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Litdrive Impact Report 2024/2025


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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



Mission



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





The Problem



Teacher recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge, especially for English as a core subject. Teachers and Leaders of English report that they benefit from collaboraton and a network to build and share knowledge at pace, improving the quality of teaching for pupils as a result.



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

Overall, I have found Litdrive a very helpful resource for my professional development. I've been able to pursue my own interests which has made me a more confident and happier teacher.

The mentoring programme definitely helped me progress in my career. Loved attending the national conference! I found the quality of sessions fantastic and excellent networking opportunities.

LOVE Litdrive! One of the biggest factors in my teaching development in the past 8 years of my career!

It's been such a brilliant opportunity to be part of a very special subject forum in sharing knowledge and expertise.



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.



88.5% of members think Litdrive's current offer seeks to meet their objective to 'provide a professional development provision for members in their capacity as English teachers or tutors, so that they can access low-cost training, resources and coaching:

73% of our members shared that they accessed some form of our professional development offer this academic year.



Over 150 members attended our Community Forums, with almost 90% attendees sharing that the sessions would have a positive impact on their classroom practice.

Members downloaded 329,000 resources from Litdrive in 2024, with several members sharing how these had developed their own approach to writing curriculum materials and helped to make teacher workload more manageable.





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LITDRIVE NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

306

TEACHERS
ATTENDING

42

TEACHERS
SPEAKING

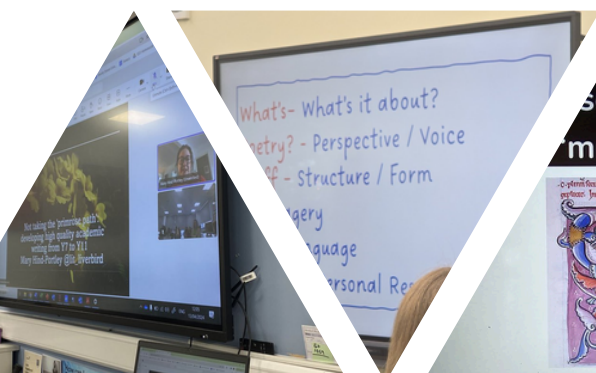
Aston University
BIRMINGHAM UK

“The fact that it was exclusively aimed at English teachers meant it felt more applicable and relevant.”

94.4% said that the sessions they attended would have a positive impact on their professional development.

86.1% stated the event they attended would positively impact their subject teaching.

Really useful sessions that will absolutely be adapted into my teaching and curriculum planning.
Will definitely be back!





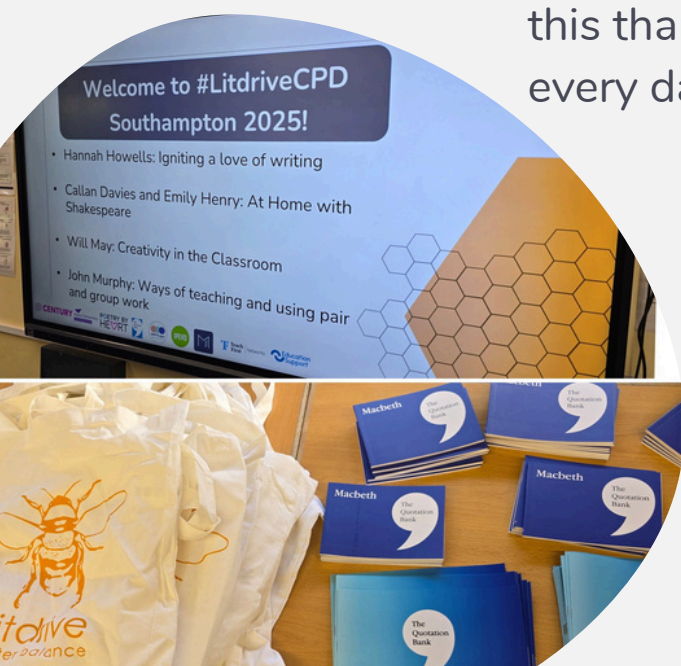
Volunteer case study: John Murphy



From speaking with colleagues from across the country to participating in discussions about our subject, being a Litdrive volunteer has been an informative and enriching experience.

