

BRISTOL - DON'T LET TRAINING GIVE YOU NIGHTMARES THIS HALLOWEEN

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Company bosses in Bristol who are having training nightmares are being encouraged this Halloween to seek help from Train to Gain to stop the horror continuing!

With the credit crunch putting more pressure on companies to reduce costs and retain customers Train to Gain can help by providing staff with effective training.

Bristol Zoo Gardens have addressed their training needs by talking to Train to Gain which offers businesses impartial advice on their skills requirements; matching training needs of companies with training providers, sourcing potential funding and grants and finding courses that suit them and their employees.

The Zoo has shown a great commitment to training by making the Skills Pledge, a public, voluntary commitment by an organisation to train all employees to Level 2 standard (5 GCSEs grade A-C). The range of training currently being undertaken at the Zoo includes IT, Retail and Customer Service to boost the skills levels of all Zoo employees.

Sue Gregory, Head of Human Resources from Bristol Zoo Gardens said: "For us, like many other companies, trying to research the right training and to source a suitable provider can be a difficult task. Luckily, Train to Gain was able to help us and has put us on the right track. We are really impressed with the service they offer and our staff are seeing the benefits of training."

Chris Minett, Skills Development Director at Train to Gain, said: "We were set up to help organisations make informed decisions about training, so that they can help staff enhance their skills and boost productivity. We are helping hundreds of

businesses in Bristol stop their training nightmares and we are here to help many more.”

Bristol Zoo Gardens are also celebrating Halloween with a number of events over the coming days including the Wonderful Witchy Wander around to zoo led by resident witch Ninny Noo with special treats at the end, fancy dress Halloween Parade over the weekend, a Pumpkin Carving Competition on Halloween and a Bangless Bonfire Night on November 5th.

More information on Train to Gain can be found via - www.traintogain.gov.uk or call 08457 046 046 to speak with a Train to Gain Skills Broker.

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