



How far will you go?
Start your journey towards
more inclusive practice!



Carving out time from your busy school/college day for continuing professional development (CPD) is essential. A first class CPD journey will help you move towards deeper knowledge, improved skills and increased confidence.

But how can you be sure that the CPD you choose will get you to where you want to be?

Universal SEND Services is an ambitious programme, funded until 2026 by the Department for Education. It is delivered by nasen through Whole School SEND and in partnership with the Education and Training Foundation.

It provides practitioners with a range of learning journeys – from Short Hops to Round the World – to suit every role and career stage.

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Short Hop Learning Journeys



"I need some light touch training and can invest up to an hour"

Our Online SEND CPD units help practitioners explore some of the most commonly observed barriers to learning in classrooms and other learning environments regardless of age, label or area of need.

There is no need to study the units in order. Each one takes under an hour to complete and provides practitioners with clear guidance on adaptations to help meet the needs of all learners.

Themes covered include: Social, Emotional and Mental Health, Sensory Processing, Physical Needs, Safety and Belonging, Language and Communication, Developing Skills for Maths, Reading and Writing, Transitions, Promoting Independence, Executive Function, Memory, and Person Centred Working.

START YOUR JOURNEY →



Intercity Learning Journeys



"I want to move towards an intermediate level of CPD and can invest around 1-2 hours"

Our Specialist Spotlight sessions are ideal for anyone who would like to further contextualise learning from online SEND CPD units. These hour-long live online discussions often feature the specialists involved in the development of the units and are a great space in which to build on learning, to share experiences and seek advice.

They run throughout the year, so whenever you have time to complete a new SEND CPD unit, you will be able to top up your learning with a Specialist Spotlight. We also run termly webinars in response to the sector's hot topics at a point in time.

In addition: The Education and Training Foundation host Communities of Practice (CoPs) on the themes of People, Careers and Specialist Support. CoPs are open to anyone working in Education and Skills with an interest in improving experiences for post-16 learners with an inclusion need.

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Round the World Learning Journeys



"I want to work at greater depth and can invest upwards of 10 hours self study time or have support from a team of colleagues"

If you have responsibility for school improvement or an ambition to identify and run a small-scale research project that could be shared with others, our more advanced CPD strands could be for you.

Professional Development Groups

Our Professional Development Groups offer an unrivalled space for teachers and school and college leaders to provide peer to peer reflection, challenge and support, while our Peer Mentoring for School Leaders has helped many schools to develop and implement individual improvement plans that have led to improved outcomes in inspections.

The benefits: Our more advanced CPD learning journeys help make sure that SEND is prioritised in school/college improvement plans, and that the education and opportunities for children and young people with SEND are built into every policy, not added in afterwards.

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Autism Awareness & Inclusion

Whether you're building personal expertise or supporting whole-school development, our new autism programme offers flexible, impactful solutions.



Train the Trainer package

Our Train the Trainer package is aligned with the latest DfE & EEF standards. It empowers school leaders, SENCOs, and inclusion leads to deliver high quality, evidence based autism training across their teams with confidence.

What's Included:

- ✓ Ready-Made training slides with speaker notes.
- ✓ 'How to' webinars, offering guidance on delivery from the specialists behind the programme.



Online Autism CPD Units

Developed in collaboration with autism specialists and individuals with lived experience, these units provide practical insights to help you to implement effective support for students with autism.

What's Included:

- ✓ Three new online units suitable for all roles in primary, secondary, and post-16 settings.
- ✓ An additional two units specifically for school leaders.
- ✓ Clear and practical guidance on adaptations to teaching practice.



YOU CAN TAKE AS MANY LEARNING JOURNEYS AS YOU NEED TO GET TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE!