

1. Application Ref:	DICTP/0006
2. Proposal Title:	Computer Networking FD
3. Abstract:	<p>Leeds College of Technology has 3 FdSc Awards designed to different areas of Networking skills – Administration, Infrastructure and Engineering. Each Award has a slightly different specialisation that involves different units. However, once on a particular Award, students cannot pick units from another. This has led to frustration for some students and in some cases regret that the wrong Award had been chosen.</p> <p>We wish to have a major modification or new course that is simplified into a single FdSc with the flexibility for students to study a range of networking topics.</p>
4. Version:	3.00
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7. Contact Expertise:	<p>The area is the largest provider of specialist computing programmes in the region. The College's Network Academy is one of 12 centres in the country to provide CCNP training and acts as Regional Cisco Academy to 23 schools, CLCs and Colleges. The area holds Centre of Vocational Excellence status for Computing Technologies.</p>
8. Institution:	Leeds City College (Technology Campus)
9. Validating Institution:	Leeds Met Uni
10. Partnership:	<p>It will create a much more flexible course to support computer networking and therefore more suited to practitioners and employers. It is expected that the new course will attract greater enrolments.</p> <p>We will work with any other providers interested in similar</p>

	provision.
11. Curriculum Requirement:	<p>Leeds City College (Technology Campus) has 3 FdSc Awards designed to different areas of Networking skills – Administration, Infrastructure and Engineering. Each Award has a slightly different specialisation that involves different units. However, once on a particular Award, students cannot pick units from another. This has led to frustration for some students and in some cases regret that the wrong Award had been chosen. The course as it is written represents more of a straight jacket than a springboard to further individual development.</p> <p>We wish to have a major modification or new course that is simplified into a single FdSc with the flexibility for students to study a range of networking topics.</p>
12. Objectives:	To develop a new single Computer Networking FdSc, possibly using the generic framework developed across the WYLLN partnership.
13. Target Market:	Employers Computing practitioners, particularly apprentices.
14. Qualifications:	FdSc Computer Networking
15. Progression:	Any top up computing courses in West Yorkshire
16. Student Numbers:	Intake 20 part time enrolments per year. The course is replacement provision so therefore does not require ASNs.
17. Approach:	<p>How would the curriculum development project be delivered and supported?</p> <p>Via the College Networking Academy and Regional Cisco Academy</p> <p>Does the course have flexibility to support learners in the work place?</p> <p>The course is primarily aimed at employed people and is particularly targeted at Apprentices.</p>
18. Employers:	<p>Which employers or employer groups are involved?</p> <p>A number of computing companies in the region, particularly those for whom we have current apprentices.</p>
19. Sector Skills	How does this development meet National occupational

Council links	standards? The courses currently meet NOS and the new/modified FdSc would be developed in that light.									
20. Outcomes:	How will the work contribute to Sector targets? What will you achieve e.g. Foundation Degree Course, New Validated Modules, Modified Modules? New validated modules – possible a new FdSc.									
21. Timescales:	Start Date:	Dec 08	Finish Date: Jun 09							
	What are the start and end dates of the work and the major milestones? <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Confirm Modification or New Award</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Dec 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employer Forum</td> <td style="text-align: right;">March 09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Validation Panel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Jun 09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Intake</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Sep 09</td> </tr> </table>			Confirm Modification or New Award	Dec 08	Employer Forum	March 09	Validation Panel	Jun 09	1 st Intake
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22. Competition:	Who are the main competitors? How is your idea better than existing products/services? What is your proposed route to market? Other FE Colleges in the region This Award will offer technical flexibility in that it can support the range of practitioners in the networking industry									
23. Future Potential:	How will the funding impact the future of your work? Make a course appropriate for the expansion of Higher Apprenticeships.									
24. Assistance Required:	Provide a summary of the WYLLN staff funding sought to support the Curriculum development, its breakdown and any match funding provision?									
	Staff Costs:	Heads Development Time	£2,725							
		Employer Forum	£1,000							
		Lecturer Development Time	£3,984							

	Match Funding:	Management Time	£1,851
		Overheads	£2,842
	Grand Total:		£12,402
25. Other Funding:	Are other funding applications being sought for this project? No		
26. Project Participants:	Name(s)	Project Role(s) Nav Chohan - Project Manager Alison Creedon (Head of HE) Michael Schonborn (Head of Area) Dominic Lyons (Lecturer) Andrew Fear (Lecturer) James Dyer (Lecturer)	
27. Additional Notes:	Provide any further relevant details and any assumptions or exclusions which are pertinent to the application.		
28. Statement of Risk:	Provide a statement of the level of risk and how this will be managed. Minor risk – employers are on board and all expertise is availed internally or across the region.		
29. Declaration:	I/(We) confirm that I/(We) wish to apply for funding from the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network Curriculum Development Fund. The information presented in the application and accompanying proposal is accurate to the best of my/(our) knowledge.		
	Name:	<i>Nav Chohan</i> (Submitted electronically)	Date: 30/10/2008

Please return the completed form to:

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Progress Report June 2009

Aim

To develop a new single Computer Networking FdSc, possibly using the generic framework developed across the WYLLN partnership.

Partners Involved

Leeds City College – Park Lane Campus, Leeds City College – Technology Campus, Wakefield College

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Targets

New course in place September 09.

Progress

Worked with the NTI to prepare for an industry event. This led to being part of the Digital 20/20 event “IT Apprenticeships - Dispelling the myths” on the 22nd April. Attended by a wide range of companies, the College hosted a stand and contributed two case studies to the event video.

Internal training session with the course team in January looking at Procom standards in January.

Course leader discussions with LeedsMet staff on feasibility of minor modifications to the programme in March.

A one day session for course leaders with e-skills staff on the Procom standards in May.

A one day session for teachers with Clare Stoney (consultant) to develop the ‘delivery and assessment model’ for Procom in May.

Procom validation date is arranged for June. If minor modifications route taken, changes to be submitted in July planning day.

Employers Engaged:

InTechnology Plc
Newsprinters
Cisco Systems, Inc
Comtech Telecom, Leeds
Dantex, Bradford
BCC Group, Castleford

Don Controls, Leeds
Giles Insurance (Aspire!!), Leeds
Strategic Systems Solutions Ltd
Samsung
Complete Computer Systems Ltd