



Litdrive
Better balance

Litdrive Impact Report 2022


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Vision


To provide ongoing subject-specific professional development to every English teacher and tutor to aid the quality of education and retain English teachers to the profession

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Mission

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To provide a community sharing platform for curriculum materials, subject specific mentoring and subject specific teacher development for all English teachers

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The Problem

Teacher recruitment and retention is at crisis point, with leaving teachers significantly outweighing teachers entering the profession to sustain educational standards.

The Solution

English teachers will be more effectively supported to deliver a high level of education to pupils if they have access to a professional community, high quality curriculum materials and subject specific teacher development.



Member Testimonials

Helped build my confidence after returning from maternity leave as I didn't feel like I needed to spend time with planning.

Providing high quality resources and cpd means that my teaching has been inspired and my own growth has been rapid.

It's been such a huge boost to my own career development and sharpened my own subject knowledge.

Litdrive has enabled me to stay in teaching - I don't think I would still be an English teacher had it not been for Litdrive. Thank you so much for everything you do!



Our member offer



For a nominal membership fee, members have access to high-quality subject specific CPD, a shared resource bank of member-contributed classroom materials and the option to register for a subject-specific mentoring programme. Our offer aims to provide members with:

Subject specific professional development delivered by subject teaching experts

A subject community to support and share effective practice

A manageable workload, professional fulfilment, and increased likelihood to remain in the profession.



92% of members felt that Litdrive fulfilled its charitable objective and meets a need for subject specific professional development

Our online CPD sessions were viewed 24177 times by teachers, totalling almost a MILLION hours spent engaging in subject specific PD. Whilst restrictions prevented several planned events running in 2020 and 2021, our online and in-person events have now reached over 3000 English teachers since their inception.

Our Impact



Members downloaded 229,965 resources from Litdrive in 2022, with several members sharing how these had developed their own approach to writing curriculum materials and helped to make teacher workload more manageable.



354 teachers took part in our mentoring programme, with one teacher sharing, Having a mentor made a huge impact to my practice and my school. She helped me to plan and implement change which helped my colleagues and will improve student outcomes for years to come.





Volunteer case study: Stuart Pryke



As a volunteer, I have found Litdrive's regional CPD events and online PD offer invaluable. Firstly, through the planning and delivery of these events I have improved my own subject knowledge rapidly and it has been a joy to share this with fellow English teachers who attend. Secondly, it has allowed me to network with other teachers and volunteers across the country, sharing best practice, collaborating on the creation of resources and initiating debate around the teaching of literature and language. In particular, the 'on demand' aspect of Litdrive's online PD has allowed me to flexibly share training with staff in my department and across my multi-academy trust to ensure we have high standards of teaching in our classrooms.

Volunteer case study: Nikki Carlin

I find it incredibly rewarding to lead the online CPD offer for Litdrive. Watching the recordings to prepare them for the website has given me a wealth of subject knowledge, new ideas, and practical resources. The submissions we receive to share with our members are always of such high quality, and show just how much passion and knowledge is out there. It makes me proud that Litdrive can offer that platform for teachers to not only learn from others, but share their expertise too. My role puts me in the unique position of seeking out excellent teachers who have something to share and may not have the belief to put themselves forward. Being part of an organisation that values subject knowledge and teacher learning has made me a stronger teacher and leader.





Plans for the future



An improved in-person offer and online offer for schools to use as part of their subject specific PD provision, through the development of a more strategically effective voluntary PD planning team.



Developing our communications to members, including guest blogs, case studies and other subject-specific support.



Exploring other avenues for fundraising to ensure that the charity has a sustainability plan that enables long-term growth and stability.





Thank you from our Founder



Looking back over the last year, I feel immensely proud of both the impact we have had in this time, and how well positioned we are to scale this impact in future years.

Over the last five years, we have seen Litdrive's community and provision develop from the amazing #TeamEnglish bank of resources to a dedicated website and established offer for over 27,000 new and experienced teachers alike.

Following this, the development of our regional team enabled teachers to attend small-scale, COVID-19 attempted to challenge these plans, and our team provided live and pre-recorded professional development, opening up accessibility so that departments in school could utilise our sequence with their teams, and individual teachers could attend to specific subject knowledge gaps.

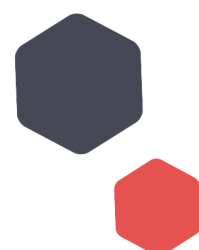
We know that all of the statistics listed in this report are underestimates of our true impact. We know that teachers have formed valuable connections through our mentoring programme, developed their own practice through the inspiration of others, or progressed professionally through the opportunities to contribute or volunteer with the organisation. One volunteer shared, 'I thoroughly enjoy volunteering. It has introduced me to so many other like minded professionals. It feels good to be giving back to the teaching community also through shared resources and mentoring programme' and indeed, many collaborations have evolved as a result of these connections.

We may never be able to fully capture the impact of Litdrive but all of this helps to contribute to our vision to provide ongoing subject-specific professional development to every English teacher and tutor to aid the quality of education and retain English teachers to the profession.

Our continued and evolving partnerships and collaborations will enable us to continue to evolve as a charity as we now look to be considered for subject association status, develop our member offer further and capture the lived experiences of English teachers so that pupils in every single English classroom can benefit. Many thanks to all of our supporters, funders and partners - we are excited to continue to scale our impact with your support in the years ahead!



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