



## EAST MIDLANDS SKILLS FOR LIFE STRATEGY FORUM BULLETIN

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### Newsflash

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**New guidance on ESOL for citizenship will be available on the LSC website from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

[www.lsc.gov.uk](http://www.lsc.gov.uk)

### Resources

#### Materials for Embedded Learning

The first five files have now been produced for use by teachers coming from vocational, professional and community education backgrounds and also for teachers from specialist literacy, language and numeracy backgrounds. Each file contains paper-based, screen-based and audio materials. The subject areas currently available are:

- **Trowel occupations (order ref:**

### The national strategy for improving adult literacy and numeracy, translated in the East Midlands

#### National News

**New national target** – A new national target of 2.25 million adults to improve their skills by 2010 has just been announced.

#### Return of the gremlins!

The gremlins are returning to our screens in a new advertising campaign to promote *Skills for Life* learning. The campaign targets people in work with literacy, language or numeracy skills needs.

**To find out more about the Get On campaign, please visit the Get On website [www.dfes.gov.uk/get-on](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/get-on)**

A new marketing toolkit is available to help colleges and providers use the Get On campaign.

**To order the toolkit, call DfES Publications on 0845 60 222 60 and quote the reference SFL/GOMT.**

#### ESOL Qualifications

From 1 January 2005 the ESOL skills for life qualifications will become the only ESOL qualifications that count towards the government targets for achieving basic skills at entry 3, level 1 and level 2.

Providers can check the following websites for regular updates: [www.lsc.gov.uk/National/default.htm](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/National/default.htm) (for information about funding)

### Events and Conferences

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#### Sharing the Skills!

If you find this Bulletin useful and think that a colleague could benefit from knowing more about Skills for Life just email them a copy. Then, if they want to receive it regularly, they can ask to be added to the distribution list.

#### Events

**East Midlands Skills for Life Forum meeting Wednesday 1 December**

***Skills for Work- ensuring a responsive supply for the delivery of Skills for Life in the Workplace***

The Nottingham Gateway Hotel, Nottingham.

**For details or to book a place contact Mark Cockayne [MCOCKAYNE.GOEM@go-](mailto:MCOCKAYNE.GOEM@go-)**

embedded/TR)

• Social care (order ref: embedded/SC)

• Horticulture (order ref: embedded/HO)

• Family health (order ref: embedded/FH)

• Effective communication for international nurses (order ref: embedded/NU)

Year 2 will include -

Retail, Warehousing, Catering, Hospitality, e2e and Sports leadership. Additional information will be made available on the Embedded Learning Portal.

**To order a free paper-based version of a teacher reference file contact DfES Publications on 0845 60 222 60, [dfes@prolog.uk.com](mailto:dfes@prolog.uk.com), quoting the codes above.**

#### **Embedded Learning Portal**

The screen-based materials are available via a Web Portal which can be found at:

[www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/embeddedlearning](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/embeddedlearning)

#### **Skills for Work information, advice and guidance website**

This new web-site provides information, advice and guidance (IAG) on a wide range of vocations to IAG professionals and their clients. It catalogues the literacy, language and numeracy skills requirements of each vocation and links to relevant learning materials.

**From October the Skills for**

[www.openquals.org.uk](http://www.openquals.org.uk) (QCA's database of accredited qualifications)

[www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/read\\_write\\_plus](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/read_write_plus)

[www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)

The LSC website outlines the current situation and the awarding bodies preparing to offer the ESOL qualifications.

[www.lsc.gov.uk](http://www.lsc.gov.uk)

**Below we outline new initiatives from the ABSSU. For more information contact Lisa Capper [Lisa.CAPPER@dfes.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.CAPPER@dfes.gsi.gov.uk)**

#### **Whole organisational approaches to delivering Skills for Life: Pathfinder project**

This will look at the critical success factors necessary to develop a whole organisation approach for the effective delivery of *Skills for Life* (SfL) within different contexts and across different learning organisations or partnerships.

