



Skills for Life Provider Engagement Plan

The SW Train to Gain team is pleased to announce a suite of resources to increase Skills for Life awareness with Providers to help drive performance and maximise contract values.

Skills for Life Questionnaire

To kick-start our activities for this year, the SW Skills for Life (SfL) and Train to Gain teams have designed a simple and short questionnaire that we are asking all Train to Gain Providers to complete to help in assessing capacity and development requirements in the SW Region.

We believe this is the most effective approach in collating the intelligence we require and follows on from the context of our July Briefings. It will help us identify:

- Areas of good practice amongst Providers willing to share expertise (provider network) and resources (teachers, facilities, etc)
- Providers who have capacity to deliver more Skills for Life
- Providers who may benefit from access to an independent qualified Skills for Life Practitioner
- Providers who would welcome the opportunity to work with a specialist Skills for Life Provider to develop a joint NVQ/SfL delivery plan
- Providers who need help with capability issues around employer engagement and training for their staff
- Providers who would like more information about qualifying their staff as SfL Teachers/Assessors



This was posted on the SfL web portal Friday 8th August at

<http://www.skillsforlife-sw.org.uk/Page2.aspx?PageID=113>

Please help us to help you by completing this. There are 11 questions and it will take you 15 minutes. All information is confidential.

'Match' Peripatetic Practitioner Regional Register

Our partners, Learning South West, have developed and will manage a regional register of Skills for Life professionals. Our primary aim is that Providers, who do not currently have the capacity, have access to experienced and qualified Practitioners to increase delivery of Skills for Life within their Train to Gain contract.

The register will work across all 7 counties in the region and will provide up to 8 numeracy, literacy and ESOL specialists in each area who will be able to carry out initial assessments, Individual Learning Plans and deliver the relevant work place training and national tests. The LSC will fund the upkeep of the register. The Provider will pay for the delivery of learning by the Practitioner by drawing down Skills for Life funding.

For more information about the service and access to the register please visit www.learning-southwest.org.uk or contact Sue Edwards at Learning South West sue_edwards@learning-southwest.org.uk or on Telephone 01823 347952.

Train to Gain Provider Development Plan

In 2008/09 there are a number of capacity building activities commissioned by the LSC to contribute to Provider continuous professional development

- We have commissioned LSIS (Learning and Skills Improvement Service, formerly QIA & CEL Ashridge) to deliver our Provider Development Plan so ensuring Providers have the right support and CPD plans in place to operate effectively and improve Skills for Life performance in Train to Gain.
- QIA - Skills for Life Improvement Programme which will work with Providers as well as offer workplace learning under Train to Gain contracts. Register now by contacting sflipinfo@cfbt.com
- KPMG 'World Class Skills' Development Programme – schedule attached for SW Region. Registration details included in programme



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- Move On - Get on at Work will support provider responsiveness in employer engagement and in the development of an organisational strategy to Skills for Life. For more information visit www.move-on.org.uk

If you need more information on any of the above, please contact your Partnership Team in the first instance or fiona.parsons@lsc.gov.uk
Telephone 01752 754025

Partnership Delivery Model

We have provided details on a number of delivery models if NVQ Providers wish to form partnerships with specialist Skills for Life Providers in order to increase Skills for Life volumes of starts and achievements.



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For more details please visit the Skills for Life web portal and take a look at the Skills for Life Provider Partnership Delivery Options paper. Alternatively contact fiona.parsons@lsc.gov.uk or telephone 01752 754025

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Joint Visit

We are happy to visit Providers who may be interested in following up one or more of the areas above, as part of a future Partnership Team meeting. Please contact your Partnership Team to arrange.

These plans have been implemented to support Providers new to Train to Gain as well as our existing Providers; Regional Response Providers; Consortia and Sub-Contract Providers. Please share the information so we can help:

- Providers to comply with Train to Gain contractual requirements and achieve the new Skills for Life targets in 2008/09
- Employers to recognize the importance and value of Skills for Life in Train to Gain
- Providers to maximise the financial opportunities available within the Train to Gain service
- Address questions and concerns Providers may have about their capacity to deliver Skills for Life
- Support Employer Engagement staff to overcome Skills for Life issues in the workplace.