



# The Diploma Progression Agreement Project (DPAP)

## Leeds Further Forward...

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## Why did LFF get involved?

- The collaborative approach
- FE Diploma leads
- Leeds focus

## Which Diploma lines did we target?

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Hair and Beauty (Cosmetic Science and Business Enterprise)
- Society, Health and Development (WYLLN priority)



# Diploma Activity in Leeds

**\* Please note, these figures were correct in September of 2009\***

2008 start	CBE	CM	Eng	IT	SHD	BAF	HB
Level 1 learners	11	6					
Level 2 learners - pre 16	57	20					
Level 2 learners - post 16							
Level 3 learners	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>					
2009 start							
Level 1 learners							
Level 2 learners - pre 16	34	59	27	67	11	48	16
Level 2 learners - post 16		23					
Level 3 learners	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>					<b>10</b>

**The Leeds College of Art has been heavily involved in creating a number of agreements from the Creative and Media Diploma line.**



# What support did we provide?

- **Prior experience** of PA's and partnership
- **Coordination** of stakeholders: from first contact at the launch event to agreement submission
- **Templates**
- **Examples**
- **Secretariat** Support
- **Funding** via WYLLN



## What were the levers?

- Funding
- Getting stakeholders together
  - Effective communication
- Using existing agreements as templates

## And the challenges?

- Paperwork – *lack of familiarity with the framework*
- Getting HEI staff on board – *understanding the diplomas/priorities/credit crunch*
- Staff absence
- Change in Government
- Funding?



# What was achieved?

- 7 agreements submitted to WYLLN for approval  
– *Construction & the Built Environment and Society, Health & Development, 6 multi-entry*
- 3 agreements in the final stages of being written  
– *Hair & Beauty and Society, Health & Development, multi-entry*
- 3 agreements to be created after the life of the project – *Hair & Beauty, 2 multi-entry*
- Network of partnerships further developed  
*between Leeds FE Colleges, partner schools and HEI institutions.*



# How will Diploma students benefit?

- Progression routes are identified, explained and **guaranteed**.
- A programme of support, including IAG, is **guaranteed**.
- Universities understand what the Diploma is.
- Diploma students understand what Universities want from them.



# What next for Diplomas in Leeds?

- The current offer will continue to be delivered, consolidating good practice (*recruitment difficult, following the national trend. Disappointingly, no Languages Diploma*)
- A Diploma student graduation ceremony will be held at the Civic Hall on June 28<sup>th</sup>!

## What next for LFF and the PAF?

- Support pre to post-16 progression?



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