#### **Step in to learning Phase Three: Embedding and mainstreaming project**

Step in to learning is a frontline staff training and development programme for staff working in the early years and childcare field. The 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of the project is now due to start and this will promote and secure the literacy, numeracy and language learning opportunities and access to national qualifications for staff, parents and carers in the early years and childcare sector and will support the professional development of staff in the sector in identifying and supporting parents with literacy, numeracy and language needs.

#### **Volunteering and the Community/Voluntary sector**

This two year project is designed to build on and broaden the coverage of existing work within the voluntary and community sector (VCS) and develop new approaches to community and social enterprise and responsibility to support the implementation of Skills for Life amongst the most vulnerable and hardest to reach audiences and constituencies.

#### **Supporting Dyslexic Learners in different contexts**

This project will build on the Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit's Framework for Understanding Dyslexia developed in 2003/04.

[regions.gsi.gov.uk](http://regions.gsi.gov.uk)

#### **Family Learning Week 11-17<sup>th</sup> October**

Events are taking place across the region to encourage families of all ages to learn together. Formerly just a weekend of events, this year its time to have lots of fun together for a whole week!

**For details visit**

[www.familylearningweek.comm](http://www.familylearningweek.comm)

#### **LSDA learning and Skills Research Network. November 4<sup>th</sup>**

10-1pm at LSDA Robins Wood House, Robin's Wood Road, Aspley.

Speakers include Dr David Mallows Assistant Director NRDC

**To reserve a place contact Rebecca Godwin**

[RRipley@lsda.org.uk](mailto:RRipley@lsda.org.uk)

#### **TUC Regional Conference**

*Moving Up The Learning And Skills Ladder With Your Union*  
24<sup>th</sup> November at the Techno Centre in Coventry. The closing date for applications is 3rd November 2004.

**Contact Philippa Lowne 0121 262 6382 [plowne@tuc.org.uk](mailto:plowne@tuc.org.uk)**

#### **NIACE Regional Conference Learning is not a crime 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Venue Nottingham Racecourse  
**For further details, contact [RegionsAdmin@niace.org.uk](mailto:RegionsAdmin@niace.org.uk)**

**Work site can be accessed at:**  
[www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/skillsforwork](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/skillsforwork)

### **Information on the new language requirements**

for those applying to be naturalised as British citizens can be accessed at

[http://www.uknationality.gov.uk/ind/en/home/news/press/releases/new\\_language\\_requirement.html](http://www.uknationality.gov.uk/ind/en/home/news/press/releases/new_language_requirement.html)

### **Broxtowe College are offering new training opportunities:**

- Level 3: Adult Literacy Subject Support or Adult Numeracy Subject Support  
This course is suitable for teachers/trainers of all subjects and paid support workers in post-16 education classes.
- Level 4 - Adult ESOL Subject Specialist. This is the new FENTO approved course for anyone who wants to teach English to speakers of other languages, either in Britain or abroad.
- Level 4 - Adult Subject Specialist in Numeracy or Adult Subject Specialist in Literacy

The courses commence late September.

**For further information ring Sue Salter or Lesley Way on 0115 9175386.**

The Framework is designed for teachers working in Post-16 education or training who are not dyslexia specialists but who are supporting dyslexic learners within their teaching programmes.

### **Convergence between key and basic skills**

This project is designed to prepare the way to full convergence between the existing essential skills of basic and key skills. This is a three-year project starting in August 2004 and completing in March 2007. The aim is to improve transparency in the progression routes for learners moving on from basic literacy, numeracy and ICT skills to achievement of the more demanding key skills and other forms of learning.

### **Numeracy and mathematics**

The project will focus its activities on a range of Pathfinders across England, over a three-year period up to March 2007, to develop whole provision strategies for supporting Numeracy and Non-specialist Mathematics.

### **Embedding Skills for Life in Vocational Qualifications**

This is a three-year project that started in August 2004 and will run until March 2007. The aim is to work with awarding bodies and sector bodies to develop, promote and assist with implementation of a number of new and existing fundable qualifications with embedded literacy, language (ESOL) and numeracy (LLN); to support the awarding bodies and sector bodies in their work to develop, promote and assist with the implementation of vocational qualifications with embedded Skills for Life; and to evaluate these developments throughout the project.

