

Learning Partnerships



Training Newsletter



Neighbourhood
Renewal Unit

Unique CPD courses for Learning Partnership Managers underway

A professional support and development course designed for Learning Partnership Managers has been attracting positive feedback from many of the participants.

The course, run by The Training Exchange and Sheffield Hallam University, is funded on a 50/50 basis by DfES and the ODPM's Neighbourhood Renewal Unit. The course responds to feedback from Learning Partnership Managers seeking professional development.

The course has two options for participants. Programme 1 is for those managers who will benefit from basic management skills training. Programme 2 is aimed at more experienced managers and is at postgraduate level.

Programme 1 now boasts 18 participants. Modules are being run by the Training Exchange in Huddersfield and Birmingham. Two residential modules will be held in Sheffield later this month.

The Programme is modular with tutorial guidance being provided in a variety of ways, including the use of webcam and email support. The modules are timed to allow for completion by participants during their busy work lives. In addition, the Programme is able to offer a selection of modules which participants can choose from. This design enables participants to tailor the Programme to their own needs and pressures.

Those completing course will be awarded with an Introductory Diploma in Management accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management. It is anticipated the course will be complete in January 2005.



Programme 2, run by Sheffield Hallam University, is a mixture of key note sessions, workshops and open distance learning. There are 20 participants in total. The Programme is modular in nature with four modules, the first two covering nature of management and work based learning focussing on each Learning Partnership's own working environment.

The strength of Programme 2 lies in the ability of its providers to adapt the final two modules of the course to the needs and wishes of its participants. This gives the programme key relevance to the daily work of Learning Partnership Managers

Having started in February, Programme 2 will continue until end January 2005. For those completing the academic assessments it will lead to a Post Graduate Certificate in Management with an option to continue to gain an MSc in Management.



If you want to know more about the courses and the training contact the **Programme Manager Sue Smith** by phone on 07803 932 778 or email her at susan@spsmith1.f9.co.uk.

Regional Seminars Too !

If that wasn't enough, there are also a number of regional seminars. They offer a variety of relevant topics open to both Learning Partnership staff and partners who work in conjunction with them. The topics are on Learning Communities, Neighbourhood Renewal, Dealing with Difficult situations and Working with the Media. The seminars started in June and will run through to December at various locations. For further information, please contact Terry Crookall terry@thetrainingexchange.co.uk.



Programme 1 Testimonial

"My name is Ian Lain and I work for the Norfolk Learning Partnership with a specific role as project manager of an ESF project delivering ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) as well as another project to promote modern foreign languages. I've been based at the Partnership for 18 months having previously worked as a Connexions/ Careers adviser in Norfolk, Grimsby and Sunderland. I chose to take Programme 1, the introductory diploma in management, as a means of focusing on the skills that I have already learnt and trying to develop them. I wanted to take a qualification that would help me to learn broad management skills that I could take elsewhere but would be focused on what I'm doing now at a Learning Partnership. The course has got off to a good start with a useful induction reflecting on some of my present strengths and weaknesses and identifying what I would like to focus on in the introductory diploma. The diploma has a good mix of compulsory and optional units that cater for both individual and group needs. It doesn't let you focus too heavily on one area so encourages a broad set of skills and the need to choose areas that are a weakness not just those which are already a strength. I have been able to give feedback to my colleagues who presently don't have the time to take the qualification itself. The group learning seems very supportive. What fascinates me is how different each Learning Partnership is. I will learn a great deal simply from that. I'm looking forward to an additional training programme that this project has agreed to fund known as in "Real NLP". It should give me a wide insight into managing learning partnerships, and management in general in both public and private life. "

Programme 2 Testimonial

" Hi. I'm Paul McGregor, Director of the Derbyshire Learning Partnership, based in Derby. I have had over 30 years in FE and HE and the private sector. Going back to study seemed to be a challenge that came along at the right time. I needed to learn and network more in my new role as Director of the Learning Partnership. This role has proved to be suprisingly complex with over 400 partners to the partnership in Derbyshire and 9 Local Learning Partnerships and 4 Theme Groups to keep on board. Considerable management skills are needed to successfully run the Partnership and there is no doubt that the course has helped with this. I am very impressed with the course so far. From the initial contacts through registration and enrolment things have gone smoothly and the academic support is very good. The staff of the university are helpful and have obviously worked hard to put the programme together . They are also willing to talk to all course participants about their own needs . I'm starting to think about some issues differently now - such as organisational behaviour and the way I approach staff and team building."



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