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### Facts & Figures

Has this term been successful?  
Why, yes, we think it has!

This term we have worked  
with:

- 53 different schools from 50 different countries
- 193 delegates on open CPD courses
- 66 NPQSL delegates
- 19 NPQH delegates
- 7 NPQ cohorts run
- 19 Online courses run



### A Message From Our CEO

Dear Colleagues

I hope you are all well and no doubt looking forward to a very well-earned summer break. As we come to the end of what has been another challenging, yet ultimately optimistic, year for everyone in education, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Infinite Learning. We have had a very exciting year, as you will read below, and we are so grateful to be working with such committed professionals as yourselves.

This time last year we were announcing that The National Professional Qualifications are KHDA-approved for delivery by Infinite Learning FZ LLC, in partnership with UCL Institute of Education and that when completing your chosen NPQ Programme with Infinite Learning, it will be recognized and attested by the KHDA. This remains the case. However, this year, things have moved on again. Federal Law now dictates that only TVET Institutions can deliver recognised qualifications. This is a Quality Assurance initiative that Infinite Learning wholeheartedly supports. Accordingly, Infinite Learning is now in the final stages of obtaining its TVET license and due to our current KHDA-approved status, we are still legally permitted to advertise and recruit for these prestigious programmes. [Please click here for further NPO Programme information.](#) You can also read about the new NPQs we are offering from September 2022 below.

The other big piece of news for Infinite Learning is that we will no longer be offering Safeguarding training. However, please do not worry! We are all very aware of just how important it is to ensure best practice safeguarding of the children and young people in our schools. It is the foundation of everything. We are therefore delighted to share with you the news that we are now Co-founders and Managing Partners of The Safeguarding Alliance Dubai Office (MENA region) and you can access all you safeguarding requirements directly through us. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries at all: [rebecca@thesafeguardingalliance.org](mailto:rebecca@thesafeguardingalliance.org). We are already taking bookings for the month of August for onsite whole-school contextualized safeguarding training. If you think this might be of interest to you and your school, please do get in touch and I would be delighted to provide further information. We currently have some availability during the INSET week of 22nd August.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a wonderful summer. We look forward to working with you again next academic year.

*Rebecca Annand, Co-Founder & Managing Partner*



### Our Team

Over the past year, our little team at Infinite Learning has almost doubled in size! At the end of 2021, our team consisted of Rebecca, Paola, Sarah & Sharon and this year we have welcomed on board 3 new members!

Izzy joined at the beginning of the Academic year for 2021/22 as our Media & Marketing Manager and could not have fit into the team more perfectly. She's keeping us on our toes when it comes to all things Social Media and who knows, maybe this time next year, you'll be seeing us on TikTok!

Our accountant joined us after Spring Break and has been streamlining our accounts process ever since then! Paola can finally relax and breathe a sigh of relief now that she doesn't have to focus on the accounts anymore!

Finally, Tamara hopped on board in June and has been taking over the NPQs from Rebecca so for anyone interested in NPQs, get used to seeing Tamara's emails pop into your inbox!

And so the team of 4 grows to 7. Not too shabby, but certainly not the only additions that Infinite Learning will welcome! Here's to 2022/23 and growing our team even more!



### National Professional Qualifications

What a hectic year for the NPQs! It was certainly a bit of a shock having to transition from a fully Face to Face model (pre-Covid) to online and now to a new blended version. The sheer size of the project has been absolutely mammoth and whilst there have been some difficult times, we have managed to develop a programme which combines the in-depth professional development of the Face to Face model with the ease and convenience of online learning.

We have found over the past year that teachers have particularly enjoyed being able to discuss development and leadership ideas with people from all around the world through UCL Extend. Through discussion, they are able to take on board thoughts and opinions of those working with varying cultures and socio-economic climates in order to best develop their own knowledge.

We have also worked with some fantastic facilitators this year and would like to thank them for all of their hard work & dedication to these programmes. Together, they developing future leaders and decision makers.

*"I had an amazing time discussing and learning from all our peers in the cohort. A big shoutout to Bryce and Lisa who were good at breaking the ice and getting us very comfortable with the group"*

Come October, we will be delivering 3 new NPQ programmes alongside University College London, the number one provider globally for Education in the QS World University Rankings. The NPQs we will be delivering are:

- Leading Teaching
- Leading Teaching Development
- **Leading Literacy - NEW**
- Leading Behaviour & Culture
- Senior Leadership
- Headship
- **Early Years Leadership - NEW**

If you would like more information on any of these programmes, please email [tamara@infinitelearning.ae](mailto:tamara@infinitelearning.ae)



### Face to Face Training

This year began to feel like it was returning to normal for us with Face-to-Face training beginning to go ahead again!