### **Skills for Families project**

Derbyshire ROWA and Nottinghamshire have been chosen for this second phase of this project which started in April 2003 and has been expanded for one year from August 2004. This will involve:

- Developing and testing a range of delivery models, using LSC funding and based on the Skills for Life learning infrastructure and the national curriculum, to improve the literacy, language and numeracy skills of parents and children

**or go to this link: -**  
<http://www.niace.org.uk/Conferences/Conferences.htm>

### **The annual Skills for Life conferences**

Monday 1 November - QEII Conference Centre, London

Thursday 11 November - The Royal York Hotel, York

Tuesday 23 November - ICC, Birmingham

**Complete and submit your booking form online**

<https://secure.symphonyem.co.uk/skills>

### **Revised Employers' Toolkit Training**

To support the rollout of the revised Employers' Toolkit, Deloitte are offering a training programme intended for anyone involved in staff development and training, including public and private employers of all sizes, as well as those offering advice to and support for employers in *Skills for Life* learning (for example intermediaries, advisers and providers).

**Request a registration form via [toolkittraining@deloitte.co.uk](mailto:toolkittraining@deloitte.co.uk) to secure your place at one of the half-day sessions which will take place between September and December around the country.**

### **Step in to Learning – Sure Start Training events**

Lincoln – 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January

### Skills for Families video

The Skills for Families video is now available.

Get your free copy from Alex Webster at [alexw@basic-skills.co.uk](mailto:alexw@basic-skills.co.uk) or on 0207 681 6123.

### The new National Test Toolkit

will be available very soon with updates on Move On and National Tests. Check the website for updates on free resources and tutor support packages, scratchcards etc.

[www.move-on.org.uk](http://www.move-on.org.uk)

### Dyslexia Framework

An online interactive version of the framework for understanding dyslexia is currently in its final stages of development and once completed will be available at:

[www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/understandingdyslexia](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/understandingdyslexia) and [www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/dyslexiaframework](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/dyslexiaframework) (PDF version)

You can also order a hardcopy of this publication; A *Framework for Understanding Dyslexia* from the DfES distributors on 0845 602 2260 by quoting ref AFDD2.

### Pilot of Learning Materials for ESOL Citizenship

NIACE and LLU+ have been commissioned by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Home Office to pilot the recently completed pack of ESOL

- Developing or adapting additional programme and promotion materials to support literacy, language and numeracy
- Disseminating effective practice to other Local Authorities, the 47 local Learning and Skills Councils, voluntary organisations and other relevant agencies

For more information visit [www.skillsforfamilies.org](http://www.skillsforfamilies.org)

## Regional News

### Boston College wins 2004 national Get On Award

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills and Vocational Education, in his letter to the college notifying them that they were the overall winners of the 2004 award said:

"The judges were particularly impressed by the innovative methods the college used to reach out to the local community. Setting up competitions with the local Asda store, markets and community centre made the campaign accessible to target audiences, and the activities highlighted the difficulties people can have with everyday numeracy in a fun and imaginative way. At all times the Get On brand imagery was used imaginatively, and the high quality of the press coverage generated is testimony to the efforts of all involved in the campaign."

### Developing skills in the resettlement of offenders in the East Midlands

In the East Midlands 17 prisons house approximately 8,500 offenders at any one time and 13,000 people are subject to Probation Supervision. Many of these have skills gaps and the Prison and Probation services are working together to develop education, training and employment pathways for offenders as a part of the development of a Regional Resettlement Strategy '. In the region new posts of Heads of Learning and Skills have been appointed in each prison to ensure that learning and skills opportunities are developed in order to prepare offenders for release. In the future new Learning and Skills contracts will be negotiated with local providers to deliver an integrated learning and skills service for offenders whether they are in Custody or the Community '.

