



## West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network

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

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### WYLLN News and Dates for your Diary

#### WYLLN Awards

The WYLLN are organising the first annual "West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learner Awards 2008". Anyone can nominate an individual to receive an award including employers, course providers or tutors, family members or the individual themselves. There will be 7 awards – 1 per industry sector judged by a panel and announced during Adult Learners' Week 17-23 May 2008. Awards will be presented at the WYLLN celebration event on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Please find attached a flyer and nomination form which give further details about these awards. If you know someone who you wish to nominate please complete and return the form by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008. We would be grateful if you could distribute this information to colleagues and contacts. If you are able to display any flyers in staff or public areas please email [wylln@hud.ac.uk](mailto:wylln@hud.ac.uk) and we will send some hard copies to you.

#### IAG

The deadline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of IAG Commissioning is 18<sup>th</sup> April. New commissioning documents are available from Joanne Lambert - [j.lambert@hud.ac.uk](mailto:j.lambert@hud.ac.uk)  
The first IAG Task Group meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you would like further information please contact Joanna Puzo at [j.puzo@hud.ac.uk](mailto:j.puzo@hud.ac.uk) by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

#### Progression

The deadline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Progression Commissioning is 28<sup>th</sup> April. New commissioning documents are available from Joanne Beaumont - [j.e.beaumont@hud.ac.uk](mailto:j.e.beaumont@hud.ac.uk)  
The Credit & Progression task group will have their second meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 14.00 at Leeds College of Art & Design – (Boardroom at Blenheim Walk).

#### Staff Development

The first Staff Development Task Group will take place on Monday 14th April at 14.00 at the University of Huddersfield (West Building WG/ 27).

#### Management Board

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

#### Strategic Advisory Forum

The next Strategic Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 14.00 at the University of Leeds.

#### Sector Officers

The next Sector Officers meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008, Venue to be confirmed.

## 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.

## Website

The first phase of the WYLLN website has now been launched. Please visit [www.wylln.ac.uk](http://www.wylln.ac.uk)  
If you have any comments regarding the site and its content please email [wylln@hud.ac.uk](mailto:wylln@hud.ac.uk)  
Please note further developments are ongoing and partner, employer and learner pages will be added at a later date.

**For further information on WYLLN activities please email [wylln@hud.ac.uk](mailto:wylln@hud.ac.uk)**

## General News

- [Degree funding switch criticised](#)  
MPs scrutinising higher education say they cannot support the government's cut in funding for people taking second undergraduate degrees in England...(BBC News – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [Abolish tuition fees, says youth parliament](#)  
One in three young people wanting to go to university cannot afford to go, the UK youth parliament (UKYP) claimed today in a report calling for the abolition of tuition fees...(Education Guardian – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [Your starter for £1,000](#)  
Greater use of scholarships would be a way to spread talented students more fairly between universities...(Education Guardian – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [14-19 Diplomas - Gateway 2 and Gateway 1 Category 3 Results](#)  
The results of Gateway 2 and Gateway 1 Category 3 reviews are now available. Together these will provide a further 94,000 Diploma places in selected areas of the country from September 2009...(department for children, schools and families – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [New reforms to improve the delivery of skills for adults and young people](#)  
The Government today set out the details of the transfer of £7 billion to local authorities to help colleges and sixth forms deliver the reforms needed to raise the education and training leaving age to 18...(department for children, schools and families – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [Hundreds more schools and colleges given the green light to offer Diplomas](#)  
72% of secondary schools and 88% of colleges will offer Diplomas in September 2009  
The vast majority of schools and colleges in England will offer Diplomas from September 2009, Schools Minister Jim Knight announced today...(department for children, schools and families – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [Education and business – key to addressing the UK skills gap](#)  
Lord Jones told delegates that the skills crisis was the biggest barrier to the UK having a successful 21st Century and he made a stirring call for all employers to release staff to enable them to gain basic skills through the Government-funded Train to Gain programme...(nebusiness – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [UK student numbers 'set to fall'](#)  
Numbers of UK undergraduates are expected to fall over the next decade, a study suggests...(BBC News – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- [Research into Engagement of Employers Not Usually Involved in HE](#)

