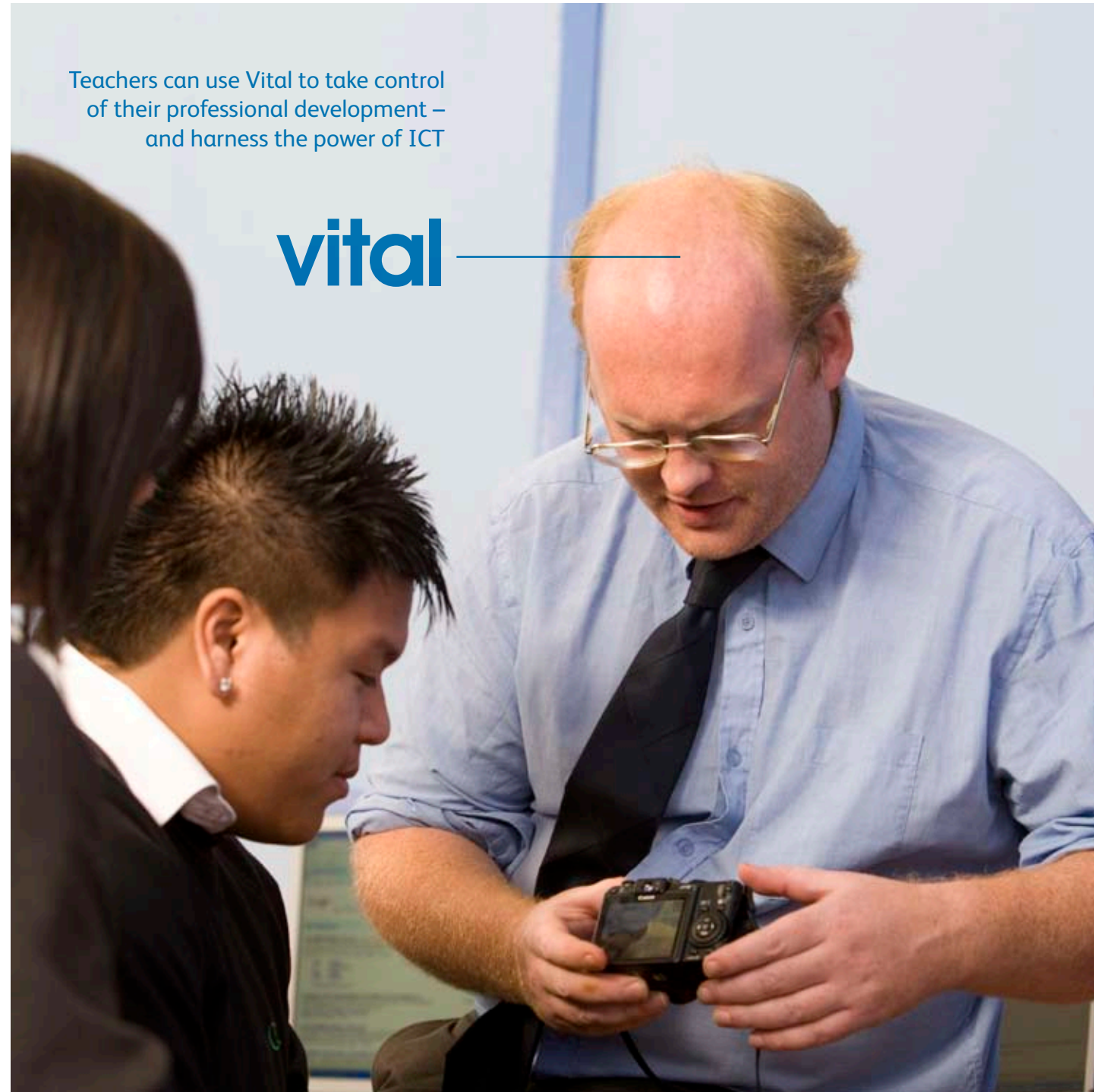


Teachers can use Vital to take control
of their professional development –
and harness the power of ICT

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Visit www.vital.ac.uk and register now to be part of the Vital community,
or contact us for further information at info@vital.ac.uk
Registration is simple and free.

