

Meet your Regional Maths Leads

Our newly appointed Regional Maths Leads (RMLs) have begun their roles to support the Centres in their region with action planning, action research and national trial work. The role of the RMLs is to be the first point of contact for the Centres and our expert partners to challenge, support and mentor the Centres across England in the North, Midlands and South.

Shobhna Fletcher is the Regional Maths Lead for the West Midlands and South West regions.



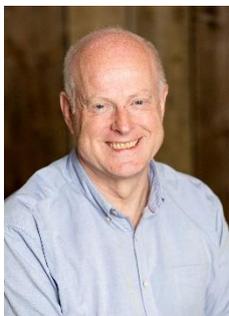
Shobhna has a BSc Hons in Mathematics from the University of London. She previously worked in investment banking, IT and as a project manager for a FTSE 250 Company, before retraining as a maths teacher and gaining a PGCE Cert Ed from Edge Hill University in 2013. She went on to complete a year in a local secondary school, before returning to Further Education. She has a keen interest in how maths education impacts on social mobility within the Post-16 and further education sector. More recently she has led a maths team in a Further Education College and increased the high-grade GCSE maths 16-18 student achievement rate by over 40%.

Richard Kirtlan is the Regional Maths Lead for the North region.



Richard is an experienced FE lecturer and manager with fifteen years in the sector, working with difficult to engage learners and challenging regional areas. As Maths Skills Specialist for 3 merged colleges and, more recently, Group Senior Lead for mathematics for 2 merged colleges, Richard's interests lie in what motivates learners to succeed. He now sits on the Strategic Advisory Board for the South Yorkshire Maths Hub as FE representative.

Steve Pardoe is the regional Maths Lead for the East Midlands and South East regions.



Steve is an experienced FE maths practitioner, with over 20 years of teaching and managing maths provision across colleges, adult education and offender learning. For the last 11 years he has led the development and delivery of maths specialist teacher training and CPD for the University of Warwick, while also leading and contributing to external projects relating to maths (and sometimes English) in the FE sector.

Since the expansion of GCSE re-sits within the sector, Steve has developed a strong interest in how to promote learner motivation & engagement – and particularly the construct of mathematical resilience and overcoming maths anxiety. He also believes passionately in the need to make maths more tangible &

meaningful to learners both through the use of appropriate context and more visual approaches to the subject.

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