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North East Regional Provider Development Programme

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This booklet provides all LSC contracted providers, including Train to Gain, with information relating to development activities

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Introduction

The North East Regional Provider Development Programme has been produced this year in order to give all Learning and Skills Council (LSC) contracted providers, including Train to Gain, the opportunity to see at a glance the full range of development activities available up to March 2008.

It is not a definitive list, nor does it include every individual initiative, such as those currently under development by the Quality Improvement Agency (QIA) and other institutions such as the Centre for Excellence and Leadership (CEL).

It is intended as a guide only to those activities which the LSC in the North East region has some role in supporting, funding or targeting intervention.

If you have any enquiries or wish to express an interest in attending any of the sessions, please contact the named individuals or visit the specified websites outlined in the schedule.

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD1	New Provider Development Programme (Train to Gain providers only)	To assist organisations new to the LSC to understand the requirements of the Common Inspection Framework (CIF), leading to the production of a Self-assessment Report (SAR) and Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).
LSC-PD2	New Provider Development Programme (ESF providers only)	To assist European Social Fund (ESF) funded organisations to understand the requirements of the CIF, leading to the production of a SAR and QIP.
LSC-PD3	Improving Retention and Success Rates	To develop strategies and processes that will improve retention and drive up success rates.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
August – October 2007	Quality Managers or those with responsibility for organisational development/quality	By invitation only	David McCabe 0191 492 6310 david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk
July – October 2007	Quality Managers or those with responsibility for organisational development/quality	By invitation only	David McCabe 0191 492 6310 david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk
September – October 2007	General Manager with responsibility for quality/performance	Telephone/e-mail (priority will be given to under-performing Train to Gain providers)	David McCabe 0191 492 6310 david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD4	Train to Gain - Sector Skills Council (SSC) Qualification awareness sessions	Sessions delivered by SSCs to highlight qualifications for the sector.
LSC-PD5	Train to Gain - Good Practice in Initial Assessment/Training Needs Analysis	Undertake review of current practice, produce a good practice guide to be implemented by all providers with Train to Gain contracts.
LSC-PD6	Train to Gain opportunities	Briefing sessions held on the Train to Gain service so that staff in direct contact with employers on an ongoing basis are able to identify need and signpost to brokerage/provision.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
August 2007 – March 2008	Providers and Skills Brokers	Telephone/e-mail	David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk
August – December 2007	Quality Managers or those with responsibility for organisational development/quality	Telephone/e-mail to be involved in project (findings to be circulated to all providers)	David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk
September – December 2007	Front line staff	Telephone/e-mail	David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD7	Train to Gain - Brokerage Standards – the role of brokerage	Better understanding of the service available to employers.
LSC-PD8	Train to Gain - Employer Engagement Strategies	Opportunities to review current strategies and to develop new strategies.
LSC-PD9	Train to Gain - Provider Capacity Building Part funded 50/50 ¹	Providing additional qualifications, i.e. Skills for Life and IAG qualifications at Levels 2, 3 and 4; plus learning and development qualifications at Levels 3 and 4.

¹ European Social Fund rules apply for some elements of this funding. Level 4 qualifications will be fully funded via the LSC

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>July 2007 – March 2008</p>	<p>Front line provider staff who “promote” to employers</p>	<p>Telephone/e-mail</p>	<p>David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk</p>
<p>July – September 2007</p>	<p>All Train to Gain providers</p>	<p>Telephone/e-mail</p>	<p>David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk</p>
<p>August 2007 – March 2008</p> <p>Support for Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications will be offered through Business Link North East</p>	<p>Train to Gain providers</p>	<p>Telephone/e-mail</p>	<p>David Jackson 0191 492 6390 david.jackson@lsc.gov.uk</p>

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD10	National Train to Gain Provider Development programme	The development programme for Train to Gain offers all-round support for learning providers large and small, from senior managers to administrative staff.
LSC-PD11	Supporting Excellence (formally Support for Success)	A wide range of support focusing on three main strands: Self-assessment Self-improvement and Self-regulation.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>The programme for 2006-07 is currently underway and information on the post July programme will be posted on the following website:</p> <p>www.qiaemployerled.org.uk</p>	<p>Train to Gain providers</p>	<p>Via the QIA website for specific initiatives/programmes</p>	<p>QIA</p> <p>www.qia.org.uk</p> <p>or LSC Partnership Manager /Adviser or Provider Development Manager (dependent on activity)</p>
<p>August 2007 – March 2008</p>	<p>Dependant on activity</p>	<p>Self-referral through LSC Partnership Manager/Adviser or Provider Development Manager</p>	<p>David McCabe</p> <p>0191 492 6310</p> <p>david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk</p>