For a copy of the National Reducing Offending National Action Plan visit

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/justice/sentencing/](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/justice/sentencing/)

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Nottingham – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005

For further details contact Nicola Murdoch at The Basic Skills Agency, [nicolam@basic-skills.co.uk](mailto:nicolam@basic-skills.co.uk)

### NRDC Autumn lecture series

The first event takes place on 18 October, 2004, 17:30 - 20:00, Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education, University of London  
*"A vision of the future through a prism of the past."*

For details of this and the rest of the series visit

[www.nrdc.org.uk](http://www.nrdc.org.uk)

To book a place contact Richard Bull on 020 7612 6804 or [r.bull@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:r.bull@ioe.ac.uk)

## Research

### The inaugural meeting of the East Midlands NRDC Practitioner Forum

will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Derby. This event is one of a series which are being run across the country, and will allow *Skills for Life* practitioners to become involved in the NRDC research and development process as sounding boards for research proposals, digesters and filters of emerging findings and champions of research-informed teaching in their institutions.

The focus of the initial series of meetings will be a new series of

Citizenship learning materials. The pilot is due to begin in October 2004 and run until March 2005.

For more information visit [www.niace.org.uk/Research/BasicSkills/Projects/ESOLL-Citizenship-phase2.html](http://www.niace.org.uk/Research/BasicSkills/Projects/ESOLL-Citizenship-phase2.html)

### ESOL Skills for Life syllabuses

ESOL Skills for Life syllabuses are now available from Trinity College. These cover all modes from Entry 1 to Level 2 in the National Qualifications Framework. The syllabuses, along with the Trinity Centre handbook with administrative and general academic guidance, can be found on

[www.trinitycollege.co.uk/skillsforlife](http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk/skillsforlife)

### Useful Links

Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit  
[www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus)  
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Basic Skills Agency  
[www.basic-skills.co.uk](http://www.basic-skills.co.uk)

DfES Lifelong Learning  
[www.lifelonglearning.co.uk](http://www.lifelonglearning.co.uk)

Get On Campaign  
[www.dfes.gov.uk/geton](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/geton)

LearnDirect  
[www.learnirect.co.uk](http://www.learnirect.co.uk)

[rehabilitation/index.html](#)

Or for more information about what is happening in the region contact [hilary.fielder@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hilary.fielder@hmps.gsi.gov.uk) or [angela.warrington@dfes.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:angela.warrington@dfes.gsi.gov.uk) or [tony.raban@nottinghamshire.probation.gsx.gov.uk](mailto:tony.raban@nottinghamshire.probation.gsx.gov.uk)

### Step into Learning – Sure Start

Step into Learning aims to equip frontline staff in early years agencies to identify parents with a basic skills need and refer them on to local provision. In the East Midlands there have been 3 events and 55 delegates have completed training. 30 out of the 48 local programmes and children's centres have sent at least one member of staff onto training. For future training dates see events listings.

### Learning and Skills Broker- Derby

Derby City Partnership Team welcomes Clare Labram as Learning and Skills Broker. The post is funded by Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Clare will be promoting training essential for partnership working and neighbourhood renewal, arranging visits and events to learn from best practice and identifying funding to support learning.

For more information email [clare.dcp@derbyes.co.uk](mailto:clare.dcp@derbyes.co.uk) or contact her on 01332 256932.

### Skills for Life and Regeneration leaflet now available

In 2003 EMSFLF organised an event for Local Strategic Partnerships on the way in which Skills for Life issues impact on their work.

A leaflet has now been produced and is available from Mark Cockayne [Mark.COCKAYNE@dfes.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.COCKAYNE@dfes.gsi.gov.uk)

### Leicestershire and Leicester City Learning Partnership Skills for Life Campaigns

Following the success of last years' campaign through which over 190 local people were trained, a new campaign is now underway and training will take place across the city and county offered by various local providers.

Anyone interested in taking up a course should send their name, address and telephone number to Skills for Life Tutor Training, LLCLP, BOS House, Meridian East, Meridian Business Park, Leicester LE19 1WZ.

practitioner-focused publications, which will look at how emerging and published research findings could inform teaching ("Research-informed teaching").

