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CPD Offer

2026/27

We know that teaching is an ever changing landscape, so at STSA we want to ensure that we meet your needs, so that you keep pace with current educational thinking and pedagogy, enabling you to fulfil your role and responsibilities, whether you are just starting out on your career, training to be a teacher, in your first two years of teaching, a middle or senior leader, an aspiring Headteacher or an Executive Leader, we are here to support your journey.

Research tells us that high quality professional development can have an impact on improving the quality of teaching, which leads to improved outcomes for children and young people. As James Zuccollo and Harry Fletcher Wood note, 'the impact of high quality PD on pupil attainment compares to the impact of having a teacher with ten years experience rather than a new graduate'.

As well as Train to Teach, and as part of STEP with Early Career Teachers and a suite of National Professional Qualifications, we want to ensure that we meet the local need of our teaching profession with high quality professional development. This includes a range of professional development courses and network meetings to ensure that practitioners and leaders have the **knowledge** and **skills** to deliver high quality **provision** that will impact positively on pupil outcomes. These will be evidence based and include practical application and time for reflection and action planning.

Our professional development is about sustainable change and long term impact on practitioners, leaders and outcomes for children and young people.

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Deputy and Assistant Heads Termly Network Meeting

Led by Harv Kumar. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

5th November 2026 – 4pm – 5.30pm

17th March 2027 – 4pm – 5.30pm

20th May 2027 – 1pm – 4pm

All sessions will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £56 per session or £168 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

Visit our website or email sue.stoddart2@taw.org.uk to secure your place.

Relevant content in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Nice to network with colleagues and share feelings, challenges and what we enjoy about our roles.

English Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Julie Marriott. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

15th October 2026

4th February 2027

6th May 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Maths Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Hayley Jones. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

5th October 2026

8th February 2027

17th May 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

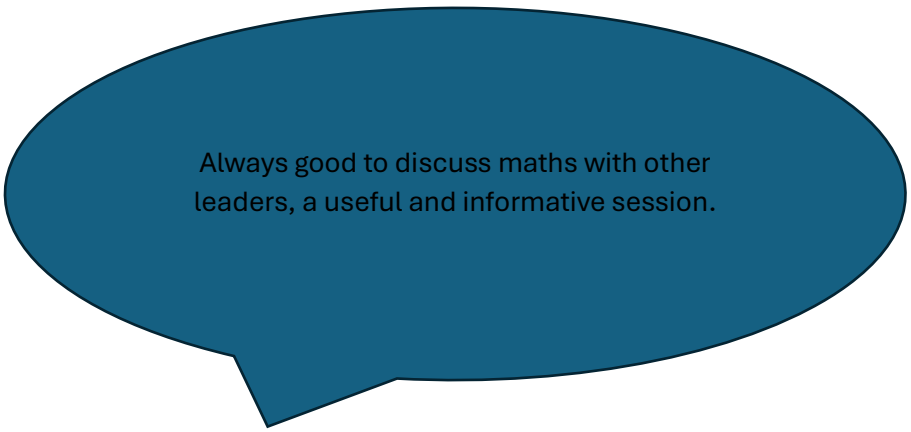
Cost:

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Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Science Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Kate Redhead from the Primary Science Teaching Trust. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

9th November 2026 – 1pm – 4.00pm (in person)

1st March 2027 – 4pm – 5.30pm (online)

21st June 2027– 4pm – 5.30pm (online)

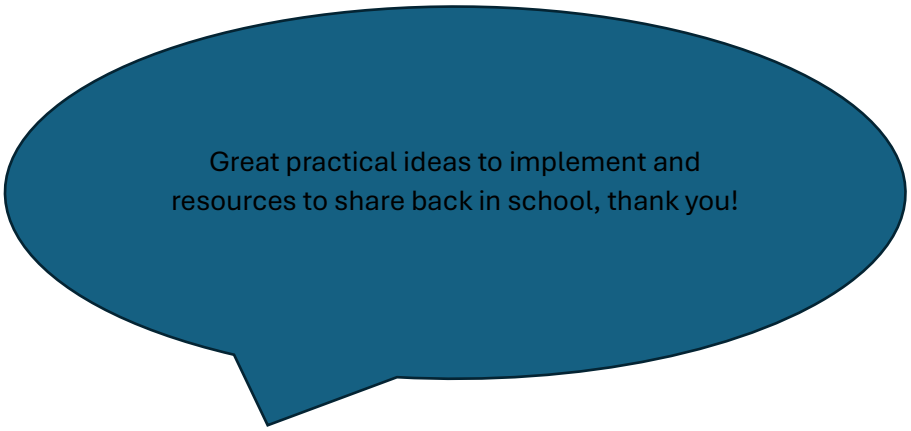
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Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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History Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Chris Tay, Edutaytion. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

14th October 2026

20th January 2027

5th May 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Geography Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Chris Tay, Edutaytion. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

11th November 2026

10th February 2027

19th May 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Primary Languages Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Connie Watts. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

3rd November 2026

3rd February 2027

15th June 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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PSHEE Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Sarah Roberts. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

