Essential Digital Skills Support and Resources

8th October 2020

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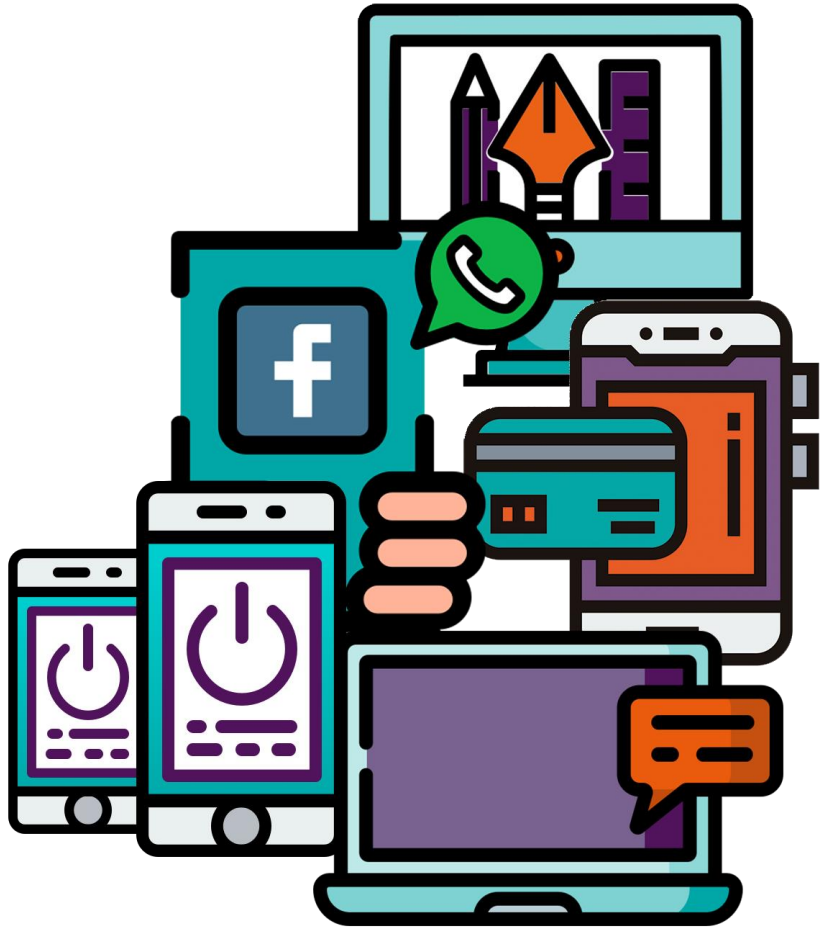
Purpose of session

- Context and National Standards for Essential Digital Skills
- CPD Resources: Education and Training Foundation
- Learner Resources: Good Things Foundation
- Qualification Support: Gateway Qualifications



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The National Context

- National entitlement to fully fund eligible adults with no or low digital skills to enrol on specified digital qualifications at Entry level and Level 1 from August 2020
- Only Essential Digital Skills qualifications can be used for the legal entitlement
- Essential Digital Skills qualifications now available at Entry 3 and Level 1

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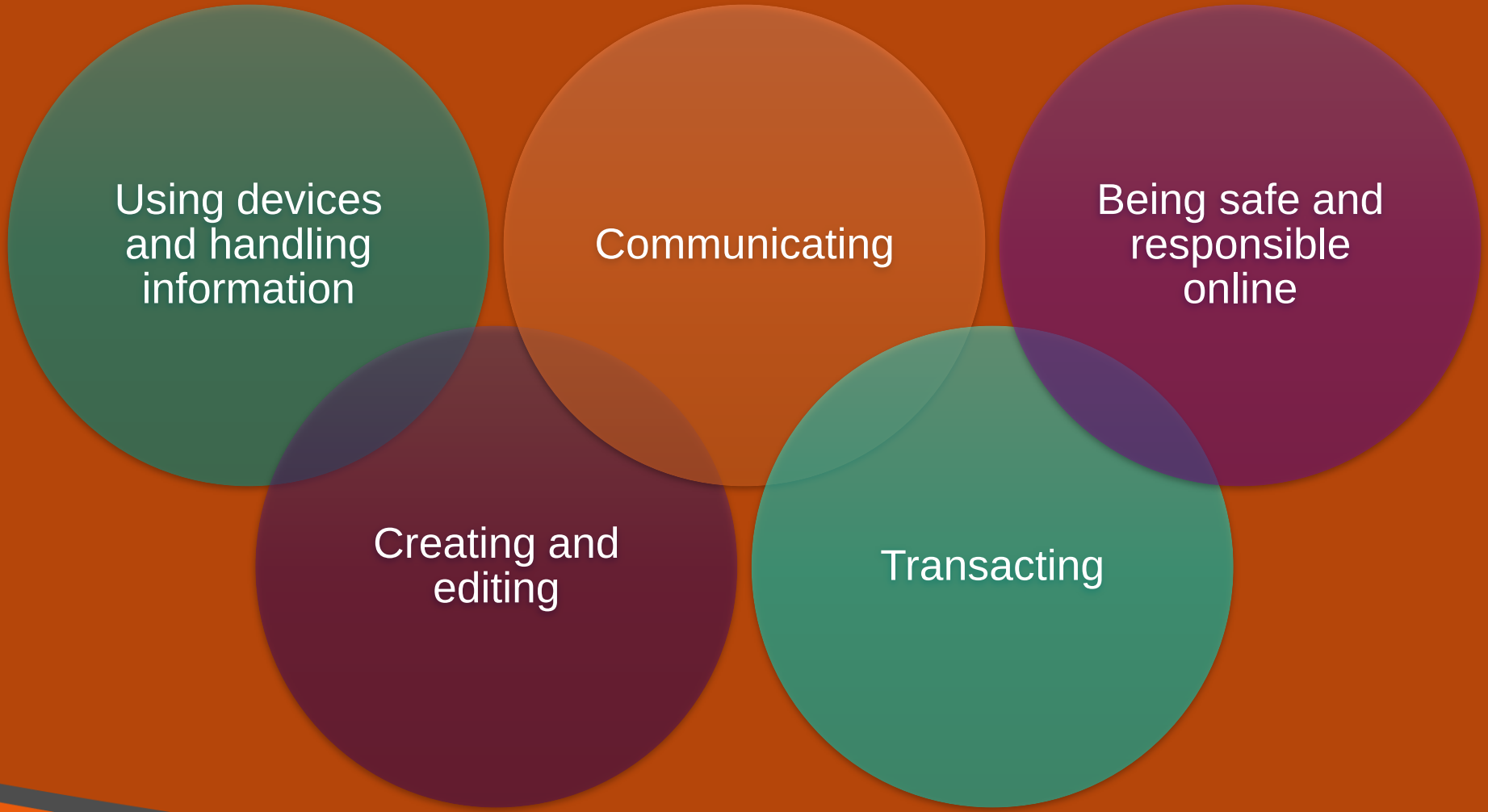
National standards for essential digital skills



