

PDNETwork: Online Learning for English Teachers

PDNETwork is the platform which hosts the NET Section's online workshops for English language teachers in the Education Bureau Hong Kong. You can find it at:

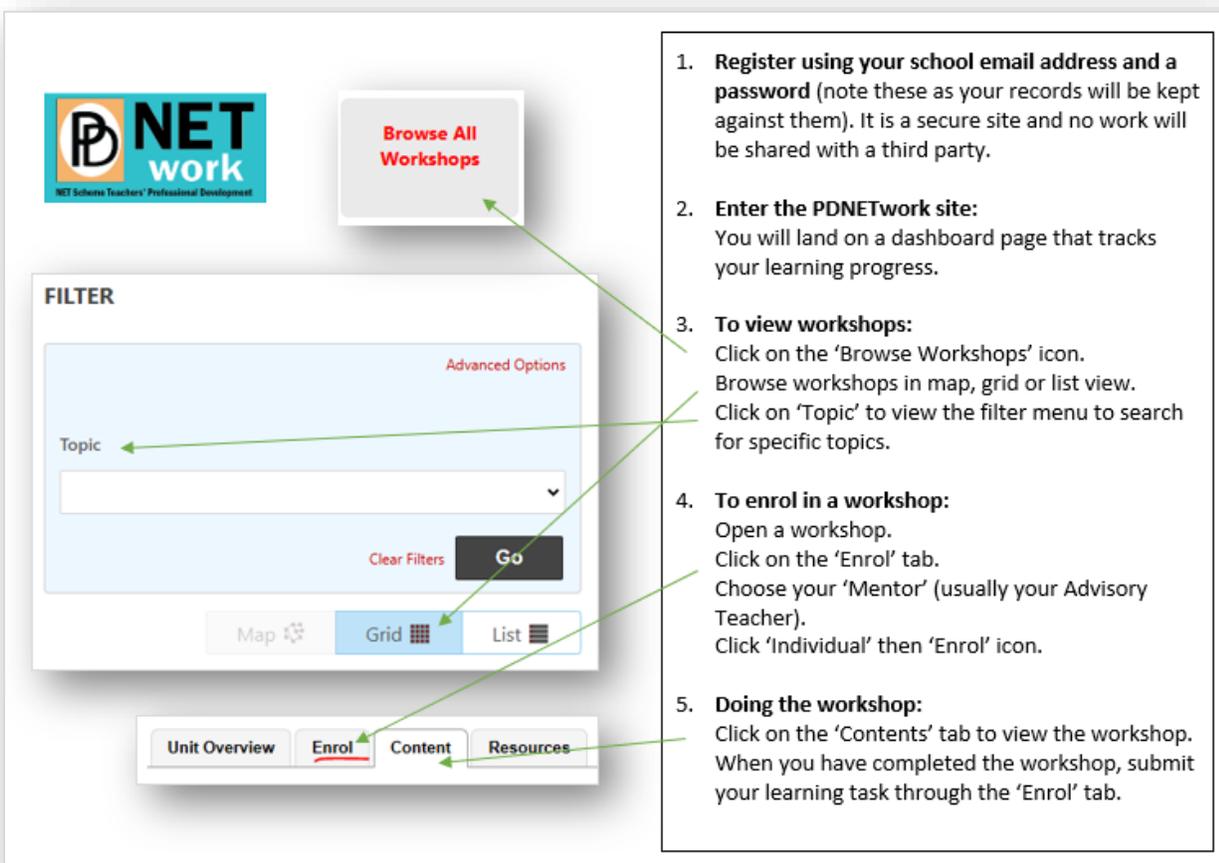
<https://nets-pd.edb.edcity.hk/>

The site hosts workshops covering multiple topic areas, with more coming each year.

This information sheet explains how to register to PDNETwork, how to enrol for online workshops, and details about the learning programme.

How do I get started on PDNETwork?

You need to **'register'** to the PDNETwork website and await approval. Then you can **'enrol'** for individual workshops.



The screenshot shows the PDNETwork website interface. At the top left is the PDNETwork logo. To its right is a button labeled 'Browse All Workshops'. Below the logo is a 'FILTER' section with a dropdown menu for 'Topic', a 'Clear Filters' button, and a 'Go' button. At the bottom of the filter section are three view options: 'Map', 'Grid' (selected), and 'List'. At the very bottom of the page are four tabs: 'Unit Overview', 'Enrol' (highlighted with a red underline), 'Content', and 'Resources'. Five numbered callouts with arrows point from the text on the right to these specific elements: 1. 'Browse All Workshops' button; 2. 'Topic' dropdown menu; 3. 'Grid' view button; 4. 'Enrol' tab; 5. 'Resources' tab.

- 1. Register using your school email address and a password** (note these as your records will be kept against them). It is a secure site and no work will be shared with a third party.
- 2. Enter the PDNETwork site:**
You will land on a dashboard page that tracks your learning progress.
- 3. To view workshops:**
Click on the 'Browse Workshops' icon.
Browse workshops in map, grid or list view.
Click on 'Topic' to view the filter menu to search for specific topics.
- 4. To enrol in a workshop:**
Open a workshop.
Click on the 'Enrol' tab.
Choose your 'Mentor' (usually your Advisory Teacher).
Click 'Individual' then 'Enrol' icon.
- 5. Doing the workshop:**
Click on the 'Contents' tab to view the workshop.
When you have completed the workshop, submit your learning task through the 'Enrol' tab.

