

**Fellowship Peer Support Circles**

**If you are planning to apply for HEA Fellowship (AFHEA, FHEA or SFHEA) this year, Fellowship Peer Support Circles will offer you support for**

* Development towards readiness to make an application.
* Guidance towards Preparing the application itself

**The Peer Support Circles will be organised as follows:**

* AFHEA and FHEA Joint Peer Support Circles
* SFHEA Peer Support Circles.

**Peer Support Circles timescales:**

Each Fellowship Peer Support Circle will be supported by a Facilitator across a period of approximately four months. Approximate dates will be as follows:

* Late-Oct – Late-Feb
* Mid-Feb – Mid June
* Mid-June – Mid-Oct

Of course, Peer Support Circle members could continue to be mutually self-supporting over a longer period of time if they wish.

**The Fellowship Peer Support Circle process – How do you join? And what will you do month by month?**

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* **Step 1: Submit an Expression of Interest Form and let us know you would like to join a Fellowship Peer Support Circle**
* **Step 2: Complete Pre-Circle Preparatory Tasks**

To prepare for your Peer Support Circle you should …

Visit the [C@N-DO Fellowship Support Resource](https://mynorthamptonac-my.sharepoint.com/%3Ao%3A/g/personal/shirley_bennett_northampton_ac_uk/EmfSsqhW5h1Asi70IqhiD8UBsp5WHgJp--5VvyFEOyMnpQ?e=bQcpQj)  and complete tasks under ‘Getting Started’ to

> Find out about Fellowship

> Explore the Descriptors

> Explore the PSF Dimensions

**The work over the four months of the Peer Support Circle will comprise**

* **Month 1 - Laying the ground work**

Your Facilitator will set the ground work for the Peer Support Circle + facilitate activities such as the following:

> Consideration of key events in your career

> Application of PSF Dimensions to your practice

> Exploration of Practice + Experience in relation to Descriptors

> Exploration of the assessment tasks + planning the work.

* **Months 2 + 3 - Working through the assessment tasks**

Your Facilitator will support the members of the Peer Support Circle in activities in the [C@N-DO Fellowship Writing Support Resource](https://mynorthamptonac-my.sharepoint.com/%3Ao%3A/g/personal/shirley_bennett_northampton_ac_uk/EmfSsqhW5h1Asi70IqhiD8UBsp5WHgJp--5VvyFEOyMnpQ?e=bQcpQj) to
> understand the Descriptor Criteria and C@N-DO Assessment Tasks + map to your experience and practice

> analyse how your engagement in CPD has impacted your practice + identify further opportunities

> understand how to get the most from the institutional Peer Observation process, plan the observation + analyse and communicate the learning gained

The Facilitator will provide Writing Retreats to progress your application.

* **Month 4 - Finalising the complete Application**

Your Facilitator will guide you to complete the full application and

> remind you to complete the Intention to Submit Form for a place on your chosen panel and to

> make arrangements to get your references + Faculty Check of your application

**Fellowship Peer Support Circles, Resources and Technology**

The [Fellowship Support Resource](https://mynorthamptonac-my.sharepoint.com/%3Ao%3A/g/personal/shirley_bennett_northampton_ac_uk/EmfSsqhW5h1Asi70IqhiD8UBsp5WHgJp--5VvyFEOyMnpQ?e=bQcpQj), which is based in a OneNote Notebook, will be used as the core resource for the Fellowship Peer Support Circles. The use of other technology for collaboration and individual support will be decided between Fellowship Peer Support Circles and their Facilitators. Possible tools includea OneNote Class Notebook, a Padlet, Sharepoint, Teams, NILE etc.