

Issue 3: 15th February 2008

WYLLN News and Dates for your Diary

IAG Commissioning

The deadline for the 2nd round of IAG Commissioning is 18th April. New commissioning documents will be available from March 7th.

IAG Task Group

The IAG Task Group will have their first meeting on 4th March.

Progression Commissioning

The deadline for the 2nd round of Progression Commissioning is 28th April. New commissioning documents will be available from March 14th.

Credit & Progression Task Group

The Credit & Progression task group will have their second meeting on 8th April.

Board Meeting

The next Management Board meeting will take place on 20th February.

Strategic Advisory Forum

The next Strategic Advisory Forums will take place on Monday 21st April (pm) and Tuesday 10th June (am)

Sector Officers

The next Sector Officers meeting will take place on 22nd February

Newsletter

You will receive the 3rd quarterly newsletter by end of February. If you have any stories, case studies or other news you wish to include please email them to wylln@hud.ac.uk by **Monday 18th February**.

For further information on WYLLN activities please email

wylln@hud.ac.uk

National Research Forum

The National Research Forum aims to establish a database of research activities that relate to LLN priorities and themes. If you have involvement in any research activities, whether they be underway, planned or completed the Forum would like to hear from you. Please view the attached document to find out how you can contribute, the Forum hopes to gather as much information as possible by 5th March. The information will be made available to the entire LLN community via the National LLN website.

General News

[More apply to UK's universities](#)

Some 26,000 more people applied for university courses in the UK this year than in 2007, a rise of 6.7%... (BBC □ 15th February 2008)

[TVET UK will promote UK vocational training across the globe](#)

TVET, or to give it its full name, Technical and Vocational Education and Training UK, is a new initiative which aims to promote the UK's vocational training capability as a single brand, in order to compete more effectively with their global competitors □ (FE News □ 14th February 2008)

[University choices limited by cost fears](#)

More than half of university-bound sixth-formers are considering a local choice because of the financial implications, limiting the ability of students to select the course best suited to them (Financial Times 13th February 2008)

[UK universities face 'radical' changes](#)

UK universities face "radical" and "risky" changes in the way they are funded and managed, and in the types of student they attract over the next 12 years... (Guardian Unlimited 12th February 2008)

[Skills for Health strengthens regional presence](#)

Skills for Health has changed the organisational structure to give more support to local employers and strengthen local influence (SSDA 5th February 2008)

[Skills chief welcomes £10 million investment in leadership](#)

Tom Bewick, chief executive of Creative & Cultural Skills, yesterday welcomed the Arts Council England's announcement to extend the Cultural Leadership Programme with three years of funding amounting to £10 million. This comes on top of an initial £12 million investment made in 2005 (SSDA 5th February 2008)

[Might snobbery put off learners?](#)

Mike Baker wonders if the reaction to the "McDonald's A-level" might deter workplace learners (BBC 4th February 2008)

[Firms raise education to new level](#)

These are heady days for collaboration between business and education. Last week it was announced that McDonald's, Network Rail and budget airline Flybe are to offer GCSE, A-level and degree qualifications to staff (Times Online 3rd February 2008)

[Organisational design at HEFCE](#)

From 1 February 2008 HEFCE will move from a four to a three directorate structure. The new arrangements (see link) will enable us to build on a strong base, adapt to changing circumstances, while continuously improving what we do in a cost-effective way. Further changes will be announced in due course (HEFCE 1st February 2008)

[DWP/DIUS Paper on Making Skills Work](#)

'Skills are now the key driver to achieving economic success and social justice in the new global economy'. This is the message from, *'Opportunity, Employment and Progression: making skills work'*, a paper produced by DWP and DIUS (Official Government Documents February 2008)

[Jobcentre Plus Enters into New Partnership with Employers](#)

Local Employment Partnerships are a new initiative that involve Jobcentre Plus and local employers working together, whereby employers are encouraged to pledge jobs for long term unemployed people and those at a disadvantage in the jobs market (Job Centre Plus February 2008)

Events

- **Skills for Logistics and Train to Gain Steer Logistics Industry towards London 2012 opportunities**

21 February 2008 □ Novotel, London West
For full details of this event visit this [site](#)

- **Apprenticeship Week**
25-29 February 2008 □ across England
Including [Apprenticeship Summit](#), 26th February, Congress Centre, London

- **Regional IAG Train to Gain Event**
26 February 2008 - The Park Inn Hotel, York
For full details of this event please email suzan.mcgladdery@ckcareers.org.uk

The IAG quality project within Train to Gain has been extended until the end of March 2008.

This means that if you are a provider with a Train to Gain contract, Train to Gain can offer you a number of excellent opportunities to develop your knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver IAG to your Train to Gain learners. Please email suzan.mcgladdery@ckcareers.org.uk for a list of courses, events and other possible opportunities that may be of interest to you.

- **FE-HE Collaborative Provision Conference 2008** - Supported by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and the Learning and Skills Network (LSN)
6th March 2008 - Jurys Great Russell Street Hotel
For full details of this event visit this [site](#)
- **Engaging Clients and Releasing Potential** - Careers West Yorkshire
11 March 2008 □ Leeds Hilton
For full details of this event please email janet.o'melia@ckcareers.org.uk
- **Getting the Price Right** □ MidYorkshire Chamber of Commerce
19 March (8 □ 10.30am) □ MYCCI, Aspley, Huddersfield
For full details of this event please email sharon.rhodes@mycci.co.uk
- **Fdf's Employer Toolkit for Providers** □ fdf and the WYLLN
3 April (10.00 □ 16.00) □ University of Huddersfield
For full details of this event please email Donna at d.m.samuels@hud.ac.uk

If you have any information you wish to share with the partnership please email Rachael Brough at r.j.brough@hud.ac.uk with full details. To guarantee inclusion in the digest please email us your information by 12 noon on the day before the email is due to go out. The next issue of the news digest is due on Thursday 28th February.

We hope you find this news digest useful, if you have any comments on how we can improve this service please email r.j.brough@hud.ac.uk