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EAST MIDLANDS SKILLS FOR LIFE STRATEGY FORUM BULLETIN

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Stop Press

Secondment Opportunity

Regional Co-ordinator, East Midlands, Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit, DfES, 1 to 2 days a week.

This opportunity would suit a senior member of staff with the necessary experience to make an important contribution to the development of national policy and also to bring a regional perspective to the work of the Unit. They would assist the Regional Co-ordinator, Lisa Capper, who is working on a national project for 2 days a week. Alternatively, the Unit is interested in hearing from individuals who wish to develop their career through a regional support officer role for up to two days a week, dependent upon salary and experience.

For more information contact lisa.capper@dfes.gsi.gov.uk. If you are interested send all information on prospective secondees, together with an up-to-date CV, to pat.mercer@dfes.gsi.gov.uk **no later than Friday 3rd October.**

Interviews will be held at Caxton House, London on Tuesday 14th and/or Thursday 23rd October.

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

Developing Basic Skills Staff

Unsure who is offering Level 4 training in your area?- You will find more information on the FENTO website www.fento.org.uk; your local LSC contact (see the contact names left) or the ABSSU Regional Coordinator, Lisa Capper – Lisa.CAPPER@dfes.gsi.gov.uk.

Nottinghamshire

Having achieved FENTO endorsement for the delivery of Level 4 training to Literacy and Numeracy tutors, Nottingham Trent University is now developing materials for the delivery of the training in consultation with colleges and other providers. In the near future Nottinghamshire Colleges and other providers will be able to access Level 4 training for their staff.

For information contact Gill Scott on 0115 848 3117 gill.scott@ntu.ac.uk

Lincolnshire- Lincoln College and Bishop Grossteste College, will be offering the City & Guilds (9485/6) Level 4 Certificate for Adult Literacy/Numeracy Subject Specialists from January 2004. They are hoping to enrol between 15-30 tutors locally (new or in-service).

For information contact John Pratt 01522 876326/ jpratt@lincolncollege.ac.uk

Lincolnshire and Rutland LSC, Continuing Professional Development Project

Resource centres are being set up in Boston, Lincoln, Horncastle, Gainsborough, Skegness, Oakham, Spalding and Grantham. The centres will provide a resource focus for district activity linked into local area action plans. Teachers, trainee teachers and volunteers will be encouraged to use the centres to further good practice and form new delivery partnerships. Centres will house learners' materials, professional reading, IT equipment and provide facilities for small events and meetings.

Welcome

Welcome to your new look Bulletin - we hope you like the new layout and find the content useful. It could not be easier to use. If any item interests you just ring the contact name or send them a message via email for more details. Alternatively, where one is available you can click on a website for more information.

Later in the year we plan to do a full readership survey. In the meantime if you have any comments or ideas for the Bulletin please let us know at lcl.co@virgin.net

Forthcoming Events

The annual Skills for Life Conferences (designed to keep practitioners and others informed of policy, research and development activities in the field of adult literacy,

Some Useful Links

www.dfes.gov.uk/readwritepl

Get On Campaign

www.dfes.gov.uk/get-on

NIACE National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education

www.niace.org.uk

Learning and Skills Council

www.lsc.gov.uk

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Basic Skills Agency

www.basic-skills.co.uk

Learning and Skills Development Agency

www.lsd.a.org.uk

Qualifications and Curriculum Authority

www.qca.org.uk

For more info contact Sheila Stocks 01205 365701 ext 6279 Sheila-S@boston.ac.uk

Leicestershire Basic Skills Working Group of the Learning Partnership

has worked with the LSC to target spending and delivery. During 2002/3 LSC LIF, Local Capacity Fund and ESF Co-financing contributed funds which amounted to over £700,000 to this work. It is confirmed that this work will continue in 2004.

One particularly interesting example was the development of the materials and delivery for the City & Guilds 7407 Stage 1 in basic skills courses across the county. These started in March 2003 and a total of 79 prospective new tutors were trained. These tutors will provide a valuable resource for increasing the capacity to deliver in the county.

Contact: Ray Flude 01530 836136/rayflude@lclcp.org.uk

Northamptonshire

The outcome of last year's One in Five Campaign through which over 100 potential new basic skills tutors were identified is now paying off. 14 new tutors are now employed within Northants network of providers.

