

sfG Software is the leading UK provider of mentoring solutions.

The benefits of sfG Software's MentorNet application include:

- Developed with a leading UK mentoring organisation
- Improves Communication
- Reduces Administration
- Ensures Regulatory Compliance
- Encourages Networking & Peer Learning
- Increases Ownership of the Mentoring Process
- Allows Advanced Reporting & Analysis

...all part of an affordable solution

MentorNet is a secure online mentoring system that supports both face-to-face mentoring and eMentoring programmes. It reduces the administrative challenge of running mentoring programmes and the associated costs, can scale up and down to your regional and international needs and is user-friendly and affordable.

The advanced social networking capabilities of MentorNet include private messaging, discussion forums, activity logs, and the ability to share resources between mentors, mentees and administrators.

Enable your mentors to take ownership of the mentoring process

Mentoring organisations face many challenges. Key issues – such as maintaining effective communication between mentors and meeting regulatory compliance – are major causes of concern. Moreover, many mentoring organisations are charities that cannot afford expensive software packages, and so the end result is that important tasks such as tracking mentee contacts are often done in an ad hoc fashion on paper.

In order to solve these issues, sfG Software has collaborated with Day1, a leading UK mentoring organisation, to develop MentorNet. This has ensured that the product is designed specifically to meet the needs of mentoring organisations.



MentorNet enables any organisation that runs mentoring programmes to:

- Improve communication and networking
- Reduce administration time
- Monitor your mentoring relationships effectively

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Improve Communication & Networking

MentorNet uses communication methods that mentors and mentees will be familiar with, such as SMS, web, smartphone integration, etc, thus removing common barriers to effective communication.

Using photos, shared documents and social networking features, MentorNet makes communication easy between mentees, mentors and admin staff. This encourages peer-to-peer learning and networking, because mentors can share information and learn from each other. More effective relationships are developed and mentors can then really take control of the mentoring process.

The screenshot displays the MentorNet web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Help, Messages, News, and MentorUser. Below this is a search bar and a list of menu items: SEARCH, MENTORS, MENTEEES, RESOURCES, FORUMS, CONVERSATIONS, and NEWS. The main content area shows a profile for 'David Mentor'. The profile includes a photo, a bio stating 'I am the student coordinator for the forums, as well as a mine of information for any mentoring questions you may have.', and a 'Contact Info...' button. Below the bio is a 'User Profile' section with a table of details:

Name of Employer	My Marketing Company	Job Title	Marketing Director
Industry Sector	Publishing	Age Band	26-30
No of years in Employment	5-10 years	Gender	Male
Ethnic Origin	White		

Below the table is a 'Mentoring Profile' section with two text input fields. The first field is labeled 'Please describe why you wish to take part in the mentoring scheme?' and contains the text 'I benefited from being part of the mentoring scheme when I was a student and would now like to give other people the same opportunity.' The second field is labeled 'Please provide a brief summary of your career path' and contains the text 'I left University 5 years ago and have risen up the ranks of Corporate Marketing since. I am now Marketing Director.' Below this is a label 'Any experiences which you consider useful for a potential mentoring relationship (e.g. involvement in pupillage recruitment or careers)'.

Reduce Administration Time

MentorNet allows administrators to focus on the effectiveness and value of the mentoring programme rather than the bureaucracy that often detracts from the relationship building. For cash-strapped mentoring organisations, time is of a premium, both for administrative staff and for mentors, who are often volunteers. MentorNet cuts out time-consuming administration by making it easy to log and track expenses and find out information about mentee contacts. MentorNet's inherent flexibility means that it can be customised to suit the specific needs of your organisation.

Monitor Your Mentoring Relationships

The reporting capabilities of MentorNet give the administrator key information about the effectiveness of each mentoring relationship and allow the administrator to focus on those relationships that require guidance or intervention.

To find out more about how sfG Software's MentorNet can streamline your mentoring process, phone us on 01463 630200 or email info@sfgmentornet.com