

Merry Christmas!

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News and Reviews

Wheels to Work for young people

Wheels to work is a scheme which enables young people who have a lack of transport to get to work, The scheme is open to residents in Nottinghamshire with an offer of employment, training or education, who have no public or private transport to get there and who lives in, or trying to access, a rural area.

Wheels to work will provide the loan of a moped for up to 12 months, Compulsory Basic Training (CBT), Safety Equipment (helmet, etc), insurance, tax, servicing and the support of the Project Officer. There are costs towards the loan of the wheels. For more information contact Liam Russell – Project Officer on 01623 727620.

wheels2work@nottsrcc.org.uk

www.nottswheels2work.org.uk

an application form will be made available via www.nextstepnotts.co.uk

Advice resources

The **advice-resources** team are looking to re-run the following training/ awareness sessions in the spring and summer of 2008 as well as creating new products such as the mental health awareness guide and the qualifications calculator and adding to their workshops to:

- include an interactive element to the workshops;
 - target new and 'untapped' audiences who didn't take part in this year's training programme;
 - review the existing format and length of each training workshop;
- introduce a formal networking activity into each training workshop to maximise what is already a valuable networking opportunity with other adult guidance workers.

If you have any recommendations or questions about next year's training workshops, please contact advicepartners@ufi.com





A number of you were also involved in the recent research undertaken by Mary D Associates, on behalf of the **advice-resources** team, to evaluate **advice-resources** products through questionnaires, focus groups and telephone calls.

There will be more details in next month's e-newsletter but some of the identified changes are:

- a two-page summary for each of the guides to support the full PDF version;
- a section within the Refugee & Asylum Seeker Guide where advisers can add their own local information; and a 'how to use' and 'benefits' section on each of the products either online or on the CD ROM insert card.

Careers on the web

A careers website linked to the high-performing area of technical textiles has been developed by Skillfast-UK – the Sector Skills Council for the fashion and textiles industry.

Found at www.FutureTextiles.co.uk the website features job profiles and real-life case studies that highlight the exciting career opportunities available to those with design, textiles and scientific-related knowledge.

www.CanUCutIt.co.uk and Just the Job at www.skillfast-uk/JustTheJob for those interested in a career in the wider clothing, footwear and textiles industry are also in place

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Training course

There is to be a training course on Working with employers with Linda Stevenson on Wed 20th February at Edwinstowe

Further details will follow in January

Dyslexia association

Dee Caunt of the Dyslexia Association tells me they have a project at the moment to offer assessments and courses to public sector workers for free.

If anyone has any clients who would benefit from this contact Dee on 0115 9246889

New year new start

In the New Year, nextstep Nottinghamshire are running a new year new start campaign and will be attending events all over the county to help raise nextstep's profile. If you know of an event near you where nextstep can have a stand, please let us know, by contacting Rebecca.mckay@cnxnotts.co.uk

Partner News

Congratulations to CCA who won the Social Enterprise award at the annual First Enterprise Awards Evening for ethnic minority businesses in Nottingham. CCA have also just secured a significant lottery grant to provide health advice to BME clients via drop-in centres at the Sikh temple in Lenton and the Hindu temple on Carlton Hill as well as at their own base in Hyson Green.