16th November 2026

4th March 2027

14th June 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

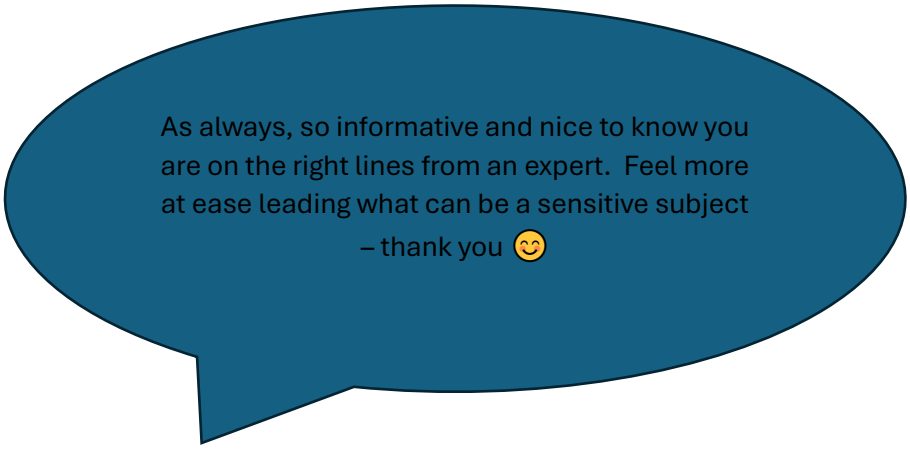
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D&T Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Leanne Mee from The STEM Workshop. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

18th November 2026

6th January 2027

14th April 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Having time to reflect on our own planning was really useful! Thank you 😊

Informative session – great food for thought! Thank you 😊

Art Subject Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Andrew Fox. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

7th October 2026 – 4pm – 5.30pm (online)

2nd February 2027 – 4pm – 5.30pm (online)

10th June 2027 – 1pm – 4pm (in person)

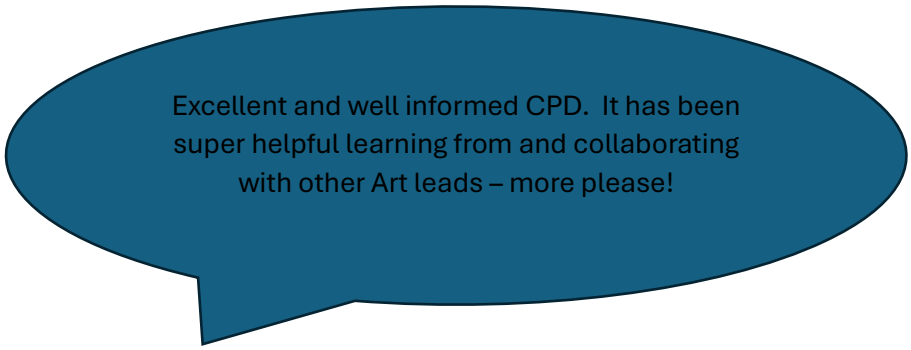
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Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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EYFS Leader Termly Network Meeting

Led by Christobel Cousins. Termly network providing subject updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

1st October 2026

9th February 2027

25th May 2027

All sessions will take place from 4.00pm until 5.30pm, and will be held in person.

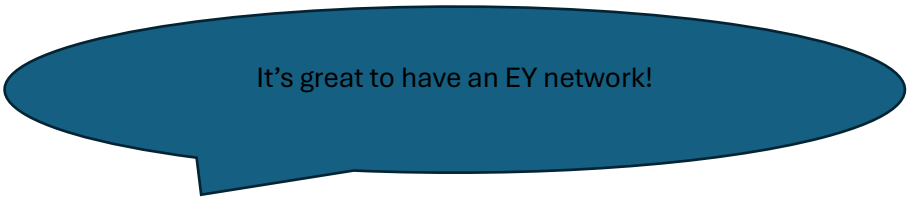
Cost:

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Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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Governors Termly Network Meeting

Led by Julie Ball, STSA adviser. An informal session for governors - an opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another in your roles

Dates:

17th November 2026 – 1.30pm – 3pm

2nd March 2027 – 4pm – 5.30pm

9th June 2027– 1.30pm – 3pm

All sessions will be held in person.

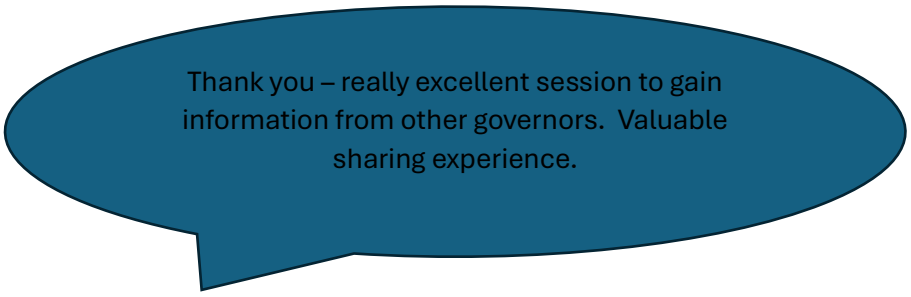
Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session or £200 for all three, for up to three governors

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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EAL Co-ordinators Termly Network Meeting

Led by Qamar Maqsood, Equity in Education (EiE) Services. Termly network providing updates and collaboration opportunities.

