

WYLLN General Update January 2010 (JB12/01/10)

HEFCE Return WYLLN Learners – Sector Group Curriculum Developments

As part of the HEFCE return WYLLN is required to identify learners who have benefited from WYLLN's activities. This includes counting the number of learners who are on courses and/or modules that have received development funding from WYLLN. A simple spreadsheet has been designed to gather this data and sector officers will be liaising with recipients of curriculum development funding over the academic year to gather this data.

WYLLN funded Higher Level Skills Coordinators based with local Skills Boards

The WYLLN is funding 3 Higher Level Skills Coordinator posts to support the work of 3 local Skills Boards in the development and delivery of their higher level skills strategies at both local and City Region levels.

Kirklees: Rob Lloyd Owen, F.T.. secondee, University of Huddersfield, September 09/10

Bradford: Janet Midgley, P.T. secondee, University of Bradford, December 09/10

Jules O'dor, P.T. secondee, Bradford College, December 09/10

Leeds: Ian McGregor Brown, F.T. secondee, Leeds Trinity University College, Feb/Dec 10

Calderdale and Wakefield Skills Boards/LAs are each aiming to fund a Higher Levels Skills Coordinator and will work with WYLLN on the recruitment and delivery of the posts.

ECIF

Recruitment is progressing well against the programme profile with 550 learners to date against a full programme target of 1809.

Enhancement Fund bids have been completed by four of the partners and will be submitted by the 18th January. A further two bids are in progress bringing the total number of partners accessing the enhancement fund to eight. The Enhancement Fund is the preferred equivalent resource as it maximises the income for the partner institution and delivers on the employer engagement element of the programme. The timeframe from submitting an endorsed bid to contracting is between 6 and 8 weeks so time is a significant factor. If partners are to deliver through the Enhancement Fund on the short and medium course options of Element 3, then realistically bids can be submitted no later than March 2010.

The first Elluminate Open Forum will take place on Thursday 14th at 2pm.

14-19 Diploma Progression Agreements

WYLLN is funding local authority diploma consortia and HE providers to develop c25 progression agreements by March 2010 for the 14-19 diploma lines of Creative & Media; Society, Health & Development; Construction & Built Environment; Engineering; and IT.

Promoting the Progression of Advanced Apprenticeships into HE in West Yorkshire

WYLLN is funding WYLP Ltd to organise and deliver a series of raising awareness seminars for training providers, to develop a set of case study materials, and to develop PAs between training providers and higher providers. This project is due to be completed by May 2010.

Strategic Advisory Forum Meeting

10am-12pm, 18th February, University of Huddersfield

Staff Development Events

Open Learning Resources: contact, collaboration and innovation. 26th January, Rose Bowl.

Motivational Maths, 24th March, Old Broadcasting Place

Annual Progression Conference, 23rd April, LTUC