

The Professional Development Forum



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- Set up in 1998
- Publication of National Guidelines on Provision leading to the TQFE and Related Professional Development



Members of the PDF

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Aim of the Forum

- The aim of the Forum is
 - To facilitate and enhance the training and continuing professional development of FE lecturers in Scotland
 - Approval of provision of high quality units of initial teacher training and continuing professional development which meet the needs of the individual and the profession



Role of the Forum

- To oversee the arrangements for updating the occupational standards in the National Guidelines
- To approve according to agreed criteria applications from “approved providers” for individual units of Initial Teacher Training and CPD to be included in the National Index



Approved providers

- Sub group deals with approvals
- 38 colleges approved to deliver PDAs
- 30 delivering full awards
- Automatic approval for advanced diplomas if no change to delivery team
- Approvals required for new Advanced Diploma Teaching Children and Young People



Future programme: New awards

- 2 practitioner members to participate on steering group to oversee procuring teaching materials and assessment instruments for new awards and report back
- Sub-group to work with SQA to write CPD unit specs on Diversity, ICT and Managing and Leading a Curriculum Team and take PDAs through validation process
- PDF representative to sit on approval panel for new TQFE programmes in May



Liaison with SLALE Sub-Group

- Associate membership to liaise re implementation of recommendations on teacher training and CPD
- Role for Forum in sector wide support for training and development of those who support learning and teaching?



School/college partnerships

- Proposed place on new working group on qualifications for those who work with pupils



Other future roles

- Conference in conjunction with Professional Development Network
- Some role with LLUK in building coherent standards and qualifications framework



Further Information

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