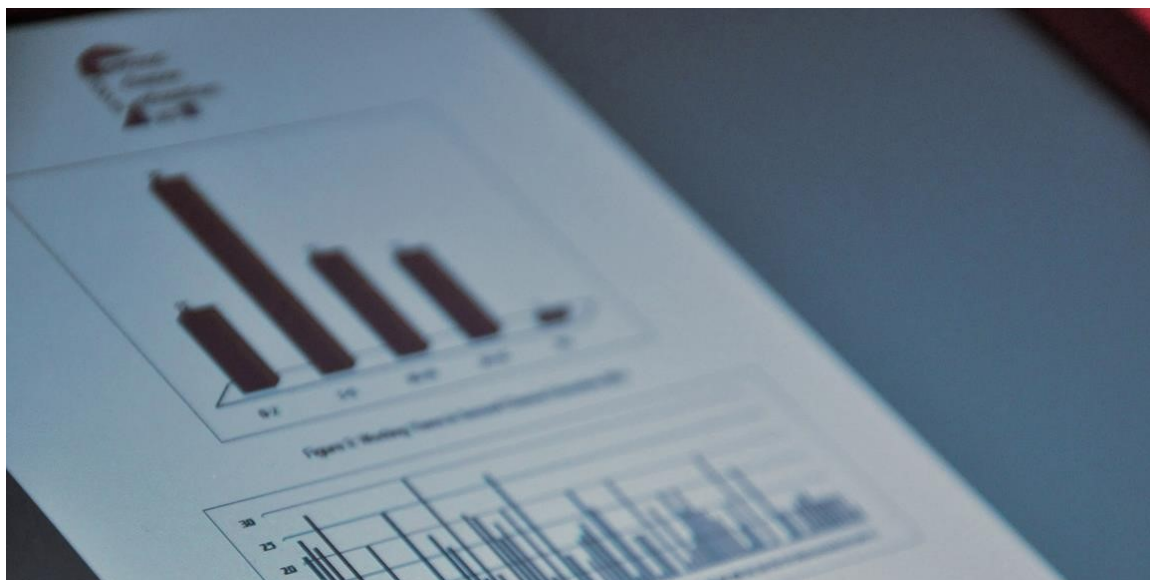




## Newsletter #2: What has EPODS been up to?

### Review of Joint User Needs Analysis



*EPODS Joint User Needs Analysis, available at [www.secondchanceeducation.eu/materials](http://www.secondchanceeducation.eu/materials)*

Since our first newsletter, the EPODS team has carried out a **Joint User Needs Analysis**, which provided valuable feedback and is helping guide the development of teacher-training modules. We spoke to 75 educators across Europe and asked them what their priorities for Continuous Professional Development are. Their responses indicate some major trends concerning what SCE teachers need in order to adequately address new challenges, such as integrating migrants and refugees into classes, and increasing the productive use of digital technologies.

Want to read more, and discuss the findings with us? Maybe you can contribute insight from countries we did not reach in our study? Either way, we are happy to hear from you! Join us on the [DISCUSS platform](#) and join our [EPODS group](#). You can find our social media links at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Which Persona are you?

Personas are understood by the EPODS team to be profiles of fictional, yet representative potential users of the various EPODS project outputs. Through a process of qualitative analysis of the responses provided by our 72 respondents, certain defining characteristics were identified: profession, age, experience level, and general biographical trends. These details were synthesized into four descriptive Personas:

1. New NOAH;
2. Average ALEX;
3. Experienced EMILY, and;
4. Supporting SOPHIA.



*The 4 EPODS Personas. More details in Joint User Needs Analysis, [www.secondchanceeducation.eu/materials](http://www.secondchanceeducation.eu/materials)*