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ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS

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GATEWAY QUALIFICATIONS WEBINAR

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ETF'S CPD TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. Interactive self-assessment tool

- Identify training needs
- Linked to the training modules
- Responsive to the differentiated skills gaps of practitioners

2. Online resources

- 20 short online learning modules
- Teaching exemplars
- Digital badges to recognise achievement

https://enhance.etfoundation.co.uk/eds

3. Online Workshops

- Series of online events, panel discussions, skills meet-ups
- Train the Trainer and pathway specific events

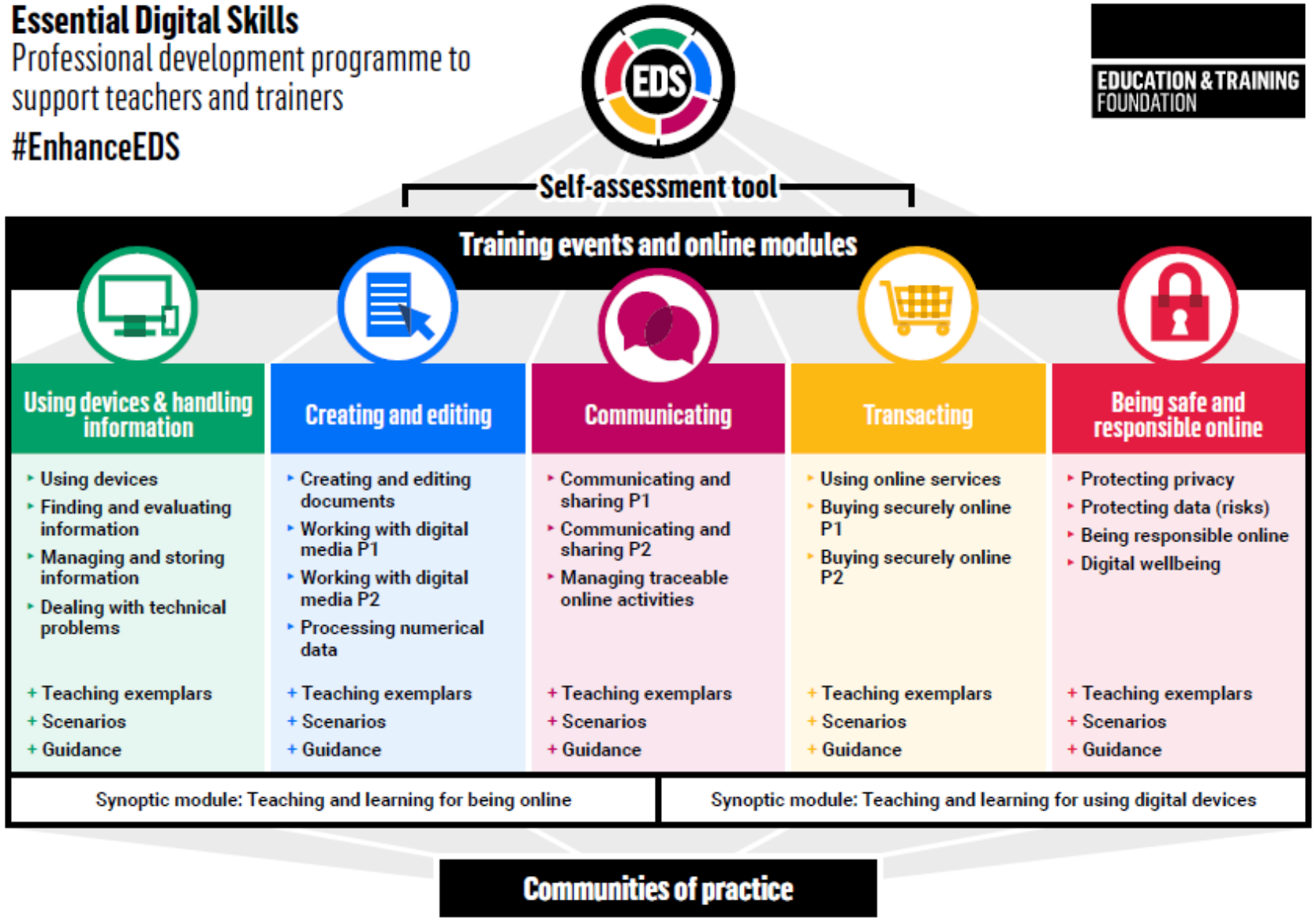
4. Communities of Practice

- Peer/pathway/sector support
- Sustainability
- Ongoing share of practices

5. Multimedia Toolkit

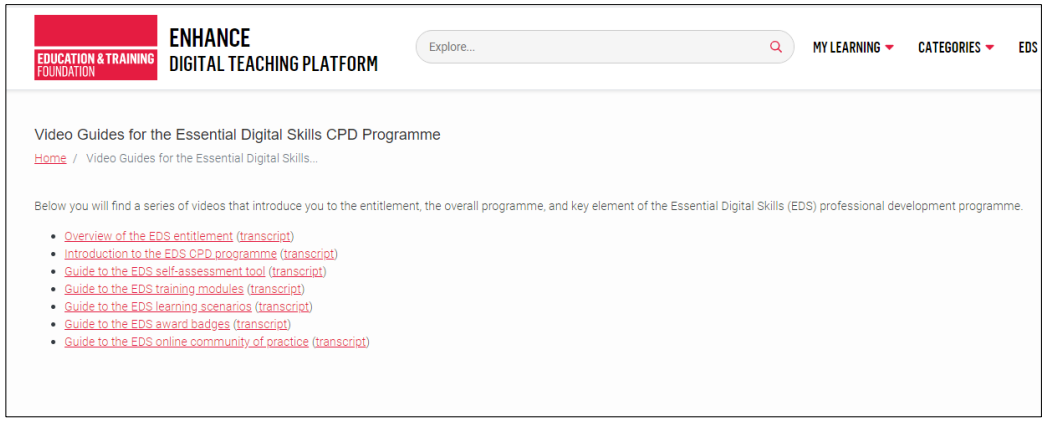
- Guidance material
- Team meetings support and organisational guidance

