



Introduction

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Following feedback from cohort 1 of the Networked Learning Communities (NLC) programme and members of the Networked Learning Group (NLG), this Network-to-Network Resources Directory has been updated. This directory should provide an easily accessible reference to available resources to help facilitate the development of NLCs.

Account has been taken of your views and stated needs, as well as incorporating feedback which was received from the pilot directory. Almost three-quarters of those who responded said they saw the role of the NLC programme as being a provider of relevant resources to networks. All of the resources listed in the directory have either helped form the thinking of the programme or have been produced as a result of collaboration with networks and their enquiry.

While this directory offers a clear and coherent reference guide to resources provided centrally by the programme, it is by no means exhaustive. It should also be used in conjunction with the Network Knowledge booklet, which provides general information about other networks to encourage network-to-network learning. Both of these documents will help us all to learn from, with and on behalf of each other.

What resources?

The range of resources you will find listed in this directory include:

- key research papers
- short and accessible think pieces
- enquiry tools
- videos
- DVDs
- CD-ROMs
- programmes and other face-to-face activities

These resources have been selected from a variety of people and places. Some have been developed specifically with networked learning communities in mind, some have been sourced internationally and others come from the work of other programmes within the National College for School Leadership (NCSL).

We hope that you will develop your own network materials and artefacts, or co-produce them with programme support, so that they can be made available to other networks through a variety of communications. Please also recommend to us the best resources you have used in your work and development.

The structure

The directory has been structured around the levels of learning framework, central to the NLC programme:

- pupil learning
- adult learning
- leadership learning
- school-wide learning
- school-to-school learning

Under each level of learning you will find resources which relate to each of the three fields of knowledge, central to the core principles of the programme.

The three fields of knowledge are:

- **available public knowledge**
evidence emerging from current research, theory and innovation
- **the shared knowledge base of participants**
honouring and valuing professional knowledge, ie what you know
- **knowledge built from collaborative enquiry**
knowledge constructed through active, shared learning processes

As the NLC programme and networks grow over time we hope that more and more of our resource base will be built from the second and third fields of knowledge, although each is of equal importance.

The resources directory has been designed as a guide for use within your network and in conjunction with your facilitator. It is by no means a complete list of all relevant and quality resources available, but is simply a mechanism for you to access some products which we have identified as intrinsic to networked learning.

Communications

As part of our commitment to facilitating networked learning and promoting awareness, we have developed a number of resources to support the activities of the Networked Learning Group, and those of networks.

◦ Nexus

Nexus magazine has been developed, with network involvement to help promote knowledge sharing and innovation within and across networks, partnerships and the wider community, to raise standards and improve opportunities for pupils.

To complement the principles of the NLC programme (a belief in collaboration rather than competition), Nexus will be written for networks, by networks. Nexus is published three times a year, November, March and June.

To subscribe, or provide content, please email **nexus@ncsl.org.uk** including your full name, title and full postal address.

◦ Networked News

This monthly e-newsletter aims to inform all networks and affiliated partners of the progress of the NLC programme. It provides an overview of key dates and events, new resources and developments within the programme and those of NCSL and network information. If you would like to subscribe, or provide suggestions for content, please email

networkednews@ncsl.org.uk

◦ co-NECT

An e-newsletter aimed specifically at network co-leaders and facilitators of the NLC programme. Highlighting specific network activities and information relevant to co-leaders, co-NECT is distributed monthly.

If you would like to subscribe, or provide suggestions for content, please email **co-nect@ncsl.org.uk**

◦ Network plaques

NLC is pleased to offer one free plaque to each network school. To order a set of plaques for all the schools in your network, please email **nlc@ncsl.org.uk** and an order form will be sent to you to complete. Please allow approximately three weeks for delivery, after your order has been processed.



How to use Network-to-Network

How do we order the resources listed in Network-to-Network?

Each resource is categorised with a reference number (eg 014/SW/NLC). When you have decided which resource(s) you would like to order, simply log on to www.ncsl.org.uk/nlc, complete the form in the Resources and Learning section of the website, and email it back to us at nlc@ncsl.org.uk. Alternatively, you can telephone the information line on 08707 870 370 quoting the relevant reference number, the number of copies you require, your network details and a delivery address.

How many of each resource are we allowed to order?

Resources are freely available to all NLCs to support their enquiry and development. We would encourage these resources to be shared around to encourage inclusion and inform members of the network at all levels. However, where large numbers of resources are required, stock levels and the costs associated with reprints or repeat orders may limit their availability. In these cases please call 08707 870 370 for further details.

How soon can we expect our orders to be delivered?

Orders will be processed within 48 hours and, where we have the items you require in stock, we will aim to deliver to you within five working days, providing you have given us all the information we need. However, some stock is stored off-site or may be limited, and we will let you know where this is the case as soon as possible.

Are the resources free of charge and, if not, how much do they cost?

The majority of resources listed in the directory are available to networks at no cost. In some cases, for example, where the resource is a book or video, it is likely that we will supply a limited number of copies free of charge and, should you require more, we would provide details of where you might be able to purchase further copies.

Where can we get a sample of each resource?

If you would like to see the resource before ordering multiple copies for your network, you can contact us in the usual way and we will be happy to send samples of whatever you require. Alternatively, your network facilitator may have some sample copies to show you.

Who should we ask for advice on the best use of each resource?

We have tried to give descriptions of the resources to offer some guidance on their possible use and potential audience. Product bookmarks are also available which provide more detail on each resource. However, the best source of advice and support in relation to the use of resources is your network facilitator.

How can we feedback our comments and suggestions about this directory?

We will be seeking your comments on the value of individual resources as you use them. However, if you would like to make any general comments about the directory itself, or to offer suggestions as to what additional information should be included, please email us at nlc@ncsl.org.uk