

West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network

Access to WYLLN Products

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Over the lifetime of the Network, there has been a large volume of products developed through projects, curriculum developments and research activities. There has been general agreement that, while certain individual organisations may have carried out the development, the products of that development will be available to all WYLLN partners.
- 1.2. Recently the WYLLN has been approached by organisations outside of WYLLN (e.g. Kaplan and Channel 4) for access to some of our products. This paper presents a position the partnership may adopt in dealing with these approaches.

2. Principles of free access to WYLLN products

- 2.1. When this issue was discussed at the SAF it was felt that rather than a set of rules the partnership should agree a set of criteria against which the WYLLN team on behalf of the partnership could judge each request as it arises.
- 2.2. The proposed criteria for the judgement are as follows
 - The status of the organisation i.e. public, private, voluntary sector
 - Whether the use of the product or material will lead to a profit or not for the organisation
 - Whether the use of the product or material could lead to a competitive disadvantage to one or more of the WYLLN partners
- 2.3. Where it is deemed that free of charge access could not be given to materials and products then it may be possible to provide access via a charge. Alternatively, it may be that the judgement against the criteria leads to the decision not to release products or materials outside the WYLLN partners at all.
- 2.4. The following statement will be place on the WYLLN website to clarify the position.

Accessing products and resources developed by WYLLN FE/HE partner institutions and other stakeholders with the support of WYLLN

WYLLN over its three year HEFCE funded lifespan has supported a range of projects, curriculum developments, and research activities. Many of these activities have had outcomes that have led to the development of products and resources e.g. web based learning resources, module specifications, teaching materials, research reports, policy and procedure documentation, podcasts. All products and resources produced as a consequence of WYLLN funded activity are freely available to WYLLN FE/HE partner institutions. For further details of the activities and how to access the products and resources available please see the partner zone at www.wylln.ac.uk. For enquiries from non-WYLLN FE/HE partner institutions regarding access to WYLLN funded activities, products and

resources please contact the WYLLN office on 01484 471005 or
wylln@hud.ac.uk

3. Conclusion

3.1. The Board is asked to consider and approve this approach.