilation of free resources online which staff may be able to access from home.

These were shared by the Educational Psychology community (EPNET) and collated by Megan Greenway, EP in Brighton and Hove.

General Subject Learning:

The Open University has a range of courses available:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

The vast range of topics on offer includes subject-specific learning such as 'Teaching Secondary Geography' as well as more general topics in education such as: 'What children's perspectives tell us about inclusion'; 'Understanding anxiety' and 'Understanding autism'.

General Special Educational Needs

FutureLearn offers a range of different courses which vary in length (most are 6-10 weeks long - with an expectation of a few hours work per week- but some are 2-3 weeks long).

<https://www.futurelearn.com/using-futurelearn>. I note one of their most popular resources is currently, "How to teach online courses". There is a vast selection of courses on offer but some that may interest staff include:

- * Good practice in autism education
- * Migrants and refugees in education: a toolkit for professionals
- * Managing behaviour for learning
- * Teaching students who have suffered complex trauma

NASEN (National Association for Special Educational Needs) has some online training – you need to register (or the SENDCo/Headteacher can register you)

<https://nasen.org.uk/training-and-cpd/online-learning.html>

There are also a series of mini guides that you can download which includes titles like, "**Girls and Autism: Flying under the Radar**"; "**Transition**" and "**Supporting reading and literacy in secondary schools**" amongst others. https://nasen.org.uk/resource-listing.html?information_type=miniguide

The SEND gateway has numerous resources that are mainly pdfs but also provides a list of free online learning here:

https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/resources.html?keyword=online+learning&type=resources&sort_by=relevance&g_audience=&is_paid_for=0
Social Emotional Mental Health

Mind Ed offers free, completely open access, online education in over 300 topics, centred around mental well-being

<https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/minded/#gr>

The Alberta Family Wellness Initiative (AFWI) officially began in 2007, with a goal to improve outcomes in health and wellbeing for children and families across Alberta. They provide free online training around the brain: <https://www.albertafamilywellness.org/training>

Beacon house do not have online training but some helpful resources that it would be good for staff to read:

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/resources/>

ACEs Online Learning provides an introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and early trauma (with a certificate for completion)

<https://www.acesonlinelearning.com/>

Speech, Language and Social Communication

The Communication Trust is a coalition of over 50 not-for-profit organisations, working together to support everyone who works with children and young people in England to support their speech, language and communication. They offer a range of free training such as:

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/professional-development/online-short-course/>

The National Autistic Society offers some free training occasionally – currently they have 'Managing Money and 'Finding Employment' which are helpful when thinking about approaches to discussing these topics with young people who have ASC.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/training-consultancy/online/managing-money.aspx#<https://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/training-consultancy/online/managing-money.aspx>>