

Hertfordshire training provider receives new standard for training excellence

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Training provider Goldsmith Centre for Business (formerly Goldsmith Management Centre), based in Letchworth Garden City, has achieved a *Training Quality Standard* in recognition of delivering high quality training to employers in Hertfordshire.

The Goldsmith Centre, which is affiliated to North Hertfordshire College, has been recognised for their excellent track record in responding to employer needs and it's ability to offer high quality training at a time and place to suit employers. The provider has also been commended for making it easy for employers in Hertfordshire to find the right training solutions for their business.

Tony Joyce, Vice Principal of Enterprise and Employer Engagement at the Goldsmith Centre, said: "The tough quality mark process was an extremely valuable tool which helped our already successful business to achieve greater consistency across all areas and a higher level of awareness in everything we now do with employers.

"The Goldsmith Centre teams are enormously proud of their achievement and an additional award in September of Hertfordshire Training Company of the Year continues to spur us on to greater things for the future".

The *Training Quality Standard* was officially launched by Skills minister David Lammy on 8th May this year and has been developed to give employers a benchmark for choosing training provision and sets providers apart from the competition.

Liam Sammon, Area Director for the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) Hertfordshire, said: "Obtaining the Training Quality Standard is an outstanding achievement which demonstrates a consistent effort by the provider to make high quality training available to employers across the county and wider region. I would like to congratulate North Hertfordshire College's Goldsmith Centre for being recognised for its exceptional services and I hope that many more providers in Hertfordshire will go on to achieve the standard."

Employers have been involved every step of the way in the creation of the assessment and accreditation system for the Training Quality Standard. During the assessment process training providers are assessed against two key criteria; provider responsiveness to employer needs and provider excellence in a particular vocational area.

Training providers who have applied to receive this accreditation so far include colleges, universities, commercial and publicly funded training organisations and large employers. Including the Goldsmith Centre, there are currently 60 training providers in the UK who have reached the new standard and a further 200 who are currently being assessed.

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