



West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network

Fortnightly News Digest
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Further and Higher Education Working in Partnership.
Shaping the Offer for Employers.
Developing Pathways for Career Progression.

WYLLN News and Dates for your Diary

IAG

The deadline for the 2nd round of IAG Commissioning is 18th April. New commissioning documents are available from Joanne Lambert - j.lambert@hud.ac.uk
The first IAG Task Group meeting took place on 4th March. The minutes of this meeting are now available. We are currently recruiting members for 3 focus groups around the areas of quality, resources and training. We would greatly appreciate members who have extensive knowledge and expertise in these areas. The focus groups will brainstorm ideas during the task groups and interim meetings (which will be kept to a minimum). Focus groups will be asked to support new commissioned projects where necessary and will be supported by Joanne Lambert and the WYLLN team.
Further information is available from Joanna Puzo at j.puzo@hud.ac.uk

Progression

The deadline for the 2nd round of Progression Commissioning is 28th April. New commissioning documents are available from Joanne Beaumont - j.e.beaumont@hud.ac.uk
The Credit & Progression task group will have their second meeting on 8th April.

Staff Development

The first Staff Development Task Group will take place on Monday 14th April

Management Board

The next Management Board meeting will take place on Monday 12th May.

Strategic Advisory Forum

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

Sector Officers

The next Sector Officers meeting will take place on 2nd July 2008.

ASNs

WYLLN will be contacting all partners and sector leads in the not too distant future regarding our bid for ASNs for the academic year 2009/10. Please give some early thought as to what your requirement might be.

Celebration Event

The WYLLN will be holding a Celebration Event at Leeds Civic Hall on Thursday 12th June to review the successes of the first year of funding. Official invitations and further information will be sent out shortly.

WYLLN Awards

The WYLLN are planning to introduce some new awards for "West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learners 2008". Nominations for these awards are welcomed from course providers and employers. There will be 7 awards – 1 per industry sector judged by a panel and announced during Adult Learners Week 17-23 May 2008. More details will follow shortly and we would appreciate your support in passing on the information to your employer contacts.

Foundation Degree Forward

fdf is piloting an Employer Based Training Accreditation (EBTA) project in three areas of the country. Following attendance at a recent fdf event on EBTA the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network is shortly due to meet with Ken Philips, fdf consultant for EBTA, to explore how the WYLLN and West Yorkshire HE providers can become part of the piloting of the EBTA scheme. In the meantime Ken is requesting expressions of interest for taking forward to stage two the accreditation of a pilot training programme provided by Flybe for their new pilots. If you require further details about this opportunity please contact Ken Philips at K.Phillips@fdf.ac.uk before 26th March 2008.

For further information on WYLLN activities please email wylln@hud.ac.uk

General News

- [Innovation 'starts in education'](#)

The key to the UK becoming a world leader in innovation is to forge closer links between industry and higher education, says the government... (BBC News – 14th March 2008)

- [Universities: Different paths with common links](#)

Organisations doing business in Leeds and West Yorkshire have three large universities on their doorsteps – all with a strong focus on business, management and working closely with the private and public sectors locally and beyond... (Financial Times – 12th March 2008)

- [New academy to encourage UK enterprise](#)

Gordon Brown has announced the founding of a new academy that will open its doors next year to British teenagers looking to develop their entrepreneurial skills.... (10 Downing Street – 11th March 2008)

- [Diploma success 'to end A-levels'](#)

England's chief exams watchdog says success for new Diplomas will mean the demise of A-levels... (BBC News – 11th March 2008)

- [Denham sets new university challenge: to open up our towns and cities to new university provision](#)

A consultation to open up opportunities for towns and cities to bid for new university campuses and centres of higher education was announced today... (Government News Network – 10th March 2008)

[Download](#) the new 'University Challenge' brochure from DIUS

- [Universities to get above inflation rise in funding](#)

Universities in England will get an above inflation rise - 3.3% - in funding for teaching, research and widening participation next year, the Hefce announced today... (Education Guardian – 6th March 2008)

- [Inquiry into impact of Google on HE](#)

A UK-wide independent inquiry that will look at how the use of new technologies by the "Google generation" will shape higher education was launched today... (Education Guardian – 29th February 2008)

- [Record numbers of young people are qualified for work and life as target is hit a year early](#)

The Secretary of State Ed Balls today congratulated young people, schools, colleges and those offering work-based training as new figures show that the skill level of young people in England has never been higher and a key target has been exceeded a year early... (Department for Children, Schools and Families – 26th February 2008)

Sector News

- [Welcome to National Science and Engineering Week 2008](#)

Each year, since 1994, this nationwide celebration (formerly known as National Science Week) has seen a week to ten days in March devoted to highlighting British achievements in the sciences, technology and engineering... (DIUS – 10th March 2008)

- [ConstructionSkills celebrates Apprenticeship Week with 5,300 apprenticeship completions](#)

To mark England's first National Apprenticeship Week ConstructionSkills is celebrating the 5,300 ConstructionSkills apprentices who successfully completed their apprenticeship in England last year... (SSDA – 6th March 2008)

- [Employers invited to snap up funds to boost staff training](#)

Cash is being made available to help food and drink manufacturers in Yorkshire, Humberside and the north-east of England increase productivity and profits by boosting the skills levels of existing staff... (SSDA – 27th February)

- [SSDA Closure](#)

The Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) will close on 31 March 2008. However, for much day-to-day business, the effective closure date will be 14 March 2008... (SSDA - 19th February 2008)

Events and Partner News

- **Getting the Price Right** – Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
19 March 2008 (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 2008 (10.00 – 16.00) – University of Huddersfield
For full details of this event please email Donna at d.m.samuels@hud.ac.uk
- **A Digital 2010 Futures Event**
21st April 2008 (10.00-16.00) – National Media Museum, Bradford
The third in a series of 'Futures Events' held as part of the Yorkshire & Humber digital and ICT skills partnership, Digital 2010: www.digital2010.org.uk.
For IAG Professionals across the Education & Lifelong Learning Sectors
To book your place or find out more, please email Liz Wallis at:
info@digital2010.org.uk
- **Career Development in the UK: Guidance for Advancement – iCeGS**
21st April 2008 (10.00 – 16.00) – The Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire
A special event to mark and celebrate the achievements of the Centre for Guidance Studies, University of Derby.
Further details and booking forms are available from www.derby.ac.uk/icegs. You may also want to bookmark Career Guidance Week 2008, 23rd to 27th June, further details will be available soon. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the iCeGS team, icegsenquiry@derby.ac.uk
- **An evening with Clive Grinyer (rescheduled) – NTI Leeds**
1st May 2008 (18.00 – 20.00) – Old Broadcasting House, Leeds
Clive Grinyer, Director of Product Design at Orange France Telecom. Clive will be sharing his experiences as one of the UK's leading designers and delivering his unique, thought-provoking presentation, "Lipstick on a pig". He'll also be hosting a Q & A session.
For details and to book places for this free presentation, please call on 0845 122 1555 or email: info@ntileeds.co.uk
- **The First Annual ICG HE Advisers Community Conference**
12 June 2008 - BPP Law School, Holborn, London
For full details of this event please email paul.hebron@icg-uk.org
ICB are looking for volunteers to help with the breakout sessions and the sessions for those new to HE advice. Please contact andygardnerucc@hotmail.com

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 27th March.

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

Kind regards
Rachael

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