Adult Maths Education and Skills Network

Academic year: 2026-27

Course Overview

Join a vibrant and supportive community of educators working with adult learners across diverse settings.

Share best practices, exchange ideas and inspiration, and explore fresh resources and innovative approaches to teaching. It's a great opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others who share your passion for adult education.

Features of the course:

- Four online sessions
- Each session will be delivered via Zoom
- interactive group activities and breakout room discussions

Schedule

Each online session will run from 16:00 to 17:30 and will be delivered via **Zoom**.

More information for each session is found on the next page.

Network	Date
Making Sense of Word Problems: Insights from Research and Practice **Guest Speaker Dr Jenny Stacey**	18 November
This Worked for Me! Practical Ideas from the Mathematics Classroom **Speaker Martin Newton**	14 January
One Classroom, Many Starting Points: Practical Strategies for Mixed-Level Functional Skills Maths **Guest Speaker Marsida Horeshka**	18 March
Fourth session - TBC	TBC

Eligibility - All educators teaching maths to adults, including accredited or non-accredited courses.

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Session 1: Making Sense of Word Problems: Insights from Research and Practice

This interactive session will consider the challenges that word problems pose for adult learners and the impact this can have on achievement. Drawing on both research and practitioners' expertise, we'll discuss effective teaching strategies and practical solutions that can be implemented in the classroom.

Speaker Bio

Dr Jenny Stacey is an Associate Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University whose research explores adult mathematics education, ESOL and mathematics, maths anxiety, and the relationship between language and mathematical understanding. A former further education maths and ESOL teacher, she recently completed her Doctorate in Education and has contributed to the ATM publication This Worked for Me! (2024), supporting teachers of GCSE mathematics resit learners.

Session 2: This Worked for Me! Practical Ideas from the Mathematics Classroom

In this interactive network session, Martin Newton shares insights from his contribution to the ATM book This Worked for Me!. Through practical examples and reflection on classroom practice, participants will explore effective strategies for supporting mathematical understanding, learner confidence and engagement. The session aims to spark discussion and provide ideas that can be adapted and applied across a range of mathematics teaching contexts.

Speaker Bio

Martin Newton is Assistant Director for Adult Mathematics and has worked across further education, adult learning and national improvement programmes to support the development of mathematics teaching and learning. His work focuses on improving outcomes for adult learners, strengthening professional development for practitioners, and translating research into practical classroom approaches. Martin is particularly interested in effective teaching strategies that build learner confidence, engagement and achievement in mathematics.

Session 3: One Classroom, Many Starting Points: Practical Strategies for Mixed-Level Functional Skills Maths

Teaching learners working at different levels in the same classroom is a common challenge in Functional Skills maths. In this session, Marsida Horeshka will explore practical approaches to planning and delivering effective mixed-level lessons that keep all learners engaged and progressing.

Drawing on her extensive experience in FE and Functional Skills teaching, Marsida will share strategies for responsive teaching, managing learner confidence, using adaptable resources and creating inclusive learning environments where learners can succeed regardless of their starting point.

Participants will leave with practical ideas, tools and resources that can be implemented immediately in their own teaching practice.

Speaker Bio

Marsida Horeshka is an experienced mathematics teacher, Advanced Practitioner and the founder of MarsCademy (formerly Maths Made Memorable). She is well known across the further education sector for developing high-quality Functional Skills maths resources, videos and learning materials that support learners from Entry Level through to Level 2. Marsida is also the author of the Master Functional Skills Maths book series and is passionate about making mathematics accessible, engaging and memorable for all learners. Through her teaching, resource development and professional learning work, she has supported maths practitioners across the FE and Skills sector.

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