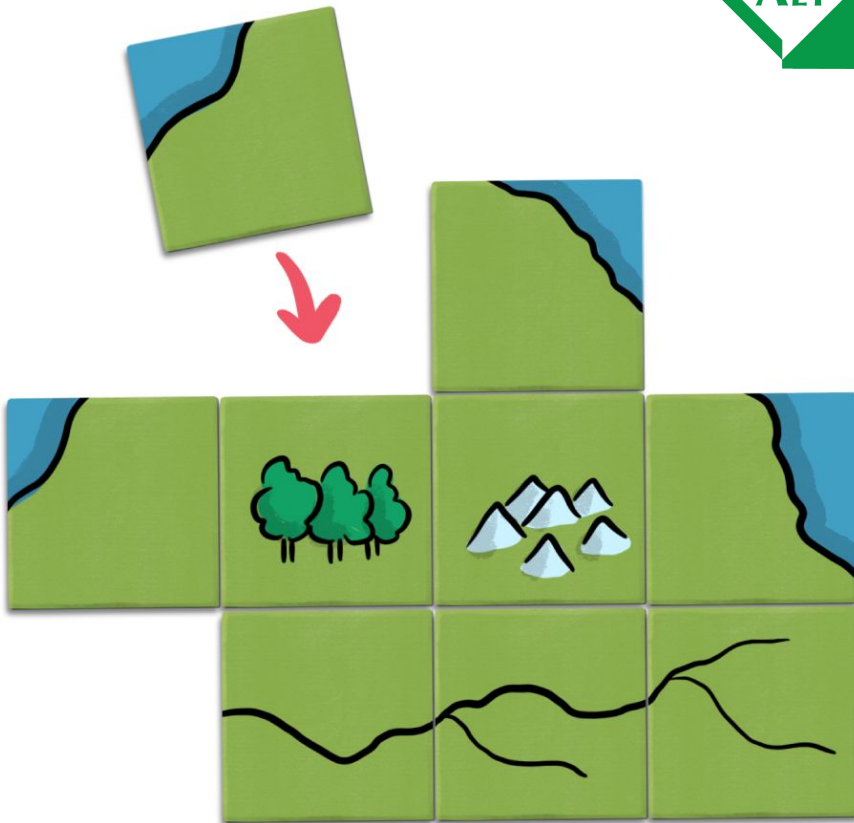


# Meet FE's fastest growing community of practice AmplifyFE

Emma Procter-Legg, Chloë Hynes and  
Lynne Taylerson



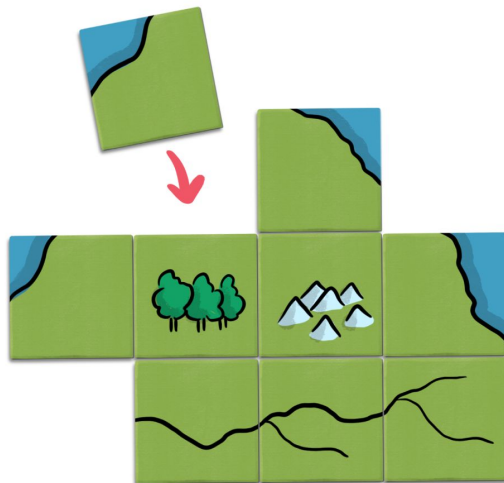
# Working in partnership

The [AmplifyFE network](#) is led by the [Association for Learning Technology](#) (ALT) in partnership with [Ufi VocTech Trust](#).

**AmplifyFE** launched in October 2020 and already **connects 2,200+ professionals** in Further Education and Vocational Education, providing a strong networking community for them to share, collaborate and learn.



