

## **East of England Skills and Competitiveness Partnership Appoint New Director**

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The East of England Skills and Competitiveness Partnership (EESCP) are pleased to announce the appointment of Amanda Montague as their new Director.

Amanda Montague joins a small management team who oversee the day-to-day management of the EESCP from her role as Partnership Manager for the Learning and Skills Council Essex. Established in 2005, the Partnership brings together around 80 individual members from 50 private and public sector organisations in the East of England.

Commenting on her recent appointment, Amanda said: "The East of England has a wealth of established world-class strengths and it is important that as a region we deliver the skills needed to build on this and ensure we continue to compete effectively. I am keen to further develop the partnership to drive forward collaboration between businesses, learning and people to raise business productivity."

The region has many opportunities and contains some of the UK's most important international gateways and transport corridors including Stansted Airport, Luton Airport and the ports of Tilbury, Felixstowe and Harwich. As well as leaders in science, technology, research and development, the region is also the UK's premier resource for food, drink and renewable energy industries.

Amanda goes on to say, "Despite these strengths there are still areas in the region with skills gaps and unemployment. We need to make the most of the major opportunities that have come to our area, such as the 2012 Olympic Games and government-designated Growth Areas to help address these issues. My experience as partnership manager at LSC Essex and prior to that at LSC East London working in data, research and management with responsibility for business support and Business Link and an understanding of European Social Funding will help me take good practice to other areas.

We need to facilitate partnerships and lead others to maximise the potential rewards to the regional economy through co-ordinating resources.”

For more information on the East of England Skills and Competitiveness Partnership log onto [www.eescp.co.uk](http://www.eescp.co.uk).

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### **EESCP**

The East of England Skills and Competitiveness Partnership (EESCP) was established in September 2005 to spearhead a step-change in the region's skills base by better coordinating resources and activity between the key organisations concerned with jobs, skills and training.

EESCP has approximately 80 individual members who represent around 50 public and private sector organisations from across the region, including voluntary and community interests.

Key member organisations include:

- [East of England Development Agency](#) (EEDA)
- [East of England Regional Assembly](#) (EERA)
- [Government Office for the East of England](#) (GO-East)
- [Higher Education Funding Council for England](#) (HEFCE)
- [Jobcentre Plus](#) (JCP)
- [Learning and Skills Council](#) (LSC)
- [Skills for Business Network](#) (SfBN).

### **LSC**

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