

How can CPD be collaborative?

Webinar handout

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CPD ideas and links

Here are some **ideas for CPD** you can undertake:

- **Professional courses.** (e.g.: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/training>)
- **Webinars** – many teaching organisations and publishers offer free webinars.
- **Teachmeets** - these are casual and free mini conferences where teachers give a short presentation to peers on a teaching idea, innovation or resource.
- **Forums** - these are casual meetings where teachers can share ideas, exchange resources or get advice from their peers. They could be face-to-face or online.
- **Networking** - sign up for conferences and meetings.
- **Professional memberships** - sign up to a teaching organisation.
- **Peer observations** – work with other teachers in your school/organisation.
- **Professional reading:** books, articles and teacher blogs.
- **Resource/lesson plan sharing websites.**
- **TED Talks:** <https://www.ted.com/about/programs-initiatives/ted-talks-education>.
- **YouTube videos** (*special mention to Scott Thornbury, Jo Gakonga, Paul Nation, Jeremy Harmer and Dylan Wiliam*).
- **Become a 'Certified Educator'** with organisations such as Microsoft, Google, Kahoot, or Apple Teacher.
- **Action Research.** *Watch session 3 of the recording to learn more about this
- **Professional discussions,** meetings and standardisation activities.
- **Coaching and mentoring** – work with other teachers in your school/area.

Here are some **useful links:**

- Professional Development Networks - British Council:
<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/professional-development/teachers/taking-responsibility-professional-development/networks>.

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- Webinars for Teachers - British Council: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/webinars/webinars-teachers>
 - Training Courses - British Council: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/webinars/webinars-teachers>.
 - Professional Teaching Networks - British Council: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/professional-development/teachers/taking-responsibility-professional-development/networks>.
 - NATECLA CPD events: <https://community.natecla.org.uk/events>.
 - IATEFL CPD events: <https://www.iatefl.org/events>.
 - MOOC suggestion – FutureLearn: <https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/teaching-courses/teaching-english-tefl> .
 - MOOC suggestion – Education and Development – Open Learn: <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses/?filter=date/grid/29524/all/all/all/>.
 - Teacher Training Videos – Russell Stannard: <https://www.teachertrainingvideos.com/>.

Further reading

- CPD Framework for teachers - British Council: www.teachingenglish.org.uk/sites/teacheng/files/CPD_framework_for_teachers_WEB.PDF
- Planning effective Continuing Professional Development programmes for teachers – key principles - British Council: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/professional-development/teacher-educators/planning-learning/articles/planning-effective-continuing>.
- Why is CPD so important - Teacher Development Trust: <https://tdtrust.org/leading-cpd/why-is-cpd-so-important/>.
- Why CPD is key to teacher satisfaction and retention – AOC: <https://www.aoc.co.uk/news-campaigns-parliament/news-views/aoc-blogs/why-cpd-is-key-to-teacher-satisfaction-and-retention>.
- What is CPD in Education and Why Is It Important? - The CPD Group: <https://thecpd.group/articles/view/what-is-cpd-in-education-and-why-is-it-important>.
- Innovations in the continuing professional development of English language teachers - edited by David Hayes: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/publications/case-studies-insights-and-research/innovations-continuing-professional-development>.
- Outstanding Teaching Learning and Assessment (OTLA), Practitioner Action Research Projects, ETF: <https://ccpathways.co.uk/practitioner-research/otla8/>
- Report: '[Independent review of teachers' professional development in schools](https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/reports/independent-review-of-teachers-professional-development-in-schools)' - Ofsted, UK.
- Timperley's 5 enablers of professional conversations – Teacher Development Trust: <https://tdtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Timperleys-5-enablers-of-professional-conversations-2.pdf>

A recording of Rachel's webinar can be watched here: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/webinars/webinars-teachers/developing-teachers-mini-event>