We flew over our trainer, Helen Battelley, to lead some workshops in Early Years PE! Hosted by the amazing Hartland International School, we got to see first-hand our group of PE teachers get so invested in interactive activities and develop their knowledge and skills through productive and engaging sessions.

Our NPQs have also been running face to face sessions! We've been able to visit some of the cohorts in person to see how they're getting on and hear their thoughts & feedback on their NPQ experience so far. It's always good to keep our feet on the ground and be able to meet the teachers and leaders we're helping to train.

We also love hearing about the amazing implementation projects that are in the works and learning about the new initiatives to develop the already brilliant education system in the UAE even further.

Here's to 2022/23 and getting more Face to Face courses up and running!

### Testimonials

We love hearing your thoughts! That's why we send out feedback surveys at the end of each course so we can learn what you liked & what we need to improve. Here's some of our favourite testimonials from this term!



"I found the course thorough and insightful. The facilitators were very professional and knowledgeable and I have recommended this CPD to colleagues."

- *Safeguarding DSL Level 3*

"It was insightful and fun, everyone was professional, and the speaker has great knowledge of the topic, so it feels like we are actually learning something. There are professionals working from other parts of the world, so it was nice to hear their perspective too."

- *Research & Write-Up Support for Extended Essays & EPQs*



"Both the speakers were so enthusiastic and passionate in their presentation. I appreciate them sharing personal case dealings, as it felt more relatable in certain areas"

- *Safeguarding Level 2*

"The trainer is incredibly talented in transferring her knowledge and giving personalised feedback to improve areas for development and build our confidence."

- *Coaching In Arabic Part 1 & 2*



"The course is dense in the best possible way with current, accurate expert knowledge. The trainer is phenomenally knowledgeable and incredibly dedicated to his craft. His expert knowledge is invaluable for educators "

- *E-Safety Training*

### Thank You Facilitators

We recognise how much work our Facilitators put into the NPQ programmes and the dedication they have to improving the quality of teaching across the whole of Dubai (and beyond!).

So to thank them, we hosted a dinner at our favourite little eatery and invited them along to celebrate the specialist cohorts completing as well as the end of the term!

This year has certainly been a bit of a tumultuous one with finding the perfect balance between online & face to face. It's been a journey but one we've enjoyed, since we work with a great team of professionals who are wonderful at leading the National Professional Qualifications. We've been listening to the feedback of participants & facilitators alike and understand what it is you're looking for from the next cohort and want to help everyone involved achieve their goals when it comes to the National Professional Qualifications.



Having said that, we hosted this dinner to say thank you and to get to know future NPQ facilitators and what a fun night it was! It was so nice to see everyone outside of a professional environment and get to know people on a more personal level. We certainly learnt a lot about our facilitators this night and we can't wait to work with them all again in the future! And who knows...maybe you could be a facilitator for us one day...

If you're interested in becoming an NPQ Facilitator, please contact [tamara@infinitelearning.ae](mailto:tamara@infinitelearning.ae)

### Breaking News....

#### The Safeguarding Alliance (Dubai Office)

Perhaps the biggest announcement of this term would be the opening of The Safeguarding Alliance (TSA) Dubai office.

We have worked with The Safeguarding Alliance for many years and they are our go-to for anything and everything Safeguarding related! However, going forward Infinite Learning will no longer be working with them because our CEO's, Rebecca & Paola, are now working directly with TSA to open a Dubai-based office for the entire MENA region's Safeguarding needs!

As shareholder's of the Dubai office, Paola & Rebecca will not only be working to improve Professional Development through Infinite Learning, but also developing Safeguarding and child protection across the MENA region. We are so excited for them on this journey and can't wait to see what they will do.

Want to learn more about The Safeguarding Alliance? [Click here!](#)



### See You in August!

That's all from us this Term! We've really enjoyed the past year of education and professional development and want to thank everyone who has studied or worked with us over the 12 months.

We hope you have an amazing summer holiday and get in some much needed rest & relaxation! See you next (academic) year!

*From Rebecca, Paola, Izzy, Sarah, Sharon, & Tamara*