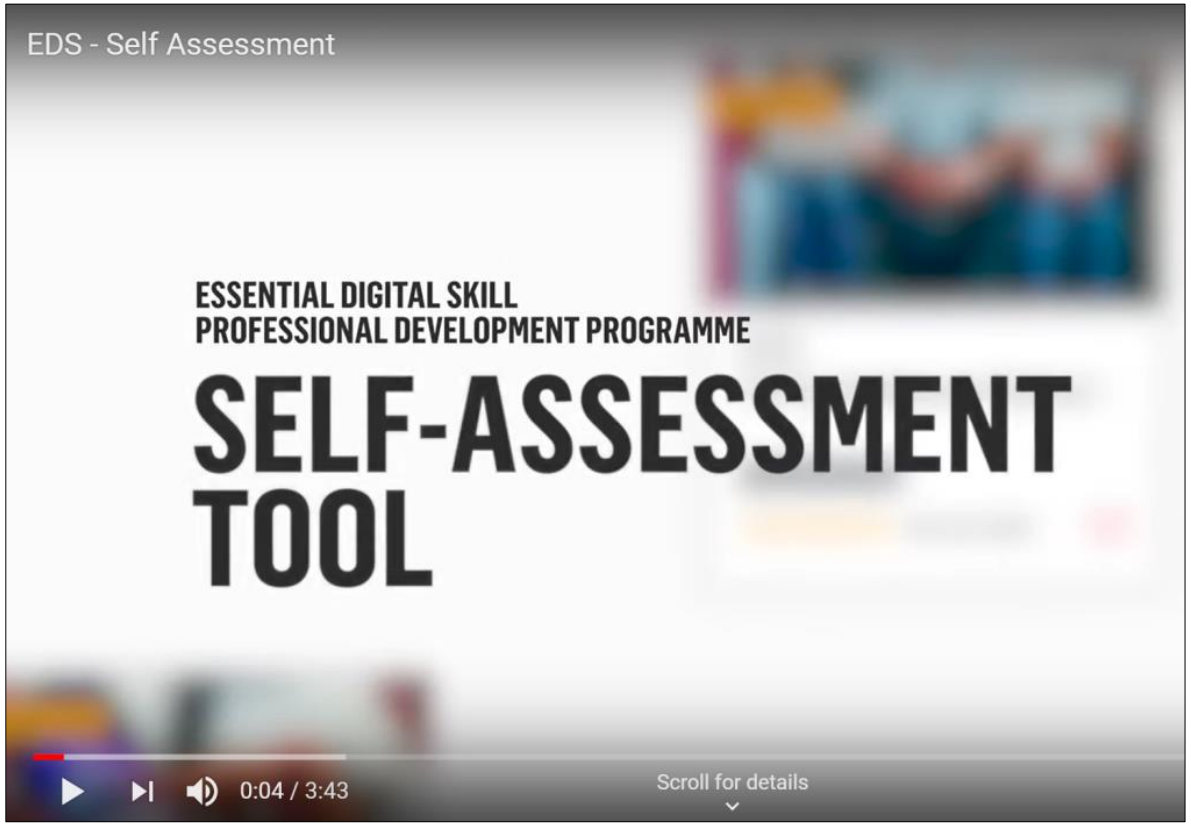
UNDERSTANDING ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS PROGRAMME



VIDEO GUIDES

- Video guides
- Introduce you to the entitlement, the overall programme, and key elements of the Essential Digital Skills (EDS) professional development programme





INTERACTIVE SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

To start on your training, you will need to complete your self-assessment. This will:

- Help you to reflect on your existing skills and experience
- Identify where you need additional training support
- Guide you to the online modules relevant to your training needs
- Provide you with an EDS capability profile, updated as you progress through the modules to show your professional development.

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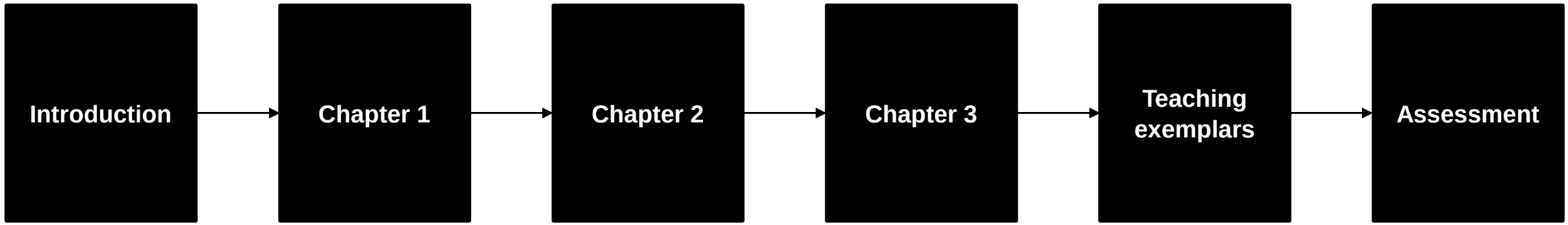
MODULES

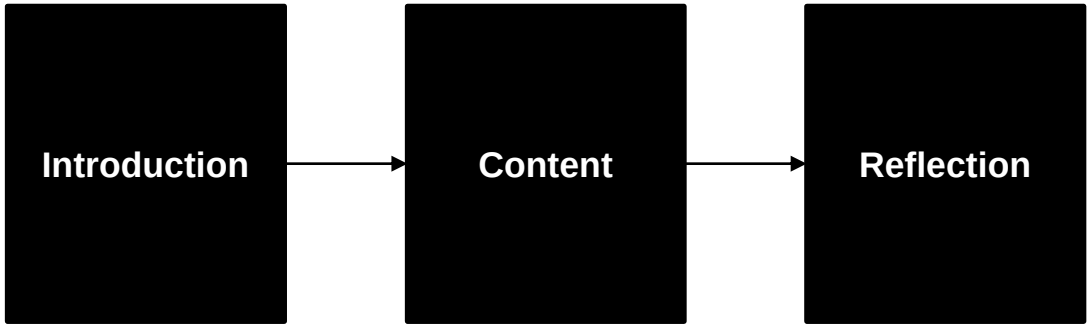
- 20 modules to cover the standards
- Each about 15 minutes long
- Each module with this format:



Introduction shows list of the chapters and overview: what you need to know to teach this area

MODULE DEVELOPMENT

- Each chapter follows this format:



