

LOCAL GOOD PRACTICE

STRAND 2: Curriculum and Qualifications

Diploma development

- Effective Diploma development in Luton: a Campus Luton Diploma Conference in November 2007 boosted long term and integrated planning. All schools are involved. A Diploma strategic planning group is beginning to emerge.
- Stevenage was a Diploma pathfinder, and also achieved 5/5 Gateway applications. A Co-ordinator was appointed at a senior level. Block timetables have been agreed for the whole town.
- North Herts Strategic Partnership Group was only 1 of 10 consortia in the country to have been approved for all 5 Diplomas (one conditional) for 2008. As a result the group will host learning visits from other groups coming to Hertfordshire from all over the country.

Young Apprenticeships

- The number of Young Apprenticeship Programmes to be delivered in the region from September 2007 will increase dramatically from the present 10 to 31 different programmes. This will result in 993 year 10 students across the region participating in collaborative YA provision between schools, colleges and other providers (such as EBPs and private Training Providers).
- Campus Luton Apprenticeship in Construction: special course, run by Barnfield College (not part of a mainstream YA programme).
- Young Apprenticeships in Hertfordshire are based on 4 partnerships. Good practice is demonstrated in the Stevenage and North Herts business admin. programme which incorporates good employer links, innovations in delivery, parents involved in the steering group.
- Suffolk has appointed 4 Apprenticeship Champions.
- The number of Young Apprenticeship partnerships in Suffolk has grown from 6 to 14, benefiting 233 learners. All 14-19 Partnerships are now involved.