

## **Mymar Training scoop the East of England Train to Gain Provider of the Year Award**

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Mymar Training in Huntingdon has started 2009 in style having scooped the prestigious East of England Train to Gain Provider of the Year Award for the outstanding contribution it has made to employers and vocational learners in both Cambridgeshire and East Anglia as a whole.

Train to Gain is a national skills service, administered by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), to help employers improve the skills of their workforce and, as a result, improve their business performance. Mymar Training was selected to receive the Train to Gain Provider of the Year Award by the Learning and Skills Council in recognition of the work the company has done to deliver Train to Gain to employers and learners through out the year.

Mymar Training is a private training company which has become one of the foremost vocational training providers in Cambridgeshire offering Apprenticeships, NVQs and a wide variety of self-learn and e-learning courses in partnership with LearnDirect. It has the resources and skills to provide total staff development programmes to all industry sectors. Although based in Huntingdon the company is able to deliver training throughout East Anglia using partnerships and remote learning techniques.

Janet Meenaghan, LSC Director of Operations for Train to Gain, said: "The East of England LSC has recognised the excellent work Train to Gain providers have carried out in building employer responsive provision in the region by creating two awards Provider of the Month and Provider of the Year in order to acknowledge particularly outstanding

contributions. Achieving the Provider of the Year Award reflects not only Mymar Training's growth in their work with employers, but also their positive approach to working with partners and their willingness to share good practice with other training providers across the region."

Mymar Training is the lead contract holder for the Eastern Work Based Training Consortium for Train to Gain delivery throughout the Eastern region. The company arranges training in areas including business and finance, IT, management, engineering, construction, warehousing and logistics, hospitality and cookery and care.

Caroline Neville, Regional Director for the LSC in the East of England, visited Mymar Training to present Chris Nugent, managing director of Mymar Training, and all the company's staff and members of the training consortium with the award.

On receiving the award, Chris Nugent said: "Winning this award means a lot. Every consortium member and all our staff have worked very hard to make our involvement in Train to Gain successful. We are very lucky to have staff which show so much dedication and give our learners so much support. The fact that their efforts have been officially recognised makes me very proud.

"It is a team effort which has led to us winning this award - a team consisting of the consortium members, the Train to Gain skills brokers and the Learning and Skills Council."

Employers who have benefited from Mymar Training's expertise have also congratulated the company on their success; including Sandra Purnham, Human Resources Manager at The Bull Hotel in Peterborough.

"We were delighted to hear that Mymar Training had been awarded the Train to Gain Provider of the Year for East England", said Sandra. "They have certainly given us excellent service in every respect and thoroughly deserve it. Having training of this quality

available with government funding is a huge opportunity for businesses of all types – especially in the current climate, when businesses need all the support they can get.”

### **Mini case study**

#### **How Mymar Training was able to use Train to Gain help The Bull Hotel in Peterborough**

- Sandra Parnham, Human Resources Manager at The Bull Hotel, recognised the fact that staff turnover is a continual challenge in the hospitality industry. But Sandra believed that offering staff the opportunity to gain recognised qualifications could be a motivating factor and help with staff retention.
- Following initial meetings with Mymar Training, Sandra was able to use Train to Gain funding to offer the hotel’s housekeeping staff the opportunity to undertake NVQ qualifications and three members of staff enrolled on the NVQ programme.
- Sandra continued to offer NVQ opportunities to staff and interest grew, not only from the housekeeping staff but also those in the bar and restaurant, finance department and in the reception.
- Sandra was even able to undertake a Management NVQ herself.
- Mymar Training was also able to offer all the staff at the hotel the opportunity to undertake additional qualifications in Literacy and Numeracy through Skills for Life or to expand their learning programmes to a Full Framework Apprenticeship.
- So far, The Bull Hotel has had nineteen members of staff enrol on NVQs, Skills for Life and Apprenticeships. Qualifications undertaken include housekeeping, food and drink service, team leading, management and accounts.

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## **Notes to editors**

### **Picture caption:**

Picture caption: Caroline Neville presented the award to Chris Nugent, Managing Director of Mymar Training, in the company of Mymar colleagues and partners from the consortium

### **Learning and Skills Council:**

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