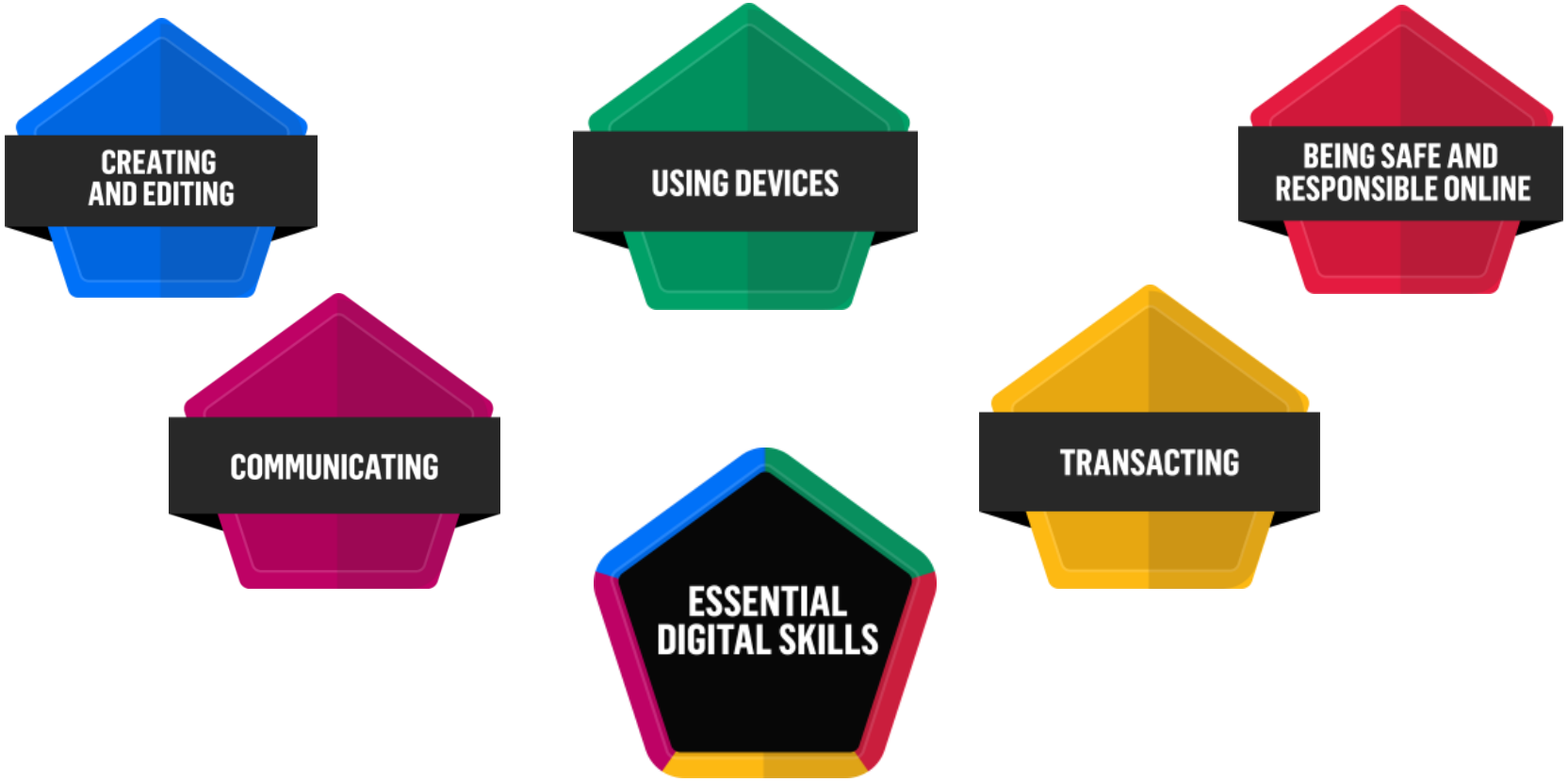
ASSESSMENT

- 8 questions
- Overall feedback to tell you how you did
- Each question gives feedback if answered incorrectly, pointing to the chapter you need to look back at
- 100% required in the test

When successfully completed, you get a digital badge.

BADGES

- Complete one of the 5 skill areas to get a badge
- Complete all 5 skill areas – get the full badge



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SHARING IDEAS

Communities of Practice

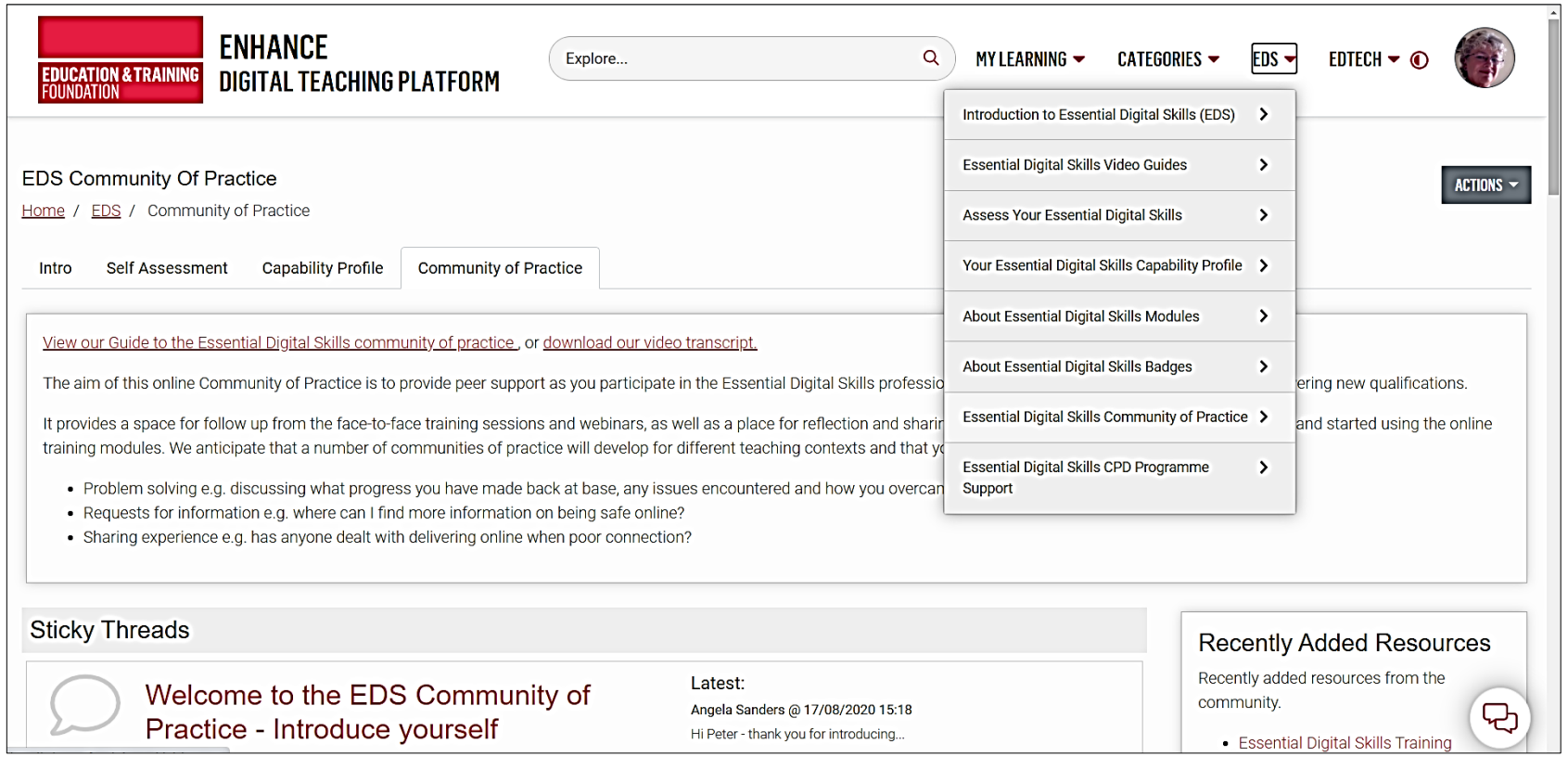
Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.

Wenger-Trayner

‘Communities of practice 1 A brief introduction – V April 15, 2015’

EDS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The purpose of the CoP is to stimulate professional discussion to improve practice, supporting one another in adapting the module content to meet the needs of specific contexts.



