



Where did that
come from ?

Leitch - A new partnership for the workplace



- **Introduction of the Skills Pledge**
- **Expanding and further improving the Train to Gain Service**
- **Fundamental review of Investors in People**
- **Consideration of a legal entitlement to workplace training from 2010**



What's the story ?

The Skills Pledge – story so far (cont)



- A Plan for Growth
- Regional Plan for Growth
- Branding Guidelines
- Provider Pathfinder



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Skills Pledge in the Northwest



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7700 nationally with 877 in the Northwest covering 400,000 employees

Regional developments :

- Skills Pledge Agents – CARNW and SSC's
- Working with the Public Sector
- Key Intermediary partners
- Seamless service – employability and skills
- Celebrating commitment
- Case Studies

Skills Pledge Pathfinder



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Aim of the Pathfinder

To identify and work with a group of Northwest Providers to operate as Skills Pledge Agents before a potential full roll out in '09 for all Providers who have the capacity and expertise (and who want) to operate as Skills Pledge Agents

The Pathfinder



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- Timescale – Commence October 08; Complete March 09 (6 month Project).
- Participants – Approx 10 Providers across the North West who will act as the Pilot Skills Pledge Agents.
- Resources – LSC will fund the NWPN to manage the Skills Pledge Pilot Project.
- Brokerage standard - LSC will fully fund 1 individual in each of the Pathfinder Provider to achieve the national standard for Skills Brokerage.
- Monitoring – The NWPN Quality Strategy Group will act as the monitoring group for the project.
- Project Manager Role – The nature of the project will mean that a part time Project Manager will manage the Pathfinder



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The Providers

- Have strong links with other Providers via either consortia or partnership arrangements.
- Have very good inspection results especially in Leadership and Management. Must be grade 1 and 2.
- Show commitment to or achievement of Part A and/or Part B of TQS
- Deliver in at least one of the NW priority sectors.
- Engage with existing employers.
- Be a Train to Gain contract holder.
- Committed to ensure 1 member of staff achieves Brokerage standard
- Able to achieve 50 pledges over 6 month timescale of Pathfinder

Sector Compacts



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- What is a sector compact
- Why have sector compact
- How long does a sector compact last
- How many sector compacts will there be
- What are they expected to deliver
- Flexibilities
- National Skills Academies
- Funding
- Communications