Research for the Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre) has reviewed evidence on employer engagement in course development...(EPPI – Centre – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008)

- **The UK Commission for Employment and Skills opens for business**  
The creation of the The new UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES) was a key recommendation of the Leitch Review and was subsequently endorsed by the Government in its response to Leitch (World class skills: implementing the Leitch review in England)...(UK Commission for Employment & Skills – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- **£60m funding boost for DIUS to improve adult skills**  
The Chancellor today announced an additional £60m of resources for DIUS over the next three years to provide new opportunities for adults to acquire the skills they need to unlock their talents...(Department for Innovation, Universities and & Skills – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- **Learning and skills quango to be axed**  
Its demise, jointly announcement today by the two education departments created when Gordon Brown became prime minister, had been widely trailed and came as ...(Education Guardian – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008)

### Sector News

- **UK skills development initiative launched**  
To address the UK shortage of skilled engineers, a nationwide education initiative will be launched...(Manufacturingtalk – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008).
- **UK colleges snub short business degrees**  
England's leading universities are set to snub government plans for intensive business-friendly degrees lasting 48 weeks a year, a Financial Times survey suggests...(Financial Times – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2008)

### Events and Partner News

- **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](mailto:d.m.samuels@hud.ac.uk)
- **Motivational Interviewing** – Nextstep – Careers West Yorkshire  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - Leeds  
The 1 day programme is offered by Laura Sheasby from igen to experienced practitioners only (preferably to have achieved level 4 in guidance or to have some years experience in a guidance setting). For further information contact [erica.thompson@futurepathways.co.uk](mailto:erica.thompson@futurepathways.co.uk)
- **Time Management in the 'IAG' Workplace** – Nextstep – Careers West Yorkshire  
15<sup>th</sup> April – (from 10.00) - Leeds  
The course will help delegates to utilize the tools required to make them use their time more effectively. For further information contact [erica.thompson@futurepathways.co.uk](mailto:erica.thompson@futurepathways.co.uk)
- **Working Together to Engage Employers in Higher Level Skills** - A joint fdf and Lifelong Learning Networks event  
10 April 2008 - Aston Business School, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET  
This event focuses on the range of ways in which **fdf** and LLNs are working together on the higher skills agenda; encouraging progression into and through higher education, and developing provision that meets the higher skills needs of business. It is a key networking event for sharing effective practice and kick starting further collaborative work  
For more information and to book for this event please go to:  
[http://fdf.eventbookings.info/event4/event4\\_book.php](http://fdf.eventbookings.info/event4/event4_book.php)
- **A Digital 2010 Futures Event**  
21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:info@digital2010.org.uk)
- **Career Development in the UK: Guidance for Advancement – iCeGS**

21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:icegsenquiry@derby.ac.uk)

- **An evening with Clive Grinyer (rescheduled) – NTI Leeds**

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:andygardnerucc@hotmail.com)

- **Higher Education – Skills in the Workplace - UVAC**

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008 - Royal York Hotel, York

Delivering employer-led higher level work-based learning

- **Logistics Breakfast Meeting** - Services to Business, Wakefield College

25 April 2008 (07.00 - 10.00) - Whitwood Campus, Castleford, WF10 5NF

Discussion on the day will include hot topics in the Logistics and Haulage industries, as well as the opportunity to talk to the Logistics staff on items such as the Operator and Driver CPC courses, apprenticeships, further education options for staff in the logistics and haulage arenas, and the opportunity to ask any questions about the future of the industry.

For further information, or to register your attendance, call 01924789715 or visit [www.servtobusiness.co.uk/go/logistics](http://www.servtobusiness.co.uk/go/logistics)

If you have any information you wish to share with the partnership please email Rachael Brough at [r.j.brough@hud.ac.uk](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> April.

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](mailto:r.j.brough@hud.ac.uk)

Kind regards  
Rachael

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