



Specialist Leader FAQs

What sorts of things might I do as a Specialist Leader?

As a Specialist Leader you will be required to complete the **two** compulsory elements of the programme:

- Attend two CPD Development Days to develop own subject and pedagogical knowledge (one school day and one Saturday)
- Attend a three day SLE residential tour to the Western Front (Friday to Sunday or Saturday to Monday) including an informal assessment exercise

In addition, you will be required to complete **two** of the following elements, conducted in the SLEs home school or local associated education network (e.g. multi-academy trust, local authority schools, a higher education institution):

- Development, trial and refinement of a new First World War classroom activity
- Establishment and leadership of a local school network
- Leading pre-tour CPD
- Accompanying of a tour group, showing outstanding teaching and learning activities
- Working with schools on 'Legacy 110' projects
- Development of media / digital technology
- Development of new on-site tour materials

How many days per year will this involve?

The Specialist Leader in First World War Education role is very flexible. You can decide your level of involvement, therefore, it is rather difficult to be precise in the number of days you should set aside to undertake any related tasks. However, in terms of scheduled time required, there are 5 compulsory activity days (2 x one day Development Days in London and one 3 day tour to the Western Front) spread across 10 months. The remaining time, spent on developmental work, will be entirely at the Specialist Leader's self-direction.

Will I get paid to do this role?

Sadly not! We are also unable to cover the cost of your absence when you are required to be out of school. However, travel costs that you incur on our behalf will be met in full, for example the travel to / from the CPD Development Days and SLE tour joining point, and all travel, accommodation and meals during the SLE tour (excluding single room supplements where participants request these).

What kind of formal recognition will I receive from the UCL Institute of Education if I complete my role as a Specialist leader in First World War education satisfactorily?

You will receive a unique UCL Institute of Education certificate as evidence that you have completed the programme successfully. This will be awarded to you at one of our annual showcase events in central London.



How long does the SLE programme last?

We expect that you will be involved for 10 months in the first instance. Some specialist leaders may work with the programme for a little longer depending on their own individual targets or to support the wider work of the programme as opportunities arise. Some 15 fully accredited Specialist Leaders who completed their formal work in 2017 and 2018 continue to work enthusiastically as friends of the programme / Senior Specialist Leaders in Education today. For example, this currently includes delivering CPD or pre-tour workshops, developing new teaching and learning resources and mentoring to some of our newer specialist leaders.