# Communities of Practice Sector Audit 2022

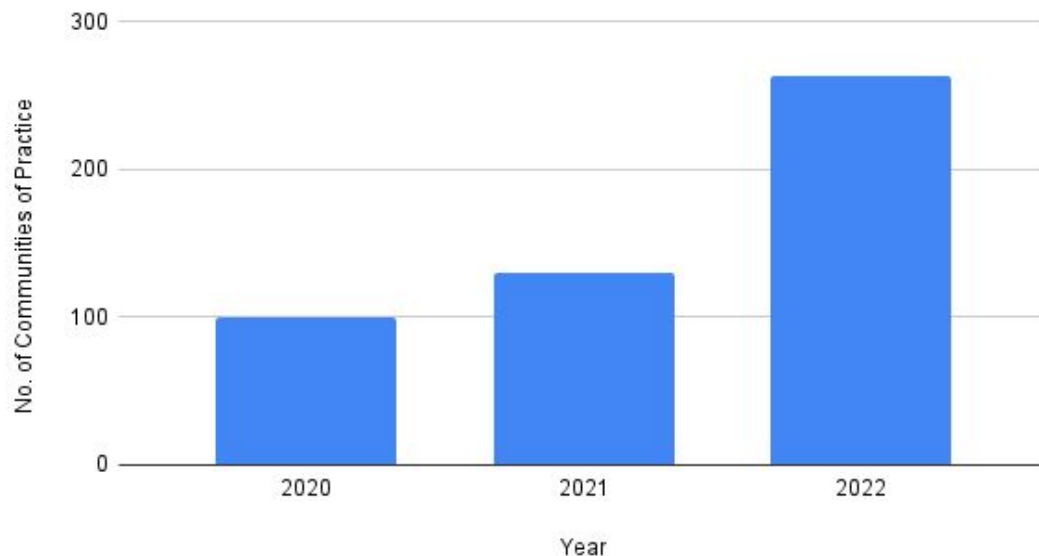


This year's audit provides a full new dataset and key findings, charting **important changes to the sector landscape**, including which communities have stopped or started their activities.

The Communities of Practice we audited include online community groups and networks around a common theme or interest such as Research, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI), ESOL etc set up by sector bodies and technology companies as well as independent groups run by individuals or groups of practitioners.

# Our audit is growing

Growth in Communities of Practice included in the Sector Audit



There were many new additions to the community landscape, making the audit a more comprehensive map of the sector landscape.

This year we added: **146** additions and removed **12**.

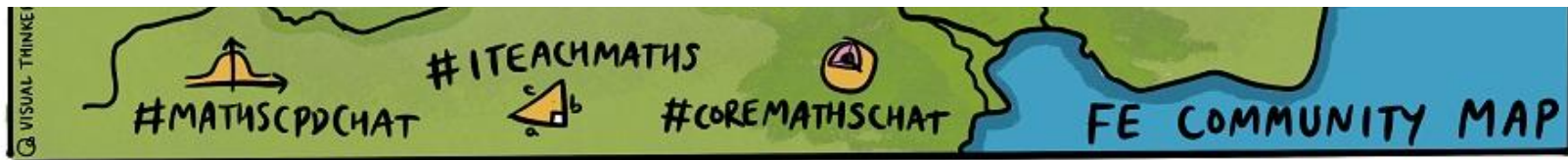
# Make use of our findings

**Individual practitioners** can use our findings to help find support and build personal learning networks. You can find communities of practice on many different platforms, with a focus on what you are interested in.





*Add yourself to the map*



# Introducing the #AmplifyFEspace

- **Share and learn** from each other, increasing access to learning technology expertise, digital pedagogy and professional development opportunities
- Champion the use of **accessible, inclusive learning technology**
- Engage with FE groups and **communities of practice and researchers**
- Work across **the whole Further Education and Training sector** in its widest terms
- To **amplify the voice of professionals** in strategic developments across the sector

*Connection not competition*



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2022-23



# Permission to Chat

AmplifyFE Community Space Blog 

THIS  
**JUST IN**

Dr. Vicky Butterby



## Blogs

- [Developing digital skills in teaching ESOL: it matters more than ever!](#)
- [Invisible assessment of engagement in online teaching and learning spaces](#)
- [Meaningful use of technology](#)
- [Do something that scares you \(psssst! we can help\)](#)

## Podcasts



### Permission to Play

Chloë chats with Sandra Smith as she shares stories of digital exploration with us; highlighting the importance of being given permission to play, make mistakes, ...

