



Supporting numeracy for adults in the UK



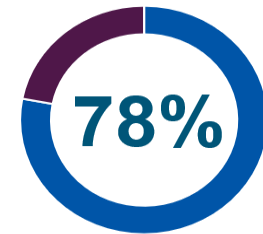
Innumeracy in the UK

*The 2011 Skills for Life Survey identified shocking levels of numeracy in the UK.

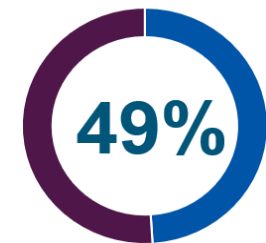
Literacy was improving but numeracy was getting worse from a much lower starting point.

Innumeracy is a “hidden” problem – some adults feel ashamed to admit they lack confidence or skills in numeracy.

It was felt a different approach was needed so our maths consultants reviewed the curriculum and created “The Essentials of Numeracy”



of adults are working below level 2
(GCSE grade 4/C)



of adults have the numeracy skills
expected of children at primary
school

The Essentials of Numeracy

The maths needed to be confident and competent in the workplace.

Based on 4 areas around the outside which show traditional aspects of maths:

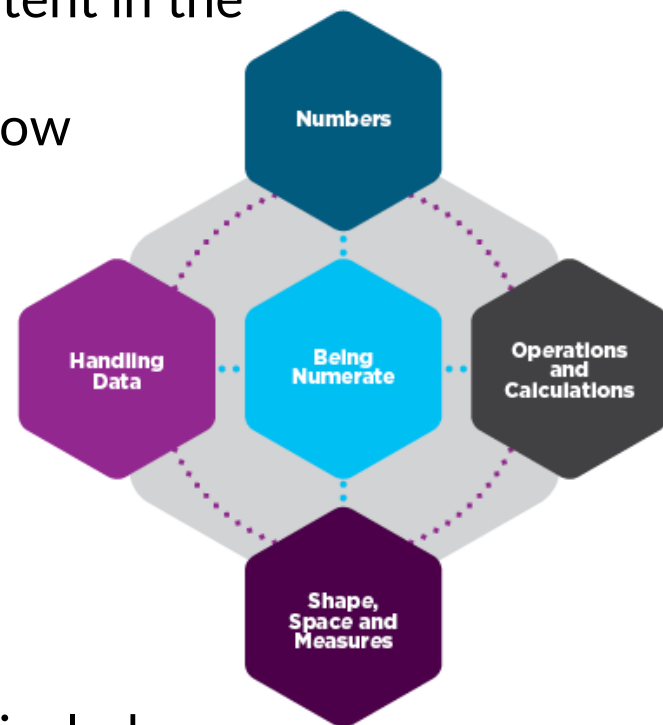
Numbers

Operations & Calculations

Shape, Space & Measures

Handling Information

There is no algebra or trigonometry - we only include skills that you need in daily life and the workplace.



This is the foundation of The National Numeracy Challenge- online learning resource

What HCSW's say:

"I wanted to do my nurse training and I needed to pass maths to move forward with my career. But the first thing I thought about maths was "err, no". I was nervous, scared and unsure. "

Panic. I just panic. I straight away feel like oh I can't do that so I just try to avoid doing it altogether."

"I'm going to go on to do my nurse training but honestly it's the one thing that's holding me back from it"

"My colleagues were not able to help and quite a few would say "Oh no, don't ask me about maths". I remember when I failed the maths exam and was really heartbroken. "

"I still get fearful myself – most people hate maths and get really nervous of the subject"

What is a Numeracy Champion?

Numeracy Champions support positive conversations with others about numbers. They:

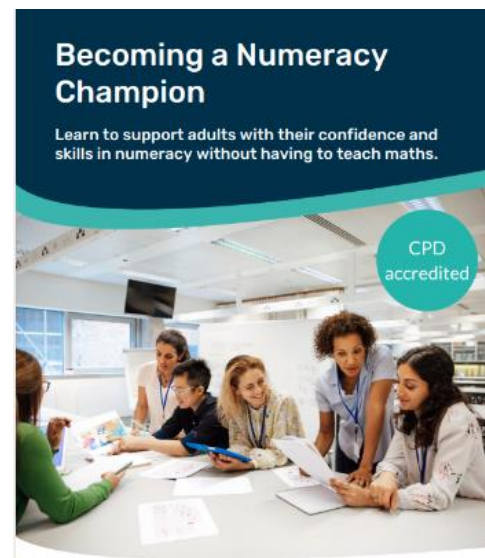
- Talk positively with others who may feel anxious about maths, and inspire them to share their experiences
- Engage and support others to have a more positive approach towards numbers
- Signpost others to take the first steps in improving their numeracy skills using National Numeracy's online resources
- Utilise the tools and resources from the programme

