

Future First: Menu of Teacher Training Options

Whether you're looking to get your alumni community off to a successful start, spread its impact within your school, help embed its use in your school's practices or fine-tune your existing strategy, one of our training sessions will undoubtedly be the right fit.

We can also create bespoke sessions for your school or adapt the timings to suit – just speak to your Alumni Officer and tell us what you have in mind.

Best of all: the sessions are free to schools with core membership, and there is no limit as to the number of training sessions you can have in a year!

Session 1: Who are Future First, and how can working with them impact my students?

Audience: Senior Leadership Team
Length: 20 minutes

Ideal timing:

- When your school is just establishing its alumni community
- If there has been significant recent turnover in your SLT

Objectives:

- To explain the vision of Future First and what we can offer your school
- To clarify what the Alumni Officer is able to do for your school
- To explain our evidence-based approach

Session 2: Why use former student volunteers? How can they impact my students?

Audience: Classroom Teacher or specific TLR (Head of Year, Stretch and Challenge, etc)
Length: 20 minutes or 1 hour

Ideal timing:

- When you have a growing, engaged network and feel able to effectively coordinate the management of volunteers with other members of staff
- When you want to increase the impact of the network across the school
- When you would like engagement with the school's alumni community, and what they can offer, embedded within the school's practices

Objectives:

- To explain the vision of Future First, our vision for schools and the evidence behind it
- To inform and enthuse staff about the huge potential and capabilities of the school's former students
- To help staff generate ideas and facilitate the planning of an activity in their area of responsibility

Session 3: How do I use the online portal?

Audience: Anyone in the school using former student volunteers
Length: 20 minutes

Ideal timing:

- When you feel staff have a good understanding of the possibilities of the network
- When you would like engagement with the school's alumni community, and what they can offer, embedded within the school's practices
- When you want to delegate responsibility of the alumni network across departments

Objectives:

- To understand what the portal is, how to access it, and its main features
- To recognise the benefits of a centralised, systematised approach to managing the network
- To be able to complete the main functions such as search and filter, mail and add activities

Session 4: How do I use the Future First Toolkit*?

Audience: Anyone in the school using former student volunteers
Length: 20 minutes or 1 hour

Ideal timing:

- When you have a range of teachers across the school using former student volunteers frequently
- When you want to upskill portal users and give them the tools to teach themselves best practice
- When you are considering moving to DIY+ membership

Objectives:

- To explain what the toolkit is and how to access it
- To enable attendees to identify how best to develop their approach, and specific next steps to take

* An interactive best-practice guide to building, engaging and mobilising your network.