

Valuing Medical Educators Week 2026

Daily Theme Content ideas

Monday: The Power of the Educator

Focus: Celebrate individual impact

PG Centre Ideas:

- Set up a **“Who made a difference?” wall** where trainees post notes of educators who inspired them.
 - Share pre-prepared **quote posters** (or create your own) with real stories from trainees.
 - Invite trainees to record 10–30 second videos thanking an educator and display these in the centre or via internal email/social.
 - Encourage departments to take part in a **gratitude challenge**: “Tag and thank an educator who influenced your training.”
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Tuesday: Recognition in Action

Focus: Showcase appreciation and say thank you

PG Centre Ideas:

- Run a **mini-awards ceremony** with categories like “Unsung Hero” or “Most Supportive Educator.”
 - Set up a **“Thank-a-Supervisor” postcard station** (digital or physical).
 - Encourage each department to **nominate an educator to recognise** this week — announce via trust comms or intranet.
 - Deliver recognition postcards with a **tea trolley drop-in**.
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Wednesday: Protected Time = Protected Education

Focus: Job planning and time for supervision

PG Centre Ideas:

- Display visual posters: “Education time matters – here’s why” with quotes/statements.
 - Share anonymised statistics or infographics on supervisor time in job plans (where available).
 - Run a **drop-in Q&A** or session with the DME to support supervisors with job planning queries.
 - Invite execs to post or record a **message of support** on protected time for educators.
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Thursday: Professional Development Day

Focus: Investing in educators' growth

PG Centre Ideas:

- Host a **30-minute micro-masterclass** on an educational topic (e.g. feedback, managing struggling trainees).
 - Share a curated list of **upcoming CPD opportunities** (e.g. courses, webinars, PGCerts).
 - Run a **speed networking session** for educators to meet colleagues across specialties.
 - Offer guidance on **educational appraisal and role induction**.
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Friday: Learning Environment Champions

Focus: Supporting positive clinical learning spaces

PG Centre Ideas:

- Celebrate **learning environment leads** across departments—post short bios or photos in the centre.
 - Run a **“What makes a great learning week?” huddle** or whiteboard activity.
 - Visit departments with a Tea trolley pop-up with postcards and feedback boards Share examples of **great educational culture** (e.g. how they support induction, feedback, or team integration).
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Saturday: Educational Scholarship

Focus: Showcasing innovation and research in education

PG Centre Ideas:

- Share a display of **local education scholars** and their research or innovations.
 - Highlight and share journal articles, conference posters, or projects by your educators.
 - Publish a “Local Scholars” spotlight online
 - Share summaries of recent educator-led research
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Sunday: World Teachers' Day

Focus: Celebrating all medical educators

PG Centre Ideas:

- Issue **certificates of appreciation** to all supervisors and education leads (print or digital).
- Email a **thank-you message from the PG team/DME**, highlighting the importance of education in your trust.
- Share a **social media post** with a collage of your PG team or educator quotes using #ValuingMedEd.
- Invite senior leaders to send messages of appreciation