

## PRESS RELEASE

# SERVICE HELPS LEICESTERSHIRE COMPANY BUILD SKILLS

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A Melton Mowbray company is building up the skills of its workforce with the help of Train to Gain, a service led by the Learning and Skills Council to help businesses succeed.

The Melton Mowbray plant of joinery manufacturer Jeld-Wen UK is boosting the skills of seven of its carpenters after securing places for them on the Construction Skills Certificate Scheme (CSSC) NVQ 2 in joinery - with the help of Train to Gain Skills Broker, James Lund. Without the CSSC, the carpenters would not be able to carry out work at construction sites when required by the firm's customers.

Keith Claydon, Jeld-Wen UK's Health, Safety and Environment Facilitator said:

"The Trade Skills CSSC card is now required by many construction companies when tradesman are working on their sites, which means that even experienced workers will find it difficult to operate without one. Our Train to Gain Skills Broker James Lund has been very helpful in finding the best and most cost effective training provider for our needs. By the use of his contacts we have a faster way of finding training providers and possible funding available. I'm delighted that in the next couple of weeks, our guys will be starting to get the formal NVQ assessments needed to obtain the CSCS cards at Stephenson College."

The competency card initiative was set up in response to the high number of accidents in construction. From 1 January 2007, all construction site workers need a competency card to be able to work on any construction site.

Train to Gain Skills Broker, James Lund provides the brokerage service for small and medium sized companies across Leicestershire. He said:

“All companies in Leicestershire can access the Train to Gain service, although we’re particularly encouraging small and medium sized companies to contact us. Developing skills across the county is vital if we are to increase productivity, support advances in enterprise and innovation and improve our economic well being.”

Michele Hallam, Recruitment Consultant for Train to Gain at Stephenson College in Coalville, Leicestershire, said:

“With the latest changes in legislation it’s now vital for all construction site operatives to gain the relevant CSCS accreditation. This not only proves occupational trade competence, it also proves the necessary Health and Safety awareness needed to work on a busy construction site. Due to our delivery method all training and assessing can be delivered on site with minimum disruption to their normal day-to-day business activities. We also offer the Health and Safety touch screen test. Once completed the college applies for the relevant CSCS card”.

For more information on Train to Gain telephone 0845 057 1817, text TRAIN to 64446, register at [www.iwanttotrain.com](http://www.iwanttotrain.com) or visit [www.traintogain.gov.uk](http://www.traintogain.gov.uk)

## NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Photographs are available. Contact Helen Clarke at GNN or download from [www.gnn.gov.uk](http://www.gnn.gov.uk)
2. Train to Gain is a new service run by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). Train to Gain aims to improve productivity and competitiveness by making sure employees have the right skills to do the right job through: an organisational needs analysis, by making recommendations on the most relevant training and providing best value for money.
3. The brokerage service for Train to Gain in the East Midlands is provided under contract to the LSC, by East Midlands Business Ltd (EMB); a joint venture partnership formed by Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Chambers of Commerce.
4. The government commissioned report into skills published by Lord Leitch in December 2006 called for a radical overhaul in adult training and warned that the UK's skill base was lower than many international competitors.

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