

## The NCETM PD Lead Programme 2026/27 – Information Sheet

### Overview

The aim of the NCETM and the Maths Hubs Programme is to provide opportunities for all practitioners of mathematics to benefit from high-quality collaborative professional development (PD). This requires that there are enough people with the skills and capacity to lead, facilitate and support the professional development of others, both within and across settings.

The NCETM PD Lead Programme (PDLP) is designed specifically to address this need. This is part of the Maths Hubs Network's strategy to build up a group of PD Leads who can support the work of local Maths Hubs.

It would be a good idea to contact your local Maths Hub before filling out the application form to introduce yourself and share the professional development experience that you have. You can find your local Maths Hub using the [search tool on the NCETM website](#).

### What will participation in the programme involve?

The programme consists of a blend of online and face-to-face activity equating to three days, and a series of independent planning and study tasks to be completed in your setting, spread over the academic year. You will be in a position where you have ownership of planning, leading and evaluating a professional development programme for a group of teachers/practitioners. Your work and reflections on the programme will be shared for accreditation purposes in a standardised document (Accreditation Evidence Document (AED)).

Throughout the year you will:

- consider what constitutes effective PD and the role of the PD Lead in terms of planning, executing and evaluating PD programmes
- consider some fundamental themes and issues in maths and the teaching of maths, and the implications of these in the context of supporting other practitioners
- develop an understanding of the full range of potential outcomes of maths professional development, including: knowledge, attitudes and dispositions; practice development; school approaches/policies; pupil outcomes
- develop an understanding of effective models of maths professional development, the rationale for using them, and the research evidence that supports them.

Accreditation will be based on your ability to successfully:

- regularly engage with the Cohort Lead with regard to your decision-making processes and actions involved in designing a PD programme
- critically evaluate the effectiveness of the PD programme you have designed
- reflect on the whole process and critically assess your own learning and practice development as a PD Lead.

In order to be recognised as an NCETM Accredited PD Lead, you will need to successfully complete the programme through meeting the accreditation criteria (including **full** attendance at all sessions and completion of all programme tasks with related paperwork).

## What are the benefits of participating in the programme?

In order to work as a Local Leader of Maths Education within the Maths Hub network it is expected that you will have the NCETM PD Lead accreditation. The programme will support you to develop your understanding on how to design, deliver and evaluate the impact of a PD programme. You will have the opportunity to engage with peers to challenge your thinking and to critically reflect on your own practice as a leader of PD.

## Who should apply?

If you have **existing experience** as a leader of professional development and wish to develop further in this role, this programme is for you. Your prior experience could be within your own setting/organisation or more widely, including work with your local hub. Experience and an ongoing commitment to lead professional development for teachers of maths is an essential requirement for recruitment to the programme.

Essential	Desirable
You have relevant experience as a PD lead within your own school/college/organisation or more widely.	You have experience leading PD beyond your own school/college/organisation.
You commit to participate fully in all the programme activities.	
You will be responsible for planning, leading and evaluating a maths professional development programme* in the academic year 2026/27.	
Your school/college/organisation commits to supporting you in fully engaging in all the programme activities including completing the PD task.	Your school/college/organisation has the commitment and the capacity to support you in working with teachers from other schools following successful completion of the programme.
You have the support of a Maths Hub, who will sponsor your participation in the programme and provide opportunity for you to work as a PD lead.	

\*The professional development programme that you lead on must be one where you have ownership of the outcomes and content is developed to align with these.

## What are the expectations of participating schools?

Schools whose nominated teacher takes part in the programme are expected to commit to supporting their participant throughout the year.

## What is the funding for the programme?

The PD Lead Programme is funded by the Maths Hubs Network<sup>1</sup>. Your local Maths Hub is keen to develop local leaders of mathematics education (LLMEs) and looks forward to you getting in touch.

If you are selected, your Maths Hub will sponsor you for:

- attending the local sessions (equivalent to three full days)
- online and email coaching and tutoring from the Cohort Leads throughout the duration of the programme
- all administration involved in subsequent accreditation.

Upon successful completion of the PD Lead Programme, the Maths Hub will provide funding to contribute to supporting your release from school.

## How to apply

An application form will be published on the [NCETM website](#) on **16 December 2025** when the application window opens. Applicants, in conjunction with their headteacher, should complete and submit the application form by **23 April 2026**. The Maths Hub will contact applicants once the selection process has been completed.

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<sup>1</sup> The Maths Hubs Network has a limited amount of funds each year to develop and accredit PD Leads.