Who should do the workshops?

- open to **all** English teachers
- teachers who are **new** in PLP-RW and/or KIP schools
- teachers who **missed CPD** for primary literacy programmes (Space Town, Keys2 or DTS)
- teachers who want to **refresh**
- ELTAs and CAs may also do the workshops.

Workshops can earn participants professional development (PD) hours, which are accredited by EDB. These can contribute to your 150 hours of PD over three years, as required by EDB.

What email address should I use?

You must be registered with your **school email address**. If you are currently registered under a different email address, add your school email address as your “alternate email”. You can find how to update your information here:

Go to the top menu item “**People**”

- Data updater
- Data updates

Find your name.

Click on the pen icon. 

Scroll down to “**Contact information**” → Find “**Alternate email**”.

Ensure one of the email addresses is your school email.

Change this when you change schools.



The screenshot shows the PD Network website interface. At the top, there is a logo for 'PD NETWORK' with the tagline 'NET Scheme Teachers' Professional Development'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with four items: 'HOME', 'ADMIN', 'LEARN', and 'PEOPLE'. The 'PEOPLE' item is circled in red. The background of the website is orange with a pattern of white icons related to education and technology.

It is important that you have your **school email address** included in your details. That address will be matched in the system to your school.

What happens if I change schools?

When you change schools, use the above process to change the email address and school name. In this way, your data will be up-to-date for records purposes.

What I.T. do I need to do the workshops?

You can do these workshops on a **computer or mobile device**.

You may need to **download some documents** for some workshops. The workshop will tell you at the start what you need to prepare.

You can **stop and start** the workshop at any time. So teachers can do these during travel time or however is convenient.

Each workshop tells you an indicative time, usually **between 1 and 3 hours of online time** followed by a learning task (offline or online).

What is in an online workshop?

Each workshop hosts “content” made of text, audio, video and photo files.

The “**Resources**” tab hosts materials used during the workshop, which can be viewed or downloaded in advance or as a resource after the workshop.

All content is based on the EDB English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLA CG), established research and thinking, and examples of good practice in Hong Kong schools.

Each workshop has a simple **learning task** to complete at the end, if you wish to claim PD hours. The learning task will require a practical or reflection activity.

The workshops are designed for users to do **individually**. However, a facilitator can lead a group through a shared screen experience, but each teacher *must* submit their *own* learning task through the PDNETwork website.

What workshops are available now?

There are over 30 workshops, covering many topic areas. Learn more by reading the information sheets, such as **PDNETwork for English Teachers: Online Workshops by Topic Area**, at <https://nets.edb.edcity.hk/page.php?p=565>

Some workshops are pre-requisites for more advanced ones.

What is a learning task?

If you wish to be **accredited** by EDB for the workshop hours, you must submit the learning task.

The learning task is a simple activity, requiring teachers to submit **some evidence of practice or reflection**, following the workshop.

You can view the learning task in the “**Resources**” tab before you commence the workshop.

The completed learning task is submitted via the “**Enrol**” tab (NOT by email). First, you must enrol in the workshop via the “**Enrol**” tab. Then, the “**Enrol**” tab will **re-configure** to allow you to submit the learning task as an attachment, when you are ready. The system accepts only one file, so if needed, merge them into one file first.

Accreditation - EDB PD hours

Once you have submitted your learning task, your mentor will review it. You will then receive an email that approves your learning task (or declines your learning task with feedback to assist you to re-submit).

Once approved, the PDNETwork system will generate a **NET Section certificate** for the workshop. You may submit this certificate to your school to collect EDB professional development hours.

While awaiting learning task approval, **you can view and commence the next workshop**.

Who are PDNETwork mentors?

The PDNETwork mentors are your school's advisory teacher (AT) from the EDB's NET Section. For a few workshops, there may be only a few mentors, in which case, choose one.

Can I communicate with my mentor?

Yes. You may already have contact details of your advisory teacher. However, you can communicate about the workshop and your learning through the “Comments” box in the “Enrol” tab. Indeed, your mentor may initiate communication, especially if they wish to guide you through the learning task.

What should I do if I am new in a PLP-R/W and KIP school?

Work your way through the **Foundation and PLP topics**. Leave *Matching students to book levels* until you are familiar with the *teaching* strategies for reading, and how to teach *reading* strategies.

What about Gorilla PD?

PDNETwork replaced Gorilla PD some years ago. Original online workshops may refer to “Gorilla PD”, however mostly, they refer to PDNETwork.

For information about the change of websites, including your data on both sites, see the Information sheet **Gorilla PD has a new name and a new home. Are you signed up?** At: <https://nets.edb.edcity.hk/page.php?p=565>

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PDNETwork online workshops platform

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Getting help

Feedback — use the Google evaluation form in each workshop,

Workshop content and online processes — your school's Advisory Teacher (mentor) by email or using the “Comments” box in the “Enrol” tab in a PDNETwork workshop.

Professional development programme coordinator —
Fanny Cheung lkcheung@edb.gov.hk

Advisory teacher (PDNETwork mentor) for your school



Good luck on your
professional learning journey