

Are you a CPD co-ordinator?

Do you want to improve your colleagues' mentoring and coaching skills?

The long awaited Effective Mentoring & Coaching Suite of resources is now available. Built on CUREE's extensive knowledge and expertise in the field, and road tested every inch of the way by teachers, this inspirational six-pack series will transform your approach to coaching and mentoring, and help you enthuse and inspire your colleagues to develop the skills they need.



Each pack contains a CD which includes animations or video clips based on real-life examples, and tasks and activities for every aspect of mentoring and coaching, from getting started to de-briefing. They include:

- taster activities to give you an idea of your colleagues' existing thinking and skills
- diagnostic activities to help your colleagues recognise critical incidents and reflect on their developing skills in tackling them
- activities to introduced your colleagues to the skills they need
- skill development activities to help your colleagues develop their skills as coaches, mentors and professional learners.

Each pack also contains a Facilitator's Guide and a unique full colour Booklet that gives a condensed introduction to the main features of the resource along with ideas about how to use it. The packs focus on:

- linking coaching and mentoring with school development and performance management
- putting professional learners in charge of their own development through coaching
- securing learning and accreditation benefits from mentoring
- developing coaches' skills in increasing professional learners' independence
- developing mentors' ability to support professional learners in drawing on evidence and expertise
- ensuring the right mix of challenge and support in co-coaching.



Use the packs to run twilight sessions, whole day staff development days, starter activities for departmental meetings or to introduce learning with fun or work with colleagues on a one-to-one basis. Whatever your needs, the interactive planning tool will help you to plan your session by enabling you to choose the building blocks you want to use and organising them into a sequence that meets your needs.

For further information about the Effective Mentoring and Coaching suite or to place an order, please visit the CUREE website at <http://www.curee-paccts.com/dynamic/curee57.jsp?m=59>, email emac@curee.co.uk or telephone 02476 524036.

Work in FE? Want to keep up-to-date with the latest research findings?

The Quality Improvement Agency (QIA) has launched a quarterly journal for sharing excellence in the further education system.

Inside, you'll find a collection of summaries of recent research on a range of teaching and learning topics. The Inside Evidence section, produced by CUREE, explores what the research says about:

- learning styles
- thinking skills techniques
- group discussion
- 14-19 pathfinders
- the Entry to Employment (E2E) programme
- assessment
- numeracy and vocational learning.

Each article draws out how the findings can impact on practice.

QIA's journal, which includes Inside Evidence, is downloadable from: www.qia.org.uk/

Watch out for the second issue which focuses on self-regulation and personalisation, due to be published in the Autumn.



Interested in finding out how other teachers support G&T students?



In partnership with the National Teacher Research Panel (NTRP), the latest issue of Inside Information is now published. The whole publication is devoted to ways of supporting G&T students. Sponsored by the National Academy for Gifted & Talented Youth (NAGTY), the booklet features research projects by teachers generated through NAGTY's Developing Expertise Awards. Areas explored in this issue include:

- increasing the challenge for G&T students
- causes of underachievement in G&T students
- identifying students' creative talent
- ways G&T students gain from enrichment activities
- including and differentiating for G&T pupils.

As with previous issues, you can get a personal insight into the research through interviews with the teacher-researchers, implications for your practice and useful websites too. We've also included some excellent research tools, which you'll find helpful for when you come to collect your own data.

Inside Information 3 is downloadable from the NTRP website at: www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/ntrp/ To request a free hard copy, please email: zenobia.daar@curee.co.uk

Need help with the principals qualifying programme?

We have been helping the Centre for Excellence in Leadership (CEL) in their development of a set of self-study units to support the new CEL principals qualifying programme. The units provide practical information and advice for busy principals, particularly those who are new

in post and/or have come into the FE sector from other routes. We understand what it's like to be in the front-line, so we've made sure the material provides the information that principals need clearly and concisely. To find out more email: jean.macdonald@curee.co.uk