

PEFP · 2026 COHORT

Frequently Asked Questions

Professional Educator Fellowship Programme

Sponsored by QEF Quran Education Foundation	Fully sponsored 2026 first cohort	20-25 Cohort size	Nov 2026-Dec 2026 Training period
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01 What is PEPF?

The Professional Educator Fellowship Programme (PEFP) is a professional development programme designed for educators working in supplementary and community education in the UK.

02 Who can apply?

Teachers, teaching assistants, school leaders and other educators working within supplementary or community education are welcome to apply.

03 How do I join the first cohort?

Most places are offered through school nominations, with participating schools invited to nominate 3-5 educators. A limited number of places are also reserved for individual applicants.

04 Can I apply if my school has not nominated me?

Yes. 4-5 places are reserved for individual educators who wish to apply directly.

05 How much does the Fellowship cost?

The full value of the Fellowship is £750 per participant.

06 Is there a cost to participate in the 2026 PEPF cohort?

No. All places for the first PEPF cohort in 2026 are fully sponsored by the Quran Education Foundation (QEF). Selected educators will therefore be able to participate at no cost.

07 What if I am interested in joining a future PEPF cohort?

If you are unable to participate in the 2026 cohort but are interested in future cohorts, please register your interest with us. Select the "Future Cohort" option when completing the same registration form. Your interest will be recorded, and future opportunities will be shared when new cohorts are planned.

08 When does the programme take place?

The main training runs from November to December 2026, followed by workplace application and learning activities through February 2027.

Programme Schedule

13 November 2026 | Online Induction via Zoom
4:00-6:00pm | 2 hours

15 November 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 2
11:00am-4:00pm | 5 hours | Self-Care Module

6 December 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 1
11:00am-2:00pm | 3 hours | School-Care Module

19 December 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 1
11:00am-4:00pm | 5 hours | Teaching Skills Module

21 December 2026 | Online Portfolio Workshop via Zoom
4:00-6:00pm | 2 hours

14 November 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 1
11:00am-4:00pm | 5 hours | Self-Care Module

23 November-4 December 2026 | Guided Self-Study
Minimum 2 hours

7 December 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 2
11:00am-2:00pm | 3 hours | School-Care Module

20 December 2026 | Face-to-Face Training - Day 2
11:00am-4:00pm | 5 hours | Teaching Skills Module

December 2026-February 2027 | Workplace Application
6 hours. Participants will apply selected fellowship approaches within their professional practice, collect evidence of their learning, and complete their professional portfolio.

Programme commitment, outcomes and participation**09 How much time will I need to commit?**

PEFP includes 36 structured learning hours, including 28 CPD hours, combining training, guided learning and workplace application.

10 What will I gain from the programme?

The Fellowship focuses on three areas:

Self-Care

Develop greater self-awareness, resilience and practical strategies to sustain your wellbeing, confidence and effectiveness as an educator.

School-Care

Strengthen your ability to contribute to positive and supportive learning environments, build stronger professional relationships and communicate more effectively with colleagues, learners and families.

Teaching Skills

Develop practical teaching approaches that improve lesson planning, learner engagement, classroom practice and the quality of learning.

11 Will I receive a certificate?

Participants who successfully complete the programme requirements will receive the PEPF Foundation Certificate - Professional Educator Fellowship Programme | 2026 Cohort.

12 What are the attendance requirements?

Participants are expected to attend at least 80% of the programme and actively complete the required learning and workplace activities.

13 Is PEPF only classroom training?

No. PEPF combines structured training with reflection, practical tools and workplace application, helping participants apply what they learn directly within their own educational setting.

14 Can I apply if I live outside London?

Yes. Educators from outside London are welcome to apply if they are able to travel to London for the required in-person training sessions.

15 Where will the in-person training take place?

The in-person sessions will take place in London. Full venue details will be shared with successful participants before the programme begins.

16 Are places limited?

Yes. The first cohort is intentionally small, with approximately 20-25 participants, to support an interactive, practical and high-quality learning experience.

Ready to join the first cohort?

Ask your school to nominate you or, if you are applying independently, submit your application for one of the five individual sponsored places.