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NEXT STEPS

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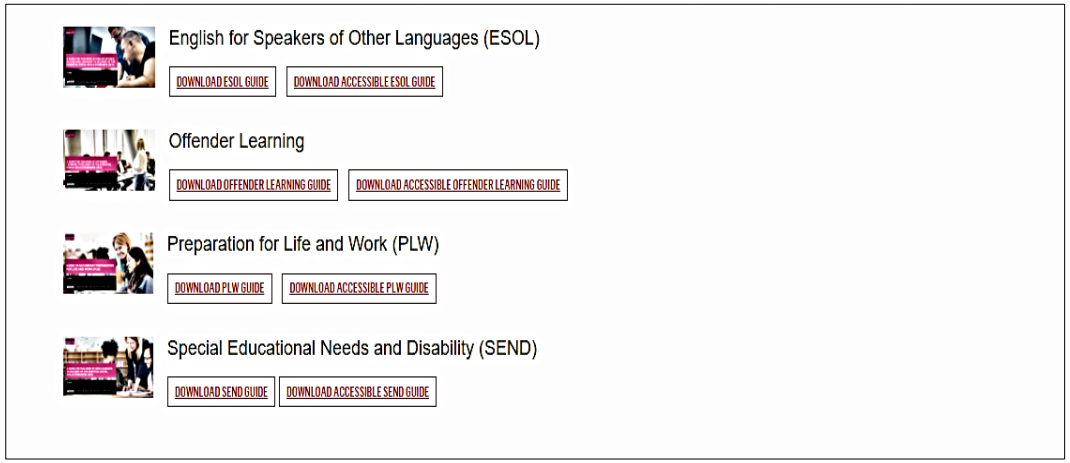
Online resources

- Modules
- Scenarios
- Learning Guides



FORTHCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

- Training the trainers
- Pathway specific webinars - panel discussions (OL, ESOL, PLW, SEND)
- Let's Chat – skills sessions
- Pathway specific meetups
- Community of Practice Q/A sessions

See ETF Booking pages for dates and times
https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/search

Essential Digital Skills (EDS) training programme

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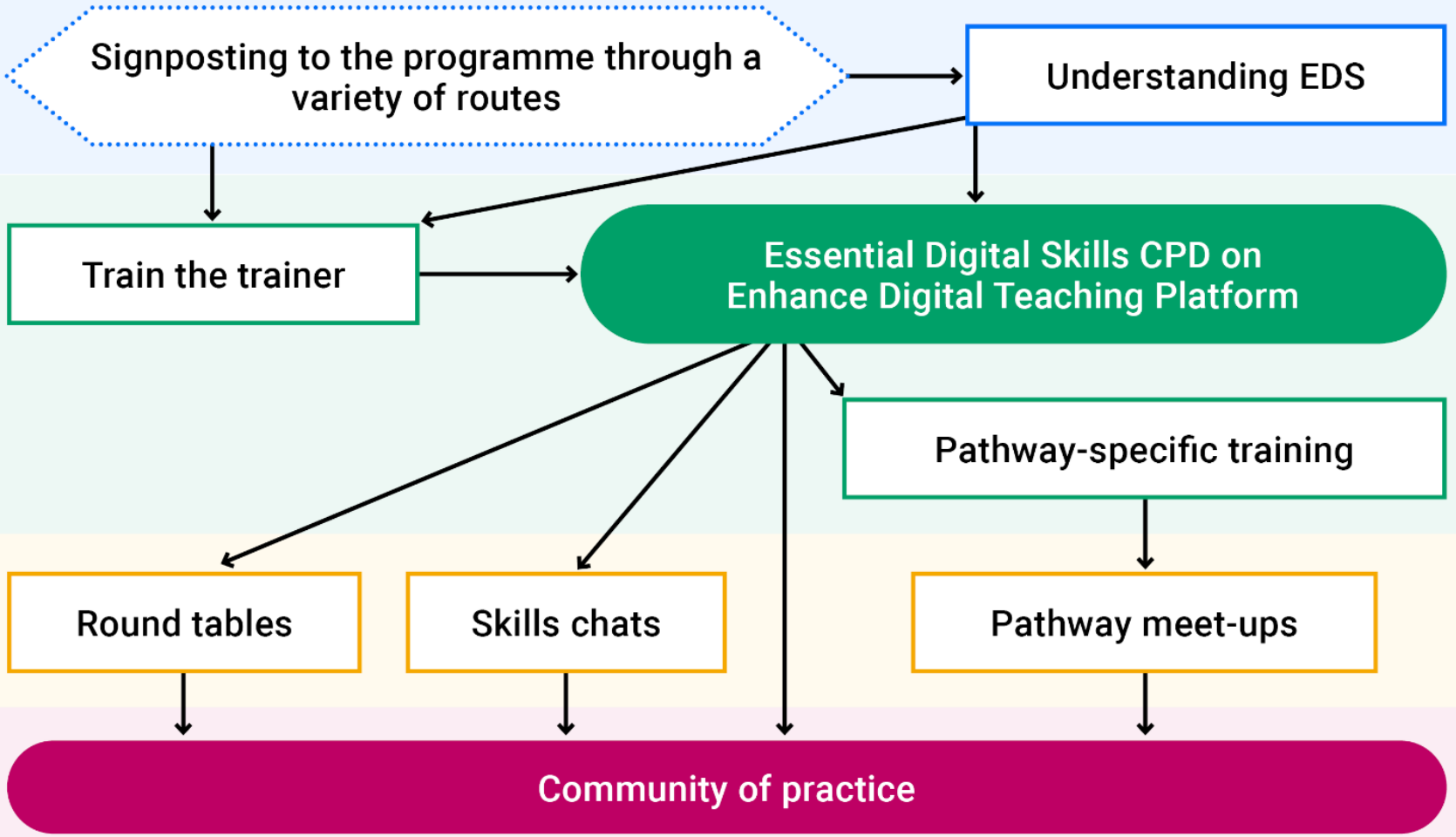
● Online / Enhance Digital Teaching Platform (DTP) ☐ Training sessions



Entry points

Next steps

Additional support

The foundation that underpins the programme

www.enhance.etfoundation.co.uk/eds

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THANK YOU
ANY QUESTIONS?

Good Things Foundation

Resources supporting Essential Digital Skills Qualifications

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We are a social change charity, helping people to improve their lives through digital.

Blueprint for a 100% Digitally Included UK

#FixTheDigitalDivide

|Good Things Foundation

We've supported over
3 million people
to gain digital skills since
2010

82%
of the people we support
are socially excluded

We lead a movement of
5,000 centres with funding
from government, charitable
orgs & corporate partners

Online Centres Network

We work with thousands of community organisations.

These partnerships form the **Online Centres Network**.

www.onlinecentresnetwork.org

Learn My Way

Is the learning platform authored and published by Good Things Foundation.

- It is free to use.
- Registration is required.
- It is mapped to the Essential Digital Skills Standards (entry level).
- It does not provide any qualifications. It enables learners to become qualification ready.