[See more](#)

Jun 14, 2023

30:40



### The Importance of Pause

In this episode we meet Joyce Hui-I Chen @JoyceHuiChen1 as she tells us her FE story; leading to our reflections on the need to take time to ourselves in our ...

[See more](#)

May 17, 2023

39:06



### Portrait of an artist teacher in the community

For this episode, Chloë is chatting with Abbie Cairns (@AbbieCairnsArt) an artist teacher who works in community learning and is on a mission to bring other artis...

[See more](#)

Apr 28, 2023

52:28



### Riffing on 'innovation' with friends

For this episode, we decided to give something new a try (inspired by Amy from the ESOL Podcast who we spoke with on the last episode) by gathering some of ...

[See more](#)

Mar 29, 2023

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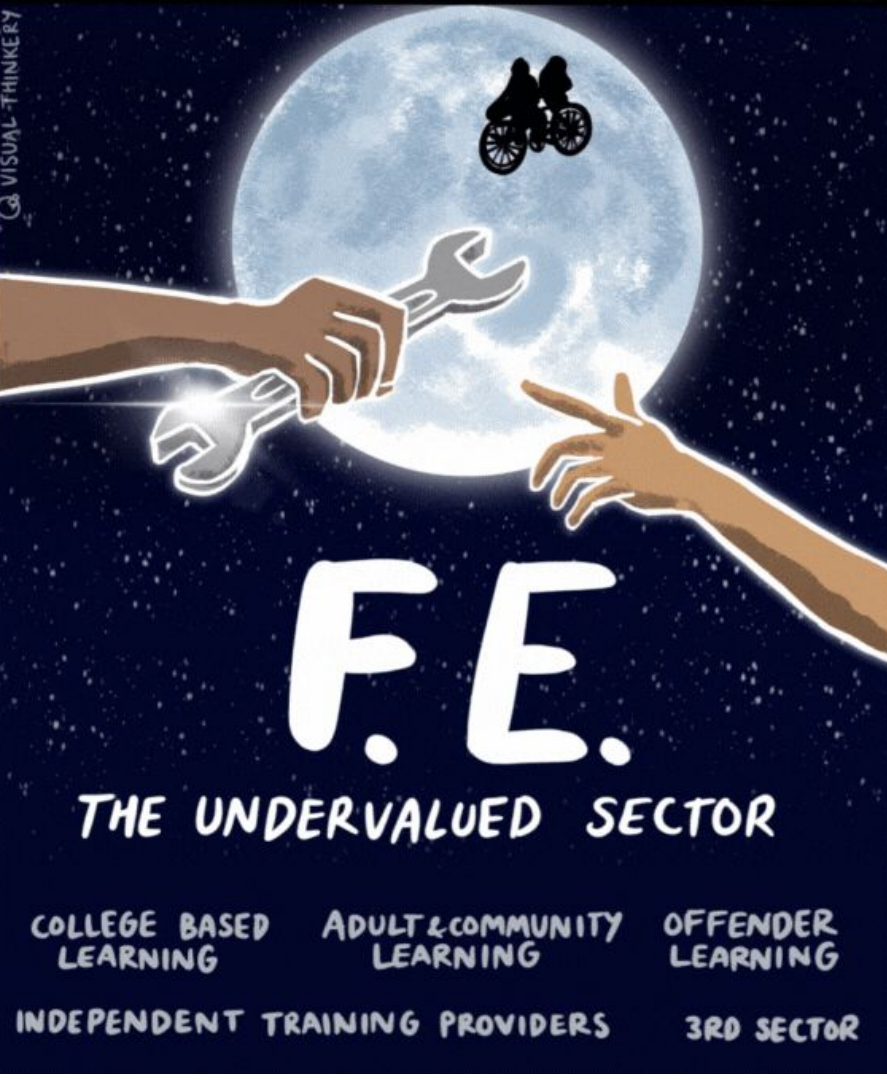
### Punk Podcasting

As we're a few podcasts into the new AmplifyFE Community Space podcast, we thought it would be interesting to do something a little meta! For this Chloë invite...

