

Introducing our new quality standard

We're thrilled to announce a new quality standard that we're rolling out. This new standard asks you to include a follow-on activity that teachers can use a couple of weeks after the initial Neon activity. The goal is to make sure your activity has a lasting impact. The new standard is:

"Support teachers in enabling young people to reflect on the content of the Neon experience they have taken part in after the activity"

Research shows that follow-up activities really help students understand and remember what they've learned. By reflecting on their experiences, students can solidify their knowledge, make connections to real-world situations, and develop a deeper appreciation for the subject. This aligns perfectly with our mission to provide quality experiences that inspire and engage students.

How it benefits you

- **Better educational impact:** your activities will have a more lasting effect on students, leading to better learning outcomes
- **Increased engagement:** follow-on activities keep students interested in the subject for longer, fostering sustained curiosity
- **Positive feedback:** teachers and students are likely to give positive feedback when they see the added value of reflection activities, boosting your reputation
- **Best practice:** adopting this standard aligns you with educational best practices, showing your commitment to continuous improvement and excellence

How reflection activities add value

Reflection activities can enhance your Neon activities by:

- **Reinforcing learning:** they help students revisit and reinforce what they've learned, making the knowledge stick
- **Encouraging critical thinking:** reflection prompts students to think critically about their experiences, analyse what they've learned, and apply it to new situations
- **Supporting personal growth:** These activities encourage students to reflect on their personal growth and development, helping them recognise their achievements and areas for improvement
- **Building connections:** reflection helps students make connections between the activity and their broader educational journey, enhancing their overall learning experience

Case studies

Some providers are already ahead of the game and have integrated reflection activities into their programmes. For example, the Big Bang Challenge includes reflection sections that encourage students to think about the challenges they tackled and the solutions they came up with. Similarly, the student guides for The Big Bang Competition incorporate reflection activities that help students assess their learning and its impact.

How we can support you

We're here to help you implement this new standard. Here's how we can support you:

- **Templates and resources:** We'll provide templates for reflection activities that you can easily adapt and use
- **Webinars and training:** As a Neon provider, you will have access to webinars and training sessions to help you understand and implement the new standard effectively
- **Case studies and best practices:** We'll share case studies and best practices from providers who have successfully integrated reflection activities into their programmes
- **Ongoing support:** Our team is available to provide ongoing support and answer any questions you might have

Supporting Resources

For additional resources and support, visit our website or get in touch with our team. We've got a range of materials to help you implement the new quality standard and enhance the educational impact of your activities.

neonfutures.org.uk/qs-info

Check The Tomorrow's Engineers Code

We encourage you to join the Code community, which offers a platform for networking, sharing ideas, and collaborating with other providers. The Code Connect resource is a fantastic tool for improving your practice and integrating reflection activities into your programmes.

code.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk

Get in touch with us

If you need more information or assistance, don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to help you succeed in implementing this new quality standard. Email us at:

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