Contact Gordon Sergent 01604 533031/gordon.sergent@lsc.gov.uk

Essential Skills for Skills for Life Staff

The Skills for Life Academy at Broxtowe College has developed a new 10 week course for staff working in the Skills for Life area who are not confident about their own knowledge in grammar, spelling strategies, reading strategies or text delivery. The Level 2 National Test in Literacy will be taken so that staff can show they have the skills up to this level. The Academy is also delivering Level 4 Certificate in Adult Literacy or Numeracy Subject Specialist (For staff with Cert ED or PGCE to develop their subject knowledge) and 9295 Level 2 Certificate in Adult Learner Support.

Contact Sue Salter 0115 9175252/academy@broxtowe.ac.uk

New Initiatives

Skilled! in the East Midlands CEDC, the national education charity, has secured funding from the DfES NYOC Grant Scheme to support community based youth projects to work more closely with basic skills providers and to develop the delivery of basic skills within their activities. A national project, Skilled! is working in the East Midlands through Leicestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Service. Projects working with 16

language and numeracy) will take place in November. There will be three events:
London 5 November - QEII Conference Centre
York 10 November - Meridien Hotel
Birmingham 26 November - NEC

Places are free. Email nrdc@niace.org.uk if you would like to be sent a booking form.

Skills for Families Information Day,

16th October at The Midland Hotel in Derby. The day is free to delegates and open to any one working or involved in this area. Contact Louise Goodwin 01629 585603 or Karen Hanson, Skills for Families Consultant 01773 535232 for more information or to secure a place

The Learning Voyage

Learning at Work Day 2004 Planning Conference Organised by Campaign for Learning 28th November 2003 at the National Exhibition Centre NSSC Operations Ltd Leicester.

For further details www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk

Workplace Basic Skills Network Sixth Annual Conference

'Working with Employers'

Kents Hill Park Training & Conference Centre, Milton Keynes

DfES Lifelong Learning
www.lifelonglearning.co.uk

National Literacy Trust
www.literacytrust.org.uk

Ufi/
www.ufi.com

Learn Direct
www.learnirect.co.uk

- 19 year olds should [contact Rob Hinxman for more details](#),
rob.hinxman@leicestershirecvys.org.uk

Move On, The Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit of DfES has contracted with a consortium led by Cambridge Training and Development (CTAD) to manage a 3 year national project to roll-out *Move On*, a new approach to promoting and supporting the National Tests in adult literacy and numeracy developed in Somerset. Details can be found on the SW Regional section of the Readwriteplus web site: www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus. In the very near future an East Midlands Regional Move On Advisor will be appointed. Look out in the Bulletin for more details.

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council have been looking at the best way to meet the basic skills needs of their staff. Funding has been secured by both authorities from the Learning and Skills Council to embed this activity.

Contact Liz Cousins 07976 153 7575

liz.cousins2@virgin.net

for details of the Nottinghamshire County Council project and Debra Helme 0115 915 5342

dera.helme@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

for details of the Nottingham City Council project.

Essential skills in the workplace

Northamptonshire LSC, in partnership with Weetabix, are running a countywide workplace essential skills campaign with the objective of engaging 100 companies in essential skills training starting on September 9th with a mailing to 7000 local companies. Contact Gordon Sergent 01604 533031/ gordon.sergent@lsc.gov.uk

Basic Skills at Grantham Town FC – a partnership between Grantham college and the Football Club will see basic skills classes running at the club on Saturdays when there is a home game. In addition the college's basic skills provision will be promoted around the ground and in the weekly programme. The college is planning to reward successful learners, those who undertake an award, with a ticket for a match, or a player's strip.

For information contact Gill Reed 01476 400 288/
www.yes4learning.co.uk

Learning on the Move!

Derbyshire LSC have funded Read On - Write Away! to purchase a mobile training unit to support the development, marketing and delivery of the Valuable Skills Project (The Employer Training Project), specifically focusing on basic skills.

Thursday 6th and Friday
7th November 2003

Contact Vijayanti
Chauhan,
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v.chauhan@lancaster.ac.uk

During October, ROWA and the LSC will take delivery of a brand new, purpose built articulated lorry. The training unit contains 10 ICT workstations, toilet and kitchen and all the facilities needed to deliver basic skills provision and to market the Valuable Skills project. The vehicle, '**Learning on the Move!**', will be made available to all recognised Valuable Skills providers at no cost.