Dates:

4th May 2027- 4.00pm until 5.30pm (in person).

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £75 per session

Non subscribing schools - £90 per session

Booking

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National Curriculum History and Geography: an overview of current trends

This short online session aims to give subject leaders new to their coordinating role in Geography and/or History, an overview of the latest developments in the National Curriculum including the model used to underpin the recent Curriculum and Assessment Review. This is the model used in the termly STSA network forums for History and Geography subject leaders and so familiarity with this is useful in understanding the terminology and practices discussed at these meetings.

The session begins with the re-definition of the 'knowledge-rich' curriculum as set out in the Review's conceptual position paper (March, 2025) and goes onto explore how this shapes curriculum design in Geography and History both now and in the near future as the proposed "minor refinements" appear. The model for History and Geography aligns with the current understanding of subject associations and Ofsted and so the session may also be of interest to curriculum leaders wishing to refresh their knowledge of recent trends in curriculum design.

Date & Time:

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

4pm – 5pm via Microsoft Teams

Cost:

Free to STSA subscribing schools, £30 for non-subscribers.

Booking

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Establishing a Safeguarding Board for Children

Delegates will leave with the confidence and a clear plan of how to establish a safeguarding board for children. Led by Sarah Roberts.

Date:

10th November 2026

Time:

1pm – 4pm in person.

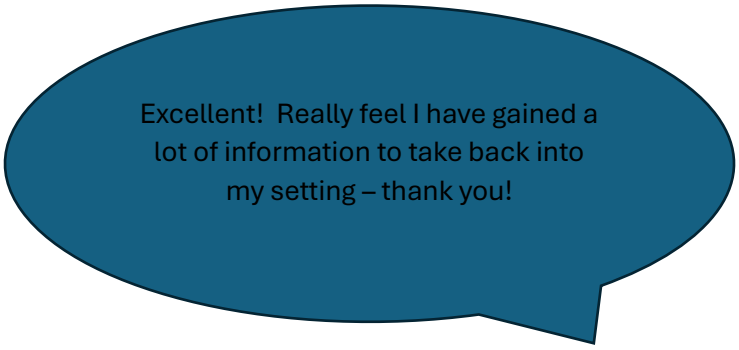
Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £90 per delegate

Non subscribing schools - £105 per delegate

Booking

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Level 1 Makaton Training with Severn Training & Schools Alliance

Level 1 training is the starting point for learning Makaton. It is recommended for anyone with an interest in Makaton, including:

- parents, family members, carers and workers who need to use Makaton at home and in their work
- participants who need a more detailed knowledge about using and applying Makaton to develop the communication skills of others

Content

Level 1 training provides a practical introduction to the Makaton Communication Programme.

Sessions include discussing commonly asked questions, hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use and how to start using Makaton in everyday situations at home or work.

You will also learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 and 2, and some of the Additional stage, of the Core Vocabulary.

Duration

The Level 1 workshop training is made up of two modules:

Module 1 – Wednesday 25th November 2026, 9.15am – 12.15pm

Module 2 – Wednesday 9th December 2026, 9.15am – 12.15pm

Delegates must attend both sessions to gain their Level 1 certificate.

Cost:

£90 per delegate to include refreshments, manual and certificate.

Booking

Visit our website or email sue.stoddart2@taw.org.uk to secure your places now! Places are limited to 15 delegates per course.

Level 2 Makaton Training with Severn Training & Schools Alliance

The Level 2 workshop provides a practical learning session on how apply the Makaton Communication Programme. It will build on topics learnt from Level 1 training including; people, food, activities, objects and events. New vocabulary will also be introduced which is ideal for the school environment and work places. You will begin to learn more abstract concepts such as spatial locations, attributes, pronouns and actions.

You will receive a Participant's Manual, which includes the Makaton symbols and signs that you learn in the workshop. You will also be given a certificate of attendance.

This course is only available to those who have completed the Level 1 Workshop. Participants will be required to show their certificate before undertaking the workshop.

Duration

The Level 2 workshop training is made up of two modules:

Module 1 – Tuesday 9th February 2027, 9.15am – 12.15pm

Module 2 – Tuesday 23rd February 2027, 9.15am – 12.15pm

Delegates must attend both sessions to gain their certificate.

Cost:

£90 per delegate to include refreshments, manual and certificate.

Booking

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Complex Needs TA Training

Led by Sam Bourton. The aim of the sessions is to equip your support staff to feel more confident in working with the ever increasing SEND needs presenting in school.

Sessions/Dates:

Communication – Wednesday 25th November 2026

Regulation and Learning Environments – Tuesday 8th December 2026

Sensory Impairments – Wednesday 20th January 2027

Adapting the Curriculum – Wednesday 3rd February 2027

Communicating with Parents – Wednesday 10th March 2027

Time:

All sessions will be held face to face and will run from 1.15pm until 3.15pm.

Cost:

Subscribing Schools - £30 per delegate per session

Non subscribing schools - £40 per delegate per session

Booking

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