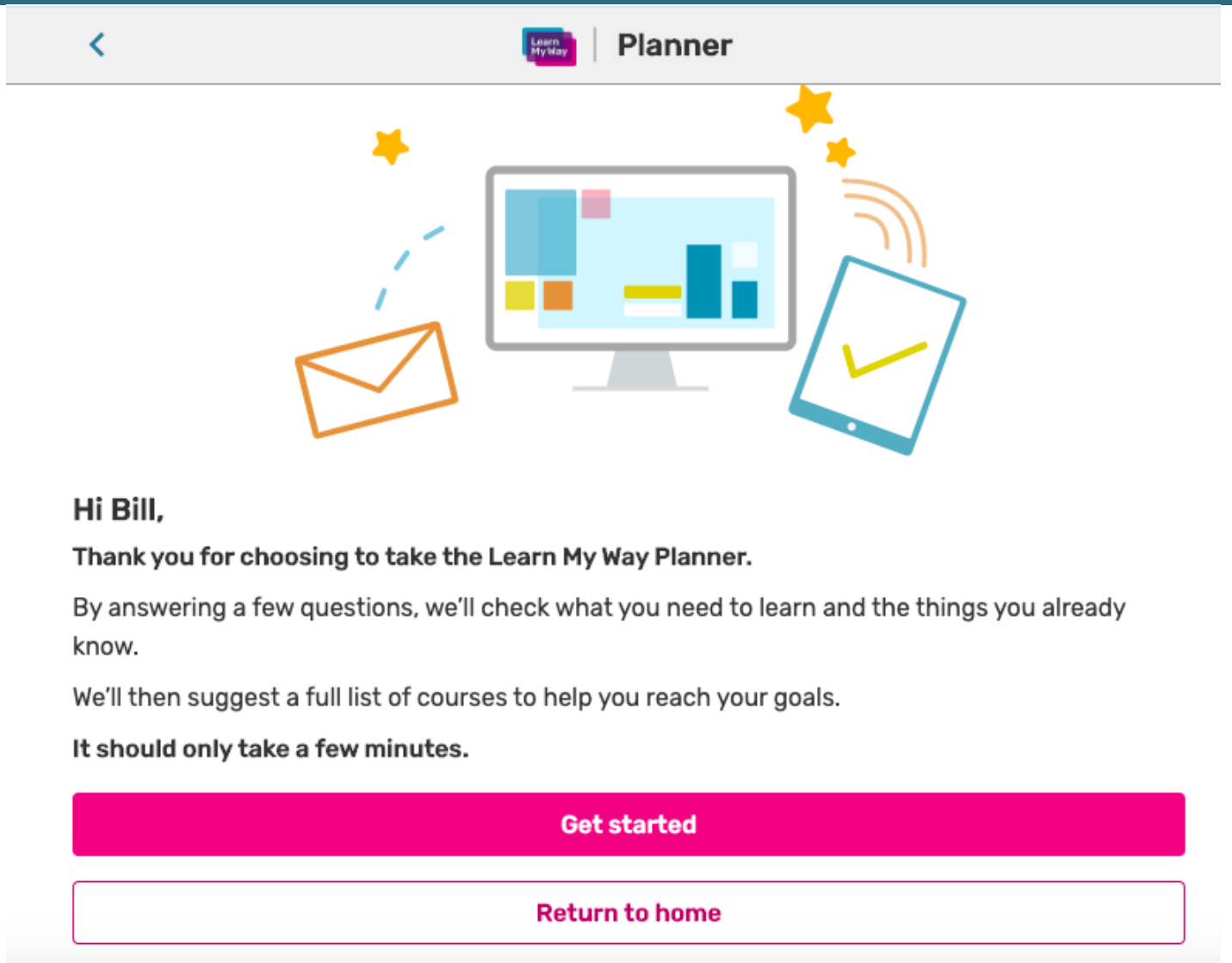
|Learn My Way

Screen Share :

- Structure of the learning resources
- Learner Management
- Blended Learning Resources

www.learnmyway.com

|The Planner Tool



|The Planner Tool

- The Planner is a tool intended to guide entry level learners in deciding where to start.
- It is mapped to the EDS standards and suggests courses in Learn My Way.
- It is not an initial assessment. Learners are asked about their confidence, interest and level of experience with digital skills.
- Produces a personalised list of suggested courses.

|The Planner Tool

The Planner is free to use but at the moment you must have an online centre number to use the planner.

Screen Share :

- What the planner looks like
- How the planner works
- Results from the planner

www.learnmyway.com/planner

|Make it click

www.makeitclick.learnmyway.com/directory

Make It Click features free courses, tools and templates that you can trust. These resources are curated by Good Things Foundation. They are aimed at Level 1 learners, improving their skills.

Any Questions?

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Essential Digital Skills Qualifications

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Qualification features

- Real skills for the real world
- Life, work and study covered in each qualification
- Online, on demand assessment
- Knowledge tested through multiple choice questions
- Assessments can be taken on different devices including a laptop, desktop or tablet
- Mock tests available

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Qualification details

- **Size:** 45 GLH at each level
- **Coverage**: each qualification covers all five of the skill areas from the national standards, and most of the skills statements in each skill area.
- **Purposes and target learner groups:**
  - Entry 3 - skills for life with an introduction to skills for work;
  - Level 1 - skills for life and work.

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Assessment of EDSQs

- Tasks set by Gateway Qualifications
- Tasks are teacher assessed, centre and AO quality assured
- Some adaptation allowed at E3 in particular
  for observed tasks
- Bank of online assessments to allow for resits
- Learners can refer to a bilingual dictionary

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Assessment structure and timings

Qualification	Entry level 3	Level 1
Assessment structure	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts	A single assessment component comprising 3 parts
Duration	Up to 1 hour 30 minutes plus a 15 minute supervised break plus observed tasks within a 14-day period	1 hour 45 minutes plus a 15 minute supervised break in between Parts 1 and 2.
Conditions	Supervised conditions	Supervised conditions
Total marks	44	54

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Weekly Webinar

An Introduction to our Essential Digital Skills Qualifications

Same webinar.
Different dates and times for your convenience.