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD12	14-19 Diploma Support Programme	QIA is working with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust to develop and commission development programmes for teachers and trainers to support the 14-19 curriculum reforms.
LSC-PD13	Functional Skills Support Programme	To equip sufficient numbers of practitioners in the full range of settings to be fully competent and confident in teaching functional skills to learners.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>Available from August 2007 Full details are available on the website at: www.qia.org.uk/programmesandservices/curriculumreforms.html</p>	<p>Organisations involved in the delivery of the 14-19 Agenda</p>	<p>QIA website</p>	<p>QIA www.qia.org.uk</p>
<p>Available from August 2007 Full details are available on the website at: www.qia.org.uk/programmesandservices/uploads/QIA_Functional_Skills_Flyer_A422_1_07.pdf</p>	<p>Provider staff</p>	<p>Available to those schools, colleges and providers involved in the pilot from August 2007</p>	<p>QIA/Secondary National Strategy for School Improvement (SNS). Contact as per the weblink.</p>

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD14	Skills for Life	A wide range of training opportunities that can be found on the Skills for Life website.
LSC-PD15	Specialist College Support Programme	A range of activities utilising the Supporting Excellence programme.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>The current programme operates up to the end of July 2007. Details of this and the new programme can be found at the Skills for Life website: www.sflip.org.uk/regionalavailability/northeast.aspx</p>		<p>Skills for Life website</p>	<p>QIA and Skills for Life websites: www.qia.org.uk www.sflip.org.uk</p>
<p>August 2007 – March 2008</p>	<p>Specialist Colleges with Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LLDD)</p>	<p>By invitation or referral through LSC Partnership Manager/Adviser /Provider Development Manager/LLDD Manager</p>	<p>David McCabe 0191 492 6310 david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk</p>

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD16	Key Skills Support Programme	An up-to-date wide reaching package of support and development opportunities delivered by a range of experts.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>July 2007 – March 2008, full details of this extensive programme can be found at: www.lsneducation.org.uk/news/index.aspx?ID=3254</p> <p>This year Learning and Skills Network (LSN) have increased the range of their services to include the 14-16 age range (key stage 4)</p>	<p>Colleges, schools, work based learning providers, employers, adult learning, Youth Offender Institutions (YOIs), Prisoner Referral Units (PRUS) and prison and probation staff</p>	<p>Via weblink provided</p>	<p>LSN</p>

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Ref No:	Activity	Aims/outcomes
LSC-PD17	Framework for Excellence (FfE)	Information.
LSC-PD18	New Standard	Information.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>Ongoing - QIA has signalled an early commitment to provide support to the provider base as the FfE pilot rolls out. Further briefing sessions and awareness raising events will be delivered throughout the year.</p>	<p>All providers in scope for FfE</p>	<p>To be announced</p>	<p>QIA and LSN websites: www.qia.org.uk www.lsneducation.org.uk Additional information is available at: www.qiaemployerled.org.uk</p>
<p>Details on the New Standard can be found at: www.newstandard.co.uk Additional information is also available at: www.qiaemployerled.org.uk</p>	<p>All providers</p>	<p>Via web link provided</p>	<p>New Standard website: www.newstandard.co.uk After 1st July 2007, contact LSC Partnership Manager/ Adviser for more information. Additional information is also available at: www.qiaemployerled.org.uk</p>

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LSC-PD19	Subject Learning Coaches	The National Teaching and Learning Change Programme, which incorporates the Subject Learning Coaches programme, is a unique approach to transform teaching, training and learning.
LSC-PD20	Working towards the Matrix Standard	This programme is under development but will support providers who are working towards or are about to start work on the standard. Please note we will not pay for accreditation.

Date(s)*	Who should attend?	How to apply	Contact for more information/to book
<p>The QIA programme is currently out to tender. Further details of the current programme can be found at:</p> <p>www.subjectlearningcoach.net/about/programme/</p>	<p>All providers</p>		<p>Northern Regional contact:</p> <p>Jan Wilde 07798 678165 j.richardsonwilde@btinternet.com</p>
<p>It is planned to deliver this programme through joint workshops with six or more providers working together. You should register your interest through your LSC Partnership Team or direct to David McCabe</p>	<p>All providers</p>	<p>Telephone/e-mail your LSC Partnership Team/David McCabe</p>	<p>David McCabe 0191 492 6310 david.mccabe@lsc.gov.uk</p>

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