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> **Vital is a new way for teachers to develop their ICT skills and confidence.**

Developed by the Open University, it's an online learning zone with regional centres where anyone who works in schools and colleges in England can share ideas, find face-to-face training and try out technology, away from classroom pressures.

Once they register, teachers can tap into a unique store of top quality, flexible and friendly ICT learning that can help engage and enthuse pupils.

Vital was launched to give teachers and support staff the knowledge and confidence they'll need to grasp the full transformational potential of classroom technology – and keep up to speed in a fast-changing world.

And with its mix of 15-minute CPD sessions, ideas-sharing forums, online and face-to-face training courses, teachers can use Vital to tailor a learning programme to suit their immediate needs, time constraints and technical ability.



Vital statistics

> **What is it?**

A forum to share expertise, develop professional ICT practice, and give teachers the tools, inspiration and confidence to teach and apply technology in the classroom.

> **Who's behind it?**

Vital is managed by a national team with **nine regional centres** across England. Vital courses have been developed by the Open University. It's backed by DCSF funding.

Vital aims to make the best use of existing facilitators and training venues in each region.

> **Who's it for?**

All staff in schools and sixth form colleges across England. Teachers and support staff right across the curriculum, including ICT specialists, are welcome.

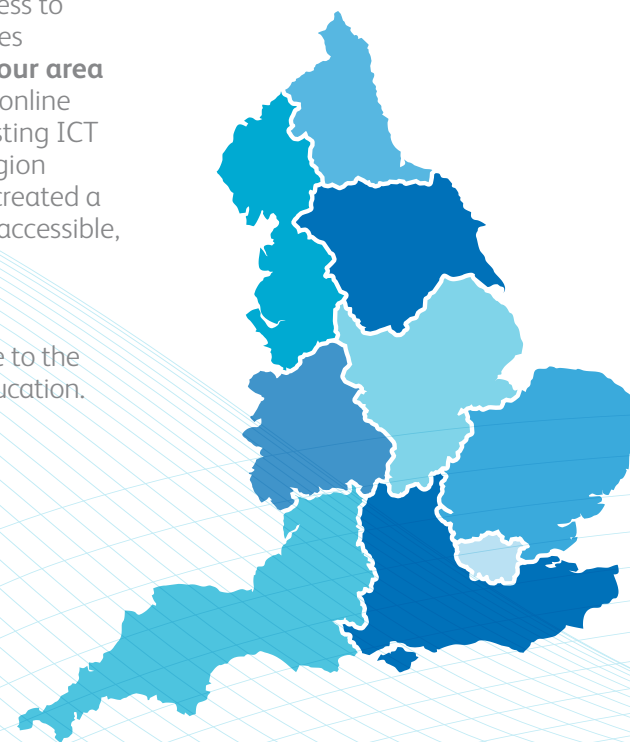
> **How does it work?**

- **share good practice** on Vital's online community
- **take a course** – Vital's flexible courses are delivered face-to-face (in school if required, to a group of staff) and online
- **find more development opportunities** – Vital links with partners and commercial providers to give teachers easy access to development opportunities
- **search for ICT CPD in your area** – Vital provides a central online location to search for existing ICT CPD provision in every region
- **try this now** – Vital has created a bank of bite-sized, easily accessible, free 15 minute CPD

> **Further opportunities**

Vital aims to provide a route to the Open University's MA in Education.

"Vital is all about creating support mechanisms – social, networking and peer support, as well as more formal learning – so teachers can develop themselves and deliver an engaging classroom experience."



> **Next steps**

Register with the Vital community at www.vital.ac.uk

- Explore the community
- Join a course
- Share your interests and expertise

Contact your regional office to find out about what's going on in your area.

