

Your 2023/24 CPD wishes have been granted!

We are excited to share our newly-designed, comprehensive CPD programme for all teachers of Citizenship education.

It can often be challenging to find high-quality Citizenship specific development opportunities, so we have created a flexible CPD schedule to suit any teacher of this unique and valuable subject.

Our new CPD strands are designed to meet the needs of teachers at different career stages, and incorporate opportunities to apply the new learning and techniques covered during the sessions. Attendees will also benefit from session recordings, support materials and receive certificates of attendance that help to capture their professional development commitment.

Introducing the new strands

Strand 1: Introduction to Citizenship

This strand is designed for anybody who is new to the subject, from ITE trainees to experienced teachers who are teaching Citizenship for the first time. These events will allow participants to develop their understanding of the core substantive knowledge of the subject, key concepts and best practice in pedagogy.

Strand 2: GCSE Network

Building on our current strong network of GCSE teachers, we have developed a bespoke strand for members who teach GCSE Citizenship Studies. The focus of sessions will include improving outcomes for the Citizenship Investigation (active citizenship), examination technique, and opportunities for teachers to support each other with moderation of assessments.

Strand 3: Leading Citizenship

Leading Citizenship can be complex and often involves non specialist teachers taking on the role. This strand will look at the logistical role of subject leaders to embed Citizenship successfully across the school. It also helps those who lead Citizenship across multiple schools and need to develop their understanding of research-informed practice and how this influences the curriculum.

Strand 4: Politics, Elections and Society

Building upon the CPD offering in the previous year and feedback from our members, we have introduced a new strand entitled 'Politics, Elections and Society' which provides broader subject knowledge enhancement and incorporates a range of elements from previous CPD strands.



In addition to these CPD opportunities we will continue to run national events and conferences bringing together Citizenship teachers and academics from across the country. Our termly virtual staffrooms will continue to provide an opportunity for our community to meet in a relaxed environment to discuss current issues and share practical ideas.

We look forward to working with you and the growing Citizenship subject community over the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Teaching Citizenship CPD Programme 2023/24

ACT is the subject association for all those engaged in leading, teaching and supporting high quality Citizenship education in schools and colleges.

CPD Strand	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
Strand 1: Introduction to Citizenship	What are Citizenship concepts?	Citizenship Core Knowledge 1		Citizenship Core Knowledge 2		Citizenship Core Knowledge 3
Strand 2: GCSE Network	Where to start with GCSE Citizenship		Improving outcomes in GCSE Citizenship - exam board specific	GCSE Mock/PPE Moderation	How to plan a GCSE lesson	Where to start with GCSE Active Citizenship
Strand 3: Leading Citizenship		How to use the active citizenship toolkits	How to plan a lesson			
Strand 4: Politics, Elections and Society			Welcome to your vote with The Electoral Commission	Where does fraud and financial crime fit in the Citizenship curriculum?	What substantative knowledge can support our teaching of fraud and financial crime in the Citizenship curriculum?	Political impartiality for leaders

CPD Strand	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Strand 1: Introduction to Citizenship		Assessing in Citizenship			
Strand 2: GCSE Network	How to improve Active Citizenship Outcomes				
Strand 3: Leading Citizenship	How to plan a SOW	How to make revision work	Developing media literacy and critical thinking with our pupils to protect them from being victims of fraud and financial crime	Using fraud and financial crime as the stimulus for an active citizenship campaign	
Strand 4: Politics, Elections and Society	Political impartiality and elections				



