

REFLECT Connections

The Institute for Learning is committed to providing a range of services and benefits to members that support individual and organisational professional development.

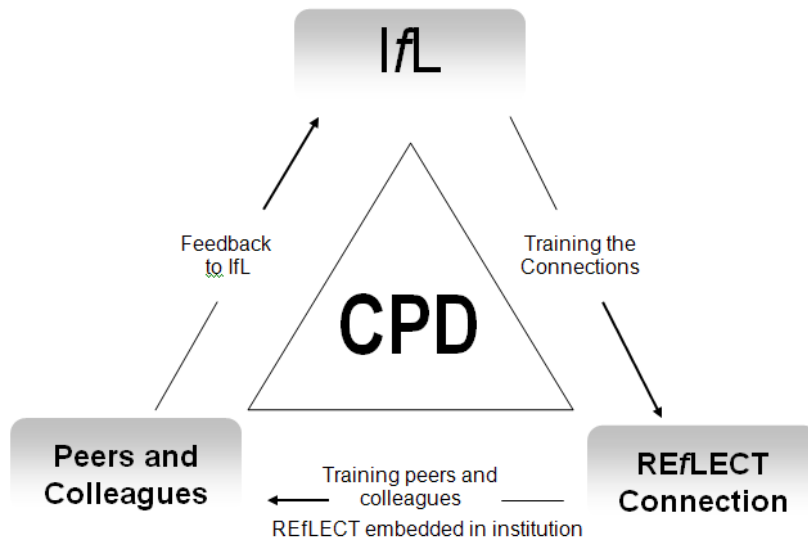
Pilot project

During 2008 we have been working with colleges and providers to pilot REFLECT Connections training. The pilot has been extremely successful. In response we are launching a new national capacity building Connections network.

The IfL Connections network will provide a national system for supporting excellence in teaching, training and learning through Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

The Connections role

Connections are volunteers within organisations who offer peer-to-peer support, advice and guidance to colleagues in the effective use of REFLECT, they will become an essential link between IfL, their peers and organisations.



Examples of support

Support for others could include cascading training through REfLECT workshops with colleagues, uploading IfL resources to your Intranet, sharing and producing resources with peers, contributing to local events and conferences and creating local communities of practice through REfLECT.

Benefits for Connections

- Individual and organisational professional development
- Access to a wide range of materials
- Regional and National Networks
- Online communities
- Peer-to-peer support & review
- Strategies for effective CPD
- E-learning resources, tools and techniques
- Updates on latest research
- Sharing examples of innovative practice
- Positive impact on teaching, training and learning

Working with partners

From April there will be a Specialist Connection in each of the Centres for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETTs). They will be supporting you in your role through regional networks and REfLECT workshops.

In addition to the support you will receive from the CETT Connections, We are working with a wide range of partners to ensure practitioners, colleges and providers receive

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additional local support from regional Advisers. These include LSIS, Becta, Niace, RSCs and others.

If anyone from your organisation would like to register an interest in becoming an IfL Connection, please contact connections@ifl.ac.uk