Contact info@rowa.co.uk

Skills for Fun at Butlins

A new Skills for Life Centre has been launched at Butlins, Skegness. The centre will target holiday-makers during the holiday season and Butlins workers, Modern Apprentices, Parents and Children and Residential Move On programmes during the off season. This is a joint initiative between Lincolnshire and Rutland Learning and Skills Council, Ufl/learndirect, Boston College and First College Skegness. It offers free literacy and numeracy support up to GCSE level and is based on the approaches developed by learndirect.

For details contact Jan Lock 01522 508 500
Jan.Lock@lsc.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Probation clients MOVE ON

In June the National Probation Service - Lincolnshire in partnership with Lincolnshire Action Trust tried out the Move On concept with some probation service clients. They were encouraged to run this as a pilot by their Regional Co-ordinator at DfES. They designed an interactive learning package using PowerPoint. All three learners, who started at Entry Level 3 to emerging Level 1, achieved the Level 1 and Level 2 National Test certificates after an intensive 30-hour programme run over 5 weeks. It was so successful that NPS Lincolnshire and LAT are planning to assess and run a literacy and numeracy programme for up to 27 clients on the Drug Treatment and Testing Orders in Grantham, starting in October. For details contact Tricia O'Meara 01522 781696/

Tricia.o'Meara@Lincolnshire.probation.gsx.gov.uk

Resources

A Basic IT training CD Rom for ESOL students

has been developed by Nottinghamshire Enterprises. It provides a basic introduction to email and the internet. The difference is that the voice over is available in Urdu, Punjabi and Gujarati as well as English. A 1000 learner strong pilot of the CD undertaken for Nottinghamshire LSC resulted in 50% progression onto other courses.

Contact Spencer Prewitt 01623 827900

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National Research Development Centre for adult literacy, language and numeracy has produced a series of Research Reviews (two sides of A4 summaries) these are useful documents for teachers, volunteers and policy makers with an interest in the link between research and practice and include: '*Developing adult reading skills*', '*Community Focused Provision of adult literacy, numeracy and language*' and '*Assessing adult literacy and numeracy*'. Some of the research projects were carried out in the East Midlands.

See the website www.nrdc.org.uk, contact publications@nrdc.org.uk or phone 0207 612 6476

The Derbyshire Basic Skills Virtual Resource Centre

Derbyshire LSC has commissioned the development of a virtual resource centre for teachers, tutors, volunteers and others involved in the development and delivery of basic skills. The site contains information about useful resources, government policy and research etc, with a review facility. The site is still under development, and is gradually being updated with new information. Those involved in basic skills are invited to review current resources and add to the database.

Access the site at www.rowa.co.uk and click on Virtual Resource Centre.

Resource Centre for Family Learning in Matlock

This forms part of the Skills for Families project. Books, CDs and videos for children and adults are available for loan. For details of resources including those for Family Learning (basic skills) contact Karen Hanson 01773 535232/
Khanson@rowabridgecentre.fsnet.co.uk.

Nottinghamshire Learning and Skills Council Basic Skills Delivery Plan is now available from Elaine Beckford 0115 872 0036
elaine.beckford@lsc.gov.uk

National Tests

There is a new information leaflet for learners about the national tests available from DfES Publications 0845 60 222 60 e-mail: dfes@prolog.uk.com - quote reference DSFL/NTL

Get on campaign marketing guide and promotional materials (including stickers balloons, beer mats, pens and CD Roms) are available from www.dfes.gov.uk/get-on

A Resource Centre for Trade Union Reps is being opened in the West Bridge depot of Northampton Borough Council by John Edmunds of GMBU on October 10th. The opening will be followed by a performance for Borough councillors at the Guildhall by Green Paint (For details of Green Paint Contact Harry Gilfillan on 07720 469289 or email harrygilfillan@btconnect.com). For details of the Resource Centre contact Gordon Sergent 01604 533031 gordon.sergent@lsc.gov.uk

For further information about the East Midlands Skills for Life Strategy Forum, or to contact steering group members, please 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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