

The Move On Up team has produced a new set of activities and ideas for Learning at Work Day and Adult Learners' Week 2008. This is a specific resource designed to support your work in encouraging and helping others to improve their English and maths skills, as well as activities that you can run on Learning at Work Day for learners and potential learners.

Get started through the iRoute!

If you are involved in encouraging colleagues to improve their English and maths skills, why not take the **iRoute Challenge**? The iRoute is an essential guide for Skills for Life champions on how to support and promote English and maths skills in the workplace. This year, the Move On Up team has put together a special challenge for Learning at Work Day organisers.

You could take the challenge:

- in the lead up to Learning at Work Day, to help you get ready for Skills for Life activities you may be running on the day
- on the day itself, with other people who may be supporting Skills for Life in your organisation.

To access the challenge visit www.move-on.org.uk/news.asp.

Move Up Maths Takeaway: Learning at Work Day special

To support this year's focus on numeracy, the Move On Up team has produced a special edition of the Move Up Maths Takeaway. The Maths Takeaway is a monthly collection of ideas to interest and engage learners and potential learners with maths. It includes questions, facts, jokes and links to sites of interest and a short skills check.

You could:

- distribute the link to the Maths Takeaway special edition and encourage colleagues to have a go on line on Learning at Work Day
- download the Maths Takeaway and distribute it to colleagues for Learning at Work Day.

Download the Maths Takeaway from Stop 2 of the Move Up Teacher Route. Visit the Move On Learner Route at www.move-on.org.uk or contact your local provider after the skills check.

Spread the message virally

A simple and cost-effective way to raise interest and encourage people to check their skills is to add footers to your e-mails. Here are some sample footers for starters:

- I've checked my English and maths skills are up to date. Have you? – www.move-on.org.uk
- I've updated my English and maths skills at www.move-on.org.uk and gained advice on how to encourage others. Have you?
- I know what it takes to be a Skills for Life champion? Do you? – www.move-on.org.uk
- I know how to encourage others to brush up their skills. Do you? – www.move-on.org.uk

You have the power to . . .

- be a Skills for Life champion
- get friends, family and colleagues interested in English and maths
- encourage others to get a qualification in English and maths.

Take the iRoute Challenge to start now!

(You will need to login or register at www.move-on.org.uk/login.asp and click on each question to check your answers.)

Take three steps to switch others on

- 1 Understand the size of the challenge.

Skills for Life awareness



What percentage of people educated to degree level or above **do not** have numeracy skills at Level 2 or above?

- 2 Know what the English and maths qualifications designed for adults are like.

Qualifications: Introducing adult English and maths qualifications



3 Know how to promote Skills for Life positively.

Mind your language

'I do my job well at the moment, but I can see things are changing.'

'I'd really like to go for promotion.'

'There's going to be a restructure and I'm worried to talk to my manager in case it gives them a reason to get rid of me.'

Erica Employee



What you can do next

- Check out other sections of the Move On iRoute.
- Order free resources.
- Do more quizzes.
- Make sure your skills are up to date at www.move-on.org.uk/testyourskills.asp.
- **Get people learning!**

Move On Up iRoute Challenge – additional notes

The links embedded in the iRoute Challenge questions can be accessed at:



Q1: Skills for Life awareness → Skills for Life awareness quiz

Q2: Qualifications → Introducing adult English and maths qualifications

Q3: Mind your language → The positive language approach

Free resources: Mind your language → Materials to support promotion and engagement