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Dear IfL Member

### **Renewing your membership and new payment arrangements**

As the end of the subscription year approaches, I am writing personally to you to outline the changes to IfL membership from **1 April 2011**.

Since the government policy announcement in late 2009, IfL has been working towards a self-financing model that will work as well as possible for you as a member of IfL. Like many other professionals, such as midwives, accountants and lawyers, IfL members will now be required to pay their own subscription fees. Also, like many other professions, membership of IfL is mandatory for teachers and trainers in further education and skills.

The fee for the standard membership will be £68 per year. I am pleased to inform you that IfL has successfully negotiated with the government to secure some additional funding for this year, which has enabled us to extend the subscription period from 12 to 18 months for one year's fee. In addition, we are committed to keeping the fee level the same for the next three years.

We recognise that this is a change for you and that it comes as the funding context for our sector overall is challenging. When setting the fee, it was important that it was both affordable and a fair reflection of the benefits and services we are able to provide. IfL will continue to develop unique and valuable benefits such as professional status. It is only through membership of IfL that teachers and trainers can hold Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS). IfL also provides support to members for your continuing professional development (CPD), which will help learners and the sector as a whole.

IfL is independent of the government and has created opportunities for influencing a range of national policy and decision making. For example, IfL promotes the need for QTLS to have the same recognition as QTS, held by school teachers. We give IfL members a voice on a national level.

### **Renewing your membership**

You will be able to renew your membership online from early **February 2011**. We will also send you an email with information on how to renew.

For further information about your membership and the full range of benefits available to you, please visit our website [www.ifl.ac.uk](http://www.ifl.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely



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