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Learning and Skills Council  
[www.lsc.gov.uk](http://www.lsc.gov.uk)

Learning and Skills Development  
Agency  
[www.lstda.org.uk](http://www.lstda.org.uk)

National Literacy Trust  
[www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk)

National Research Development  
Centre for adult literacy, language  
and numeracy  
[www.nrdc.org.uk](http://www.nrdc.org.uk)

NIACE (National Institute for Adult  
and Continuing Education)  
[www.niace.org.uk](http://www.niace.org.uk)

Nottinghamshire Skills for Life  
Partnership now has a website  
[www.ns4lp.org.uk/homepage](http://www.ns4lp.org.uk/homepage)

Qualifications and Curriculum  
Authority  
[www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)

Skills for Life Quality Initiative  
[www.lsc.gov.uk/sflqi](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/sflqi)

Ufi  
[www.ufi.com](http://www.ufi.com)

Workplace Basic Skills Network  
[www.lancs.ac.uk/wbsnet](http://www.lancs.ac.uk/wbsnet)

The City Skills for Life Consortium (a subgroup of the LLCLP) has developed a campaign promoting ESOL courses during autumn 2004.

**Anyone interested in these courses can call 0 80 80 100 300. (Specific line for the LLCLP, calls handled by learndirect advisers). This campaign is funded by the Leicestershire Learning and Skills Council. For more information contact [RBridges@llclp.org.uk](mailto:RBridges@llclp.org.uk)**

### **Lincolnshire**

An ESOL conference took place on 23rd September at the Boston Conference and Management Centre, speakers included Jenny Lawrence of ABSSU, Sue Street of the KPMG and Sheila Stocks of the CPD network.

**If you would like copies of the presentations, or any other information relating to the event please contact Sara Fletcher [sara.fletcher@lsc.gov.uk](mailto:sara.fletcher@lsc.gov.uk).**

### **Fun days at Butlins**

During July and August holidaymakers were invited to attend a number of short courses including clay sculpture, hand massage, digital photography, Chinese therapy, floristry and water colours. 572 attended and the skills for fun centre reported an increase in numbers attending as a result.

### **The Lincolnshire and Rutland CPD network**

The Network has been successful with 3 bids to the Learning Skills Council for European Social Fund monies. In total £220,000 has been agreed. Two of the new contracts will see the appointment of two development workers. One full time post will focus on facilitating a range of training and training support for both trainers and trainees. The other part time post, will design and develop new packages to fill some of the gaps in what is currently available. The third new contract will enable the appointment of trainee workers. Not only will these posts help with the growth of the CPD Network but also help ease the frustrations felt by those trying to develop careers in Skills for Life who do not have the qualifications and experience to apply for posts. The network facilities include a website with access to chat rooms, bulletin boards and training places.

**To view the website log on to [www.cpdnetwork.co.uk](http://www.cpdnetwork.co.uk). The network also provides a newsletter for members. For a**

copy contact Rui on [Rui-s@boston.ac.uk](mailto:Rui-s@boston.ac.uk)

#### **BEGIN - Nottinghamshire**

BEGIN has recently celebrated the conclusion of its ESF funded Basic Skills for All project at a dissemination event. Those attending were also asked to consider the future work of BEGIN.

**For a copy of the dissemination report contact [enquiries@begin.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@begin.org.uk)**

#### **NIACE's Regional Achievement Programme (RAP) – How can it help YOU?**

RAP is a NIACE regional programme to support and complement the Skills for Life agenda and good practice in achievement in literacy, language and numeracy (LLN)

The programme is gathering momentum in the East Midlands and the other English regions. If you would like to hear directly from David Ewens, NIACE Regional Development Officer for the East Midlands about how RAP can help you in practical ways and how you can influence its development. David would like to hear from you.

**Contact is best by e-mail at [david.ewens@niace.org.uk](mailto:david.ewens@niace.org.uk) or by leaving a message through Typetalk 18002 0116 285 9707.**

#### **Leicester Frontline Workers project**

The first 2 strands of this project which was reported in earlier editions are now complete and the information gathered is being used to formulate the referral system to be implemented in its final stages and will be live in the next few weeks. The referral system will include standardised appointment and feedback cards, a central information line and either direct referrals to colleges via the information line or drop-in centres.

**For more information contact [nickctaylor@kpmg.co.uk](mailto:nickctaylor@kpmg.co.uk).**

For further information about the East Midlands Skills for Life Strategy Forum, or to contact steering group members approach Mark Cockayne on 0115 971 2702. To receive copies of this monthly bulletin, you can join the email distribution list by [clicking here](#).

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