Click here to register

Support and Resources from Gateway Qualifications

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Documentation

- Specification
- EDSQ Centre Guide
- Glossary

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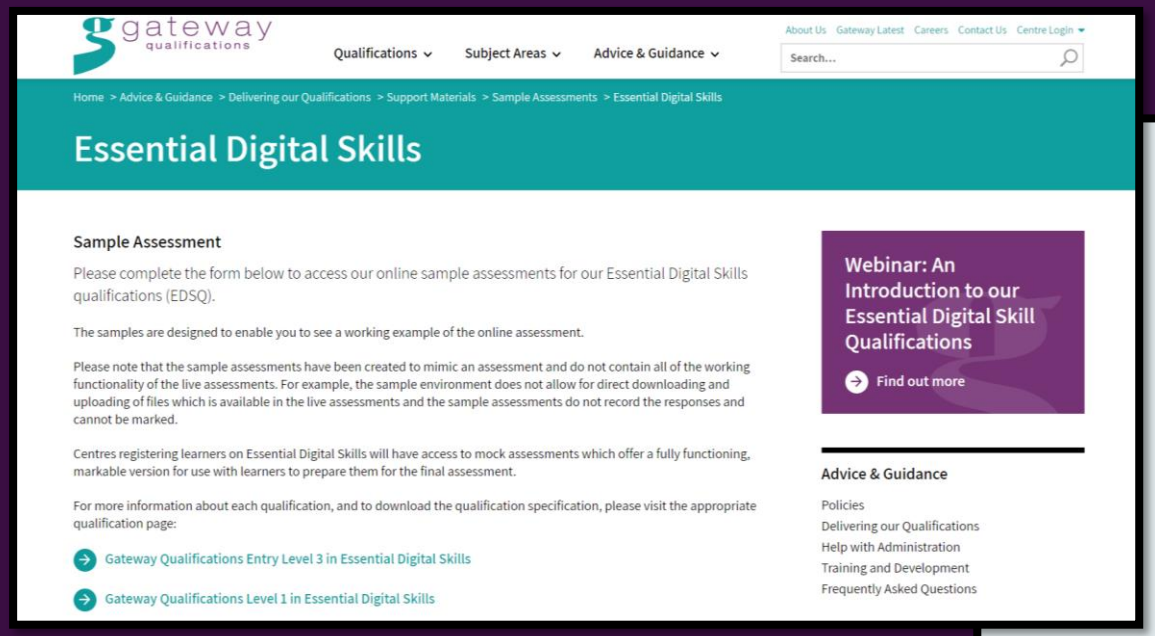
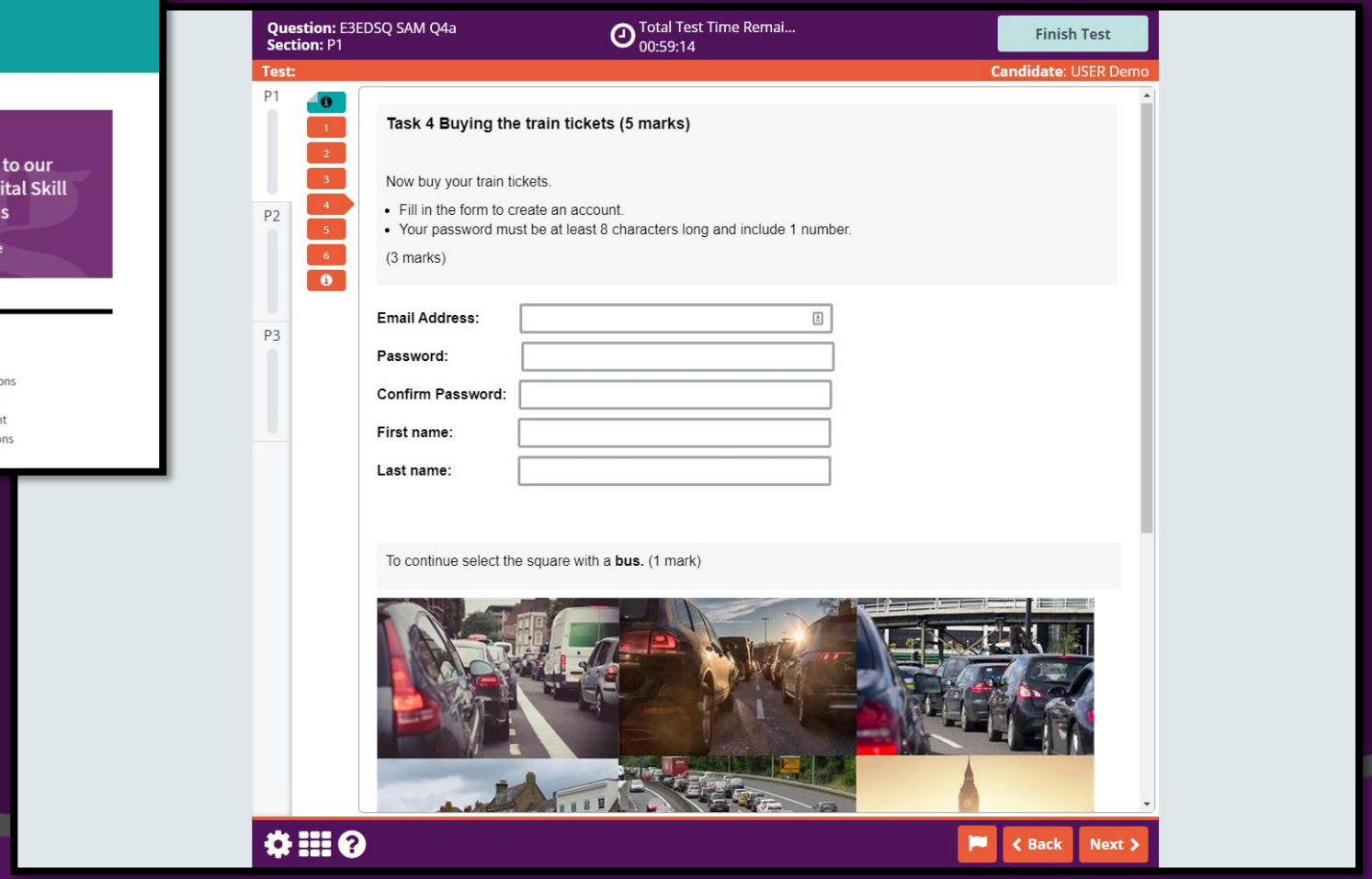
Sample Assessments





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Delivery and Assessment Training

