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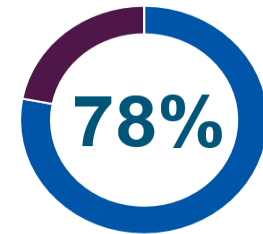
Innumeracy in the UK

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

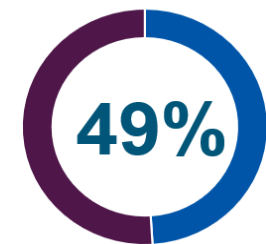
Literacy was improving but numeracy was getting worse from a much lower starting point.

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:

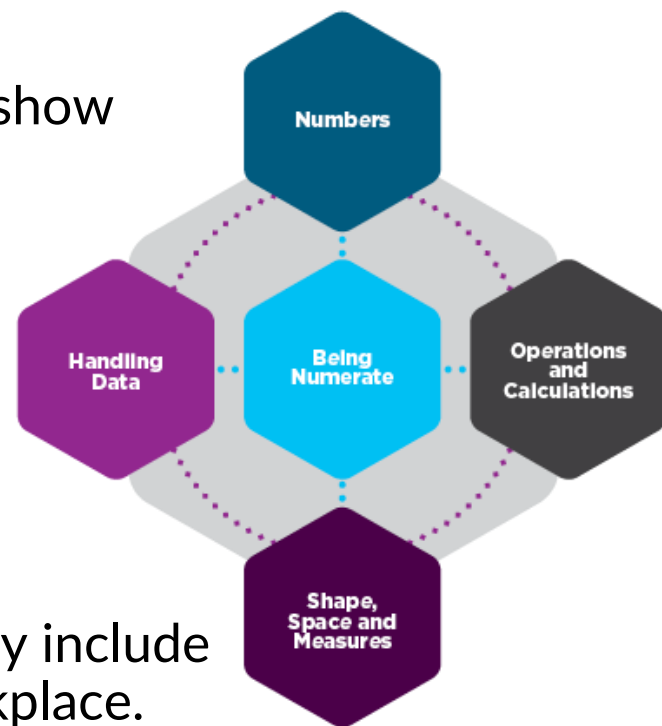
Numbers

Operations & Calculations

Shape, Space & Measures

Handling Information

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



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

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
- 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

Numeracy Champion Training Programme - objectives

To give you the knowledge to support individuals to improve their confidence and skills with numbers.

From the sessions you will understand:

- The numeracy issue in the UK and the reasons for it
- How poor numeracy affects individuals and workplaces
- Maths anxiety and its impact
- A positive attitudinal approach to learning for adults with low confidence and skills in numeracy
- The ways that National Numeracy resources and support can be used to engage others

Programme overview

- Delivered over Zoom, in two x 3 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
- Ongoing support from National Numeracy
- Invitations to regular Forums, offering networking opportunities for trained Champions

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.”

What Numeracy Champions say

“Thank you to you and all the team at National Numeracy for helping me to understand my journey, gain the confidence to vocalise it, as well as to build my skills further, and the opportunities to share it with others.

The Numeracy Champion role has been incredible for me, and I’m so glad I took a chance on it as it’s really helped me to change the way I think about maths and to be helping others to do the same is really special.”

A Champion's journey



Building number confidence at Lincolnshire Co-op



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