It was a privilege to have helped represent English teachers at Shakespeare's Globe at the Summit on GCSE English reform in September, raising genuine concerns and problems faced by teachers, as well as voicing hopes for changes to the knowledge, curricula and assessment of our subject.

In addition, it has been rewarding to have organised three regional events as well as delivering CPD sessions both locally and nationally with an organisation which puts empowering teachers at its heart. Supporting teachers in practical and realistic ways as well as collaboratively deepening knowledge is always needed, and what better people to do this than other subject teachers doing the job every day!





Plans for the future



A leading professional development offer that speaks directly to the challenges that English teachers face in schools. This will continue to be led by teachers for teachers.



Raising the profile of the organisation in the sector as the leading subject association for English teachers, including collaboration with partners to ensure members can engage with current and relevant sector developments.



To ensure that the charity has a sustainability plan that enables long-term growth and stability, including the growth of our Trustee Board to ensure we have specialist expertise to support with our strategy.

Thank you from our Strategic Director



This year has been one of real momentum for Litdrive. Our annual conference was a standout highlight - the buzz of the day was unmistakable, with English teachers coming together in one space to share, learn, and celebrate the profession. That spirit of collaboration is what drives everything we do, and it has been wonderful to see it in action. We also launched our Community Forums, where English leaders could get together and discuss the issues and ideas shaping our subject. These are not only continuing this year but we have also added forums for Literacy Leaders and English ECT Mentors.



I have particularly enjoyed working alongside our thriving volunteer team, whose commitment continues to shape the direction of Litdrive. Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities we have to grow and diversify volunteering with us in the next academic year. Alongside this, a new cycle of our Community Forums, mentoring programme and an expanded CPD calendar - packed with teacher-led sessions designed to make a difference in the classroom - will provide even more subject-specific support for our members.

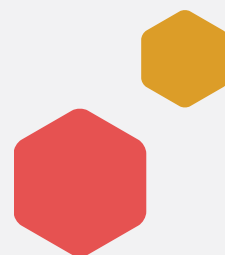
As we look to the year ahead, there are some exciting developments in English education that we will continue to work on and share with our members: We will support members to navigate the forthcoming Curriculum and Assessment Review with practical resources, guidance, and opportunities to share expertise; We will explore the opportunities and challenges AI brings, sharing teacher-led insight and practical applications to reduce workload and strengthen classroom practice; and we will continue to invest in high-quality, subject-specific CPD - from Community Forums to our expanded calendar of teacher-led sessions - ensuring English teachers feel supported and inspired. This report shares the tangible impact of our work so far, celebrates the dedication of our volunteers and members, and sets out our vision for the future. I am proud of what we have achieved together — and even more excited about what comes next.

Thank you from our CEO



As Litdrive enters the closing weeks of its seventh year, I continue to be incredibly proud of our growing network of English teachers and the work that has been undertaken to support our work as a collegiate over the last academic year.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our voluntary team, who are dedicated to the continual need to raise the profile of subject specific professional development for teachers. This is not yet a commonplace feature in all schools and Trusts, and yet is such a pivotal part of what it means to be a teacher. We aim to provide a way for teachers to learn from one another, build and share subject specific knowledge and expertise, and hear first hand how that has been tested out in the classroom.



This year, we have continued to support teachers in a range of ways and thought intentionally about the ways our members can and prefer to access professional development to support teaching in the classroom. Led by our newly appointed Strategic Director Nikki Carlin, we have now developed a strategy that enables us to capture our impact in a range of ways, all to ensure that we respond to the ongoing challenges and needs of English teachers in the classroom, but also so our resource and funding goes directly into supporting our members.

My dream? For all English teachers to be supported by schools and Trusts to be Litdrive members and as a result, for every English teacher to have access to subject specific professional development and the most brilliant network out there. We'll keep going to make it happen. Thank you to all of our members for supporting an advocating for Litdrive!



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