Numeracy Champions do not teach maths



Benefits of being a Numeracy Champion

- CPD-accredited training programme, enhancing your own professional development
- Exploring your own numeracy journey and how this can impact your everyday life
- Opportunity to join a network of other champions across various industries to share best practices and collaborate
- Access to resources, key messages and further activities to support you in your role
- Calendar of events for you to engage in
- Ongoing support and continued relationship with National Numeracy to help you to support numeracy within your workplace



Who could be a Numeracy Champion?

Anyone with an interest in supporting others to feel more confident with numbers!

- Someone in a supportive role: Health and Wellbeing/ Staff Development or HR Professional
- Multiply Leads, delivery partners, training providers, adult and family learning practitioners.
- Someone who is responsible for teams: Line Managers, Team Leaders, Supervisors
- IAG point of contact: Advisors, Work Coaches, Careers Development Officers, Call Centre Operators, Librarians, CAB Officers, Financial Support Workers
- Someone in delivery: Tutors, Union Representatives



Programme overview

- Delivered over Zoom, in two x 2-hour sessions
- Accredited CPD certificate upon completion
- Mix of videos, polls, presentations, case studies and discussions
- Full Training Pack of resources and Activity Workbook provided
- Cohorts of 30-35 participants from across the UK
- Ongoing support from National Numeracy
- Invitations to regular Forums, offering networking opportunities for trained Champions
- Communications toolkit to help Champions engage in our National campaigns.



Numeracy Champion- Sam Sims CEO



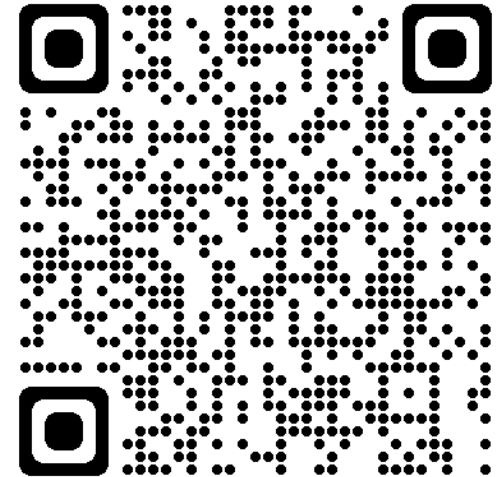
How you can get involved -upcoming programmes

[Become a Numeracy Champion – Multiply | National Numeracy](#)

Use the QR Code or above link to access a choice of programme dates listed below:

Pick the dates that suit you, to sign up for this **fully funded** CPD-accredited programme:

- › Monday 3rd & 10th June 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- › Wednesday 5th & 12th June 9:30am - 12:30pm
- › Friday 14th & 21st June 9:30am - 12:30pm
- › Monday 1st & 8th July 9:30am - 11:30am
- › Friday 5th & 12th July 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- › Tuesday 9th & 16th July 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- › Waiting list



What Numeracy Champions say

“I now have a greater understanding of the national situation around numeracy and how, in my role, I can support people with low numeracy skills.”

“I found all of the programme useful. I actually came with a fear of numbers, but realise I use them every day in everything.”

“I now realise that building up confidence is key to unlocking the fear of numbers.”

“I feel empowered to have conversations about maths, numeracy and numbers. As someone who suffers from maths anxiety, I feel more confident about my journey as a Numeracy Champion.”

The story so far :

323+

people across the NHS
trained as Numeracy
Champions

99%

of participants in the
last two years rated
the programme 4 or 5
out of 5

99%

of survey respondents
felt more confident to
support others and
promote numeracy in
the workplace (from
recent 2023 project)



**Becoming a Numeracy
Champion**

Workplaces

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