

Resources to support embedding

Making the most of the embedded learning portal

What is it?

The <u>Embedded Learning Portal</u> contains the online versions of the Skills for Life Materials for Embedded Learning.

These embedded teaching and learning materials are designed for use by vocational teachers and trainers, Skills for Life teachers, teachers working in community, employability and health settings and employability programmes.

They have been written to assist learners who are developing vocational skills and preparing for national qualifications in work, college and community-based settings.

There is strong evidence to suggest that many adult learners working towards national qualifications are held back from achieving their full potential because their competence and confidence in LLN does not match their skills in other areas. The Skills for Life Materials for Embedded Learning aim to provide a way for learners to develop subject and LLN confidence simultaneously.

The materials cover 28 vocational, employability, health and community contexts. There are also some interactive materials set in adult contexts.

The materials are mapped to the Adult Core Curricula for Literacy and Numeracy, the Key Skills Standards and National Occupational Standards wherever relevant.

How to access and use the portal

There is a simple guide to accessing the portal and using the learning materials in the Skills for Life Support Programme continuing professional development package titled 'Using resources effectively to embed LLN'. (Module 5b - Handout 7: Using the Embedded Learning Portal.)

Access the full CPD package at: http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/269853

The resources are available in both PDF and Word format. The Word versions allow teachers to adapt the materials to specific settings. The materials are most effective when adapted to learners' needs and contexts. The amount of material in each pack means that it can be difficult for learners to use without adaptation.

More about the content

The Embedded Learning Portal also contains **interactive**, screen-based literacy, language and numeracy practice materials. The practice material is generic and therefore not embedded into a given context, but has been set in everyday recognisable settings.

These activities are written to 'practise' rather than 'teach' key aspects of literacy, language and numeracy.

They are designed to complement the Materials for Embedded Learning. They provide approximately 20 hours of self-contained literacy and numeracy skills practice materials, with skills from pre-entry (Milestones 7 and 8) to Level 2 of the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Core Curriculum.

Click <u>here</u> for a full 16-page guide to the interactive materials.