[See more](#)

Mar 15, 2023

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## AmplifyFE Webinars

COMING SOON  
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### AI, data, Ethics and Beyond

- May 25th @12noon

### Save time and create great resources with AI tools

- June 16th @2pm

### Digital Collage for Reflection

- July 21st @2pm

### Folding Slow Ontology

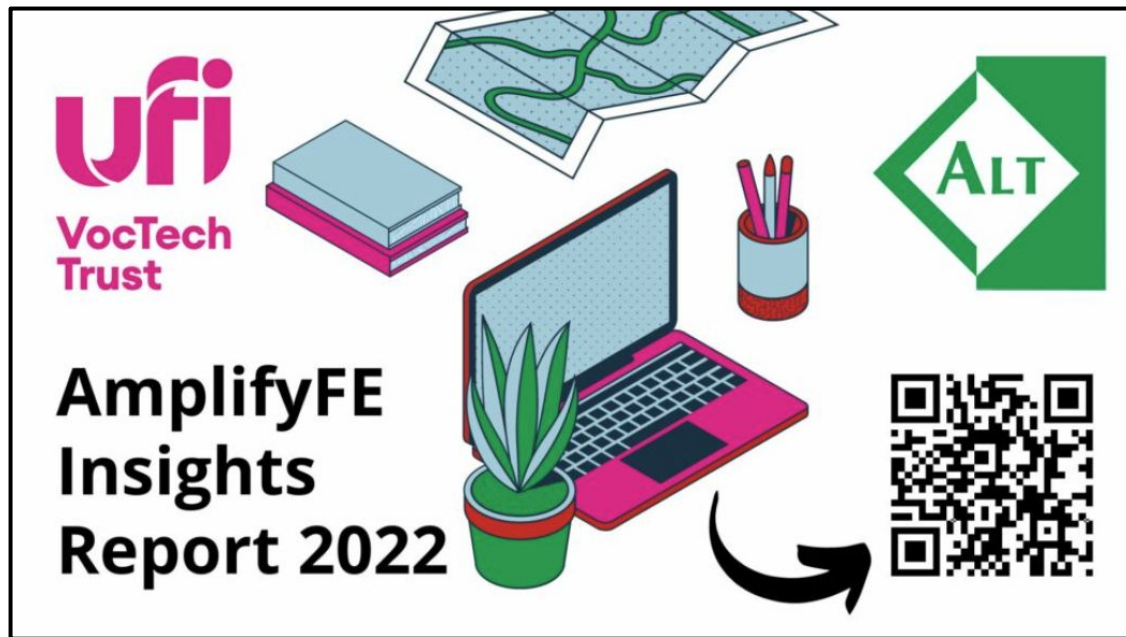
- August 25th @12noon

Get in touch if you would like to contribute to the AmplifyFE community space

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# Over to you...





Our 'Insights' research:

How do we design and  
deploy technology to  
best benefit learners  
most impacted by the  
digital divide?

<https://amplifyfe.alt.ac.uk/research/>





Our research draws on:

1

Interviews with  
Managers and  
designers from Jisc,  
DfE, ETF, industry  
and the Ufi  
VocTech Challenge.

2

Analysis of digital  
skills frameworks  
and sector use of  
Learning  
Technology.

3

Community  
contributions via  
AmplifyFE and Ufi  
VocTech Challenge  
network.

- Research report
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