

LEADING THE SKILLS REVOLUTION

LSC launches recruitment campaign for new Regional Council

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The LSC, the organisation responsible for ensuring the delivery of high quality education and training for young people and adults, is today launching a recruitment drive to encourage applications for key positions on a new Regional Council for the South West.

The Council – established as part of the Further Education and Training Act 2007 – will inform the LSC’s decision making at a regional level, guide progress and make sure the Government’s strategy for education and skills works on the ground.

The Act streamlines the LSC’s “non-executive tier” replacing 47 Local Councils with nine Regional Councils, resulting in a more simplified, less bureaucratic, structure, as well as being aligned to the organisation of the LSC executive team. In this way, the new Councils will reflect both the local and regional needs of learners and employers.

Malcolm Gillespie, regional director of the LSC South West, said: “Regional Councils will provide challenge, support, and leadership to the LSC’s work; and in doing so will shape a world class education and skills system for each region.

“In this way, Regional Council members will have the opportunity to make a real and positive difference to the lives of thousands of individuals and to the success of businesses in the region”.

Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Bill Rammell, said:
“Improving the skills of the nation has never been more important. Skills are the key to building a cohesive society and to enabling the UK to compete in an increasingly competitive global economy.

“Over the next 2-3 yrs, the LSC has a huge job to do, overseeing the investment of £11.6bn in 2008-09, £12bn in 2009-10 and £12.6bn in 2010-11 – including large sums of capital investment – for the benefit of young people, adults and employers. The new Regional Councils will have a key role in ensuring that this investment is spent in the right way.”

The LSC is looking for applications from people with a strong commitment to learning and skills. Regional Chairs will have senior level experience in business and Regional Council Members will have senior level experience in fields including business, further and higher education, schools, the voluntary sector, local government and trade unions. We are also keen to receive applications from individual learners - or organisations that can present the views of learners.

For further information/ to apply please go www.regionalcouncil.co.uk

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The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England’s young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