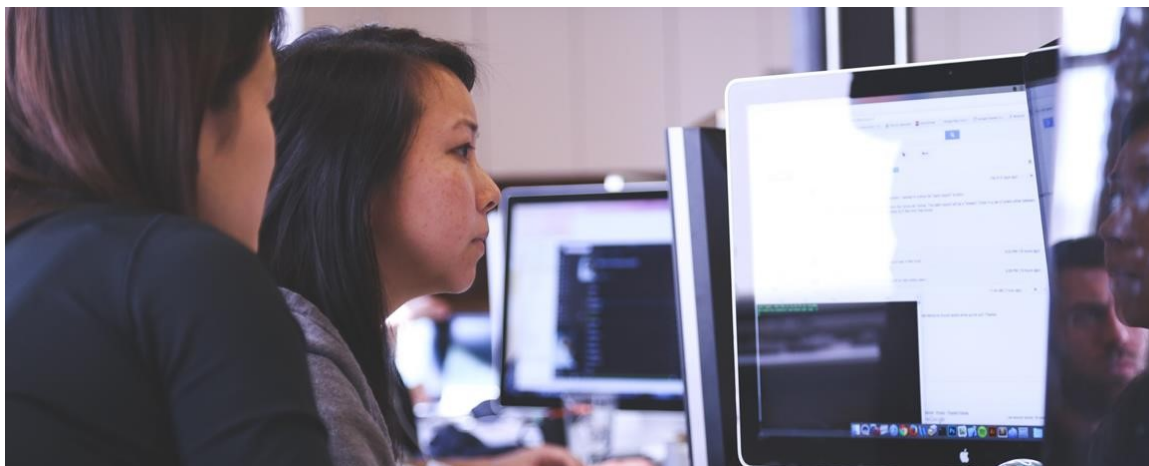
EPODS recognises that the segment of educators who could benefit most are the younger, less experienced teachers i.e. the new NOAHS and the average ALEXs. Both Personas identified a gap in the existing provision of CPD, and are perhaps more likely to engage in online learning and make use of the online CPD service, due to a higher digital confidence. **So: which Persona are you?**

## Upcoming Services

The **EPODS PDOs** (Personal Development Offers) are being developed as we write this newsletter. Five initial topics has been chosen, and will be made available in the coming months – want to hear more? Find us on social media and ask us anything you like!

Additionally, the **EPODS Skills Trainer** is an innovative e-portfolio tool for educators, who can record their trainings in a transparent and intuitive manner, and share with colleagues or managers. In this way, educators can track their progression. The Skills Trainer will be integrated into the web platform [www.secondchanceeducation.eu](http://www.secondchanceeducation.eu), and will offer relevant e-learning items to educators based on their preferences and profile.

## Upcoming training in November 2017, Netherlands



*E-learning training coming up in November 2017*

In November 2017 the EPODS team will be carrying out a training event, teaching educators how to use our selected E-Learning Creation Tool: Canvas. We will offer a customized Canvas tool, integrated with our web platform at [www.secondchanceeducation.eu](http://www.secondchanceeducation.eu), and ensure that teachers gain the skills to use it independently and can share the knowledge back in their own institutions.

The training will take place in Heerlen, Netherlands. If you are in the region and would like to participate, don't hesitate to contact [Mr. Chris Janssen](#) or [Ms. Katrine Bengtsson](#).

## Where has EPODS been?



*EPODS team members outside BCFM radio station, Bristol, UK*

A successful meeting was held in Bristol, UK, in March 2017 hosted by partner [Phoenix Social Enterprises](#). We seized the opportunity to spread the EPODS message via local Bristol radio station BCFM (listen to the interview [here](#)), and enjoyed the sights, smells

and tastes of diverse Bristol! You can listen to the interview [here](#).

October 2017 takes the EPODS team to Cyprus, where partner [CNTI: Cyprus Neuroscience Technology Institute](#) will host in Nicosia. The team will prepare for the training in November, and continue development of our e-learning content for educators.

**We invite you to join the growing online SCE community** to follow, discuss and engage with our project as well as wide-ranging topics related to CPD and SCE. You can find our social media links below.

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