



Newtalent

Announcing the ADF New Talent in D&T Group

This May 2007 will be remembered by ten very special D&T teachers. The Audi Design Foundation marked their 10th year by generously supporting the D&T Association's New Talent Group. The launch took place at the Audi Forum and Design Museum in London.

This is a national group of newcomers to D&T teaching with less than five years' experience but who are already demonstrating exceptional talent. All members of the group were nominated and then invited to submit an application. They had to show how they:

- demonstrate new ways of teaching/managing D&T and welcome innovative practice;
- embrace new technologies;
- share a vision beyond the current National Curriculum.

Over the year the D&T Association will nurture and seek advice from fresh, innovative and enthusiastic D&T teachers. Together with networking with other new talent there will be an opportunity for schools to support the development of talented teachers into senior leadership roles – helping to grow tomorrow's

D&T leaders.

The New Talent programme includes meetings with colleagues and with some of the top thinkers in D&T education today, and those at the cutting edge of curriculum development. The group are lucky enough to have presentations from national experts and inspiring leaders in the field, including Prof Richard Kimbell, David Barlex, Peter Toft, Peter Grover and David Perry. The programme is

linked with Fast Track and each member of the group has a mentor who is an experienced national D&T figure. The Association is grateful that so many have offered their time to support the group. The meetings and events will provide outstanding professional development, which will give members of the group opportunities to develop fresh skills, thinking and expertise, and share these with colleagues within schools and our members.

The D&T Association is looking for advice on a number of key issues such as curriculum, teaching and learning approaches, new technologies, membership, publications and website. The group will be generating and contributing to articles, case studies of exemplar practice, curriculum development, and attending meetings on the Association's behalf.

Meet the group



Paul Anderson, Birkdale High School, Dewsbury

Paul has transformed the technology department at Birkdale and the school has participated in projects to develop creativity in electronics and to encourage Asian girls into engineering. Paul is on the Fast Track teaching programme and a Gatsby Fellow, with a special interest in Assessment for Learning at Key Stage 3.