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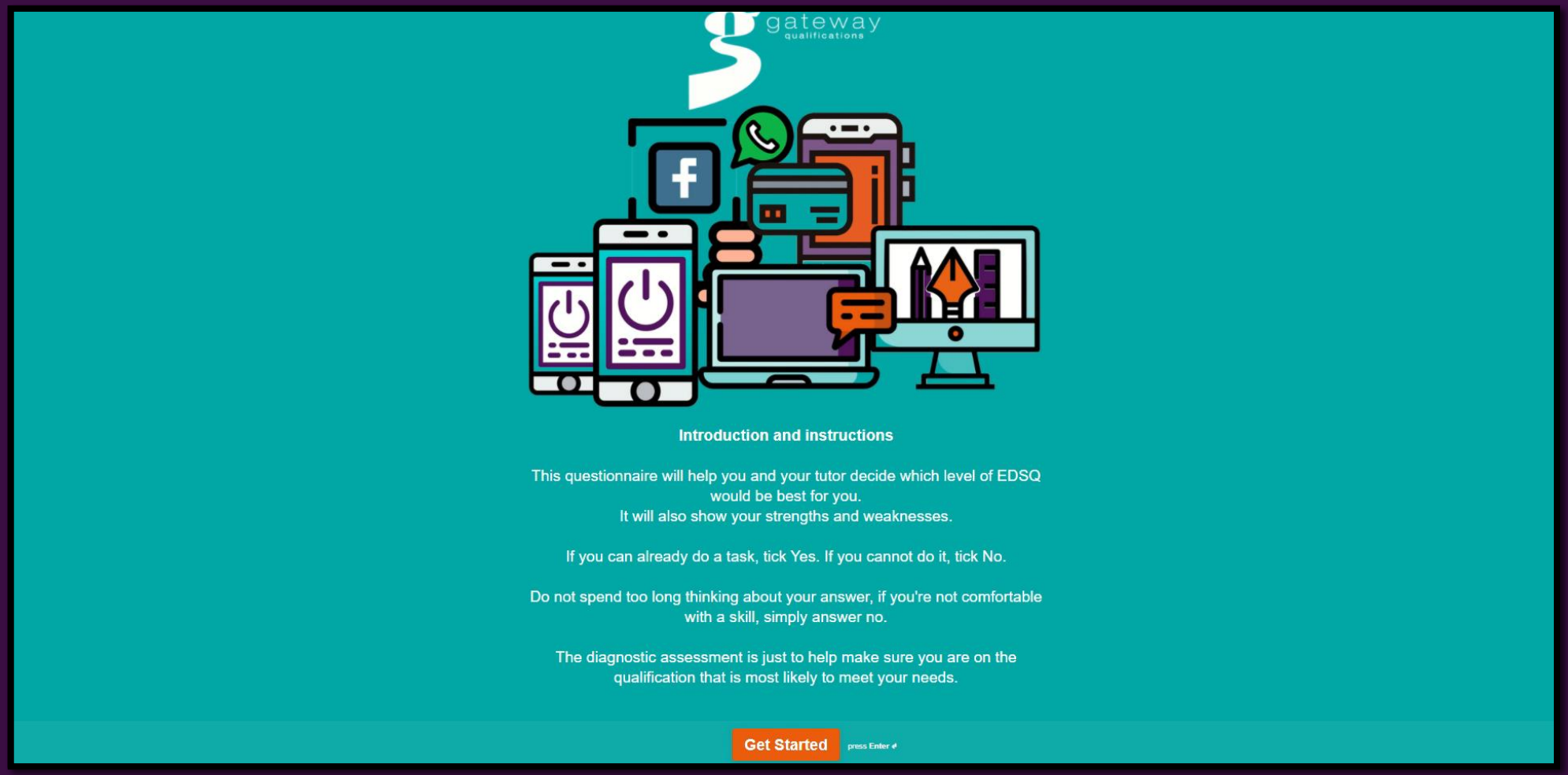
Initial Assessment Tool



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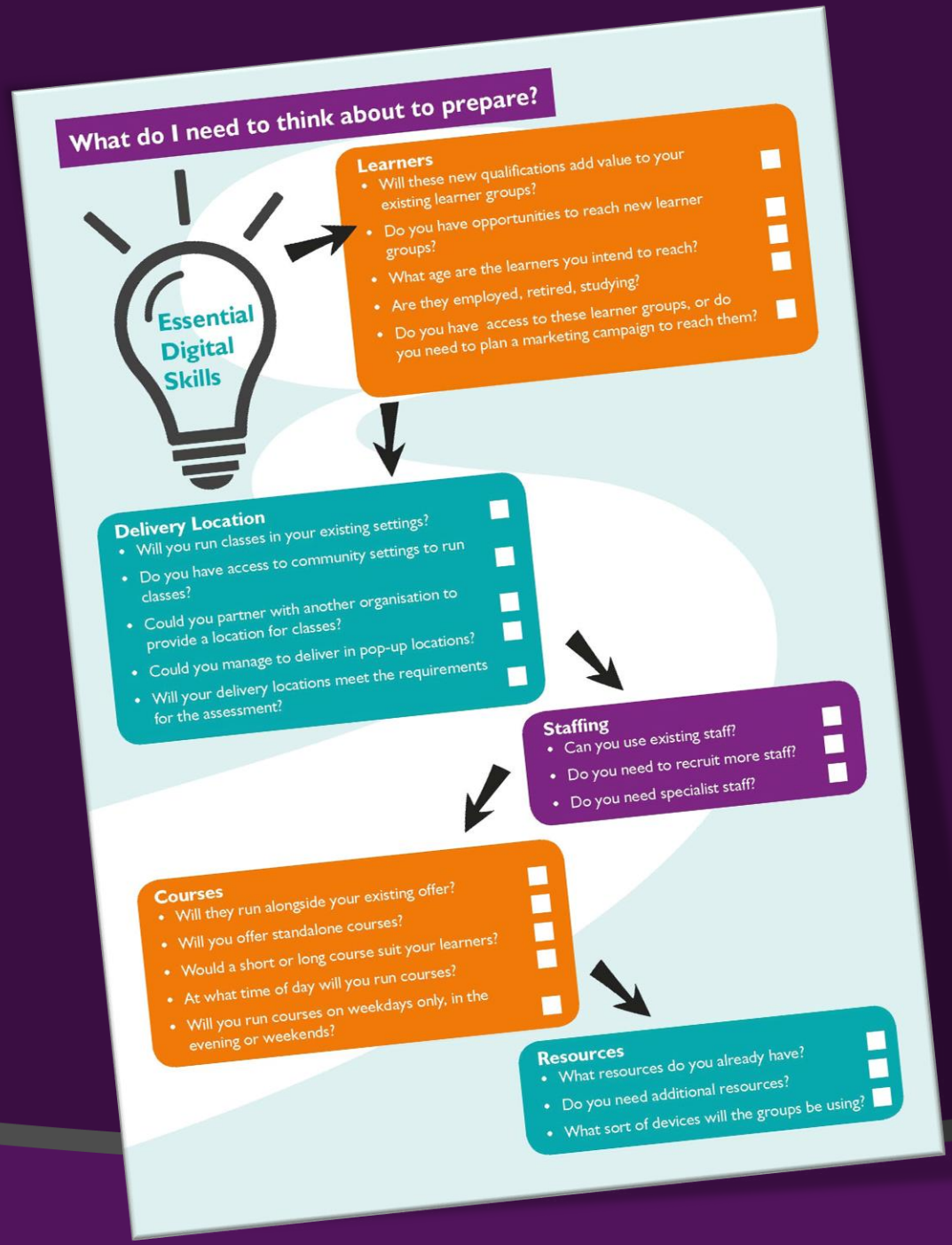
Preparation checklist



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Implementation ideas

- Alongside existing Adult provision
  - ESOL
  - Access to HE
- COVID recovery
  - Adult traineeships
  - Sector based work academies
  - With other qualifications and units
- In advance of an apprenticeship
- In community settings
- With non-regulated learning

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Other qualifications mapped to the EDS standards

Unit Title	Level	Guided Learning	Credit Value
Digital Skills for Life	Entry 1	20	2
Digital Skills for Life	Entry 2	20	2
Digital Skills for Life	Entry 3	20	2

Unit Title	Level	Guided Learning	Credit Value
Digital Skills for Work	Entry 1	20	2
Digital Skills for Work	Entry 2	20	2
Digital Skills for Work	Entry 3	30	3
Digital Skills for Work	1	30	3
Digital Skills for Work	2	24	3

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