

**Welcome** to Issue 6 of the YPLA e-bulletin which contains articles relating to young people's learning - we hope you find it useful and informative.

This e-bulletin is addressed to:

- Local authorities - Chief Executives, Directors of children's services and 14-19 commissioning leads.
- All YPLA funded providers - Principals of academies, colleges with 16-19 provision, 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges, Independent Specialist Providers and Independent Providers.

**Local Authority Directors of children's services are asked to please forward this e-bulletin to Heads of their maintained schools with sixth forms.**

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All statutory guidance and legislation linked from this site continues to reflect the current legal position unless indicated otherwise, but may not reflect current Government policy.

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## **ACTION FOR ALL PROVIDERS** **Article 1 - Young People NEET Procurement**

As part of the shared service agreement with the YPLA, the Skills Funding Agency has published details of a European Social Fund (ESF) tendering opportunity supporting young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).

The Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice are

now both live and running. In order to view the PQQ for this opportunity and respond if applicable, providers need to first register on the [Skills Funding Agency eTendering portal](#).

Once logged into the portal, providers can select the option 'PQQs open to all suppliers', select the PQQ entitled 'ESF NEET for YPLA' from the full list of opportunities and then select the option to 'Express an interest'. The system will add the ESF NEET PQQ to the 'My PQQs' section of the provider's account in Bravo Solution, allowing them to access all documents and questionnaires and respond accordingly.

Providers should **only** direct queries via the PQQ message board. It is not appropriate to seek advice or answers to questions via any other route, in order to maintain the integrity and robustness of the process.

For further information, please refer to the [European Social Fund](#) section of the Skills Funding Agency's website.

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL ACADEMIES

### Article 2 - Letter to all Academy Principals

Letters are being sent on 1 September to all academies from Peter Lauener, Chief Executive of the YPLA, marking the start of the new term, welcoming new Academies who are starting this September and giving information about the structure and function of the Academies division at the YPLA. The letters also inform academies who their Academy Lead Officer (ALO) will be.

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL PROVIDERS OF FOUNDATION LEARNING

### Article 3 – Foundation Learning Events - REMINDER

The Association of Learning Providers (ALP) have organised [10 events on Foundation Learning](#) (FL) to ensure EVERY Foundation Learning provider has the opportunity to ensure they are fully aware of the implications and are up to date on the change to Foundation Learning.

Following on from the Foundation Learning seminars delivered at the ALP Forum for Employment and Skills Conference, senior YPLA colleagues have been invited to deliver 10 half day workshops during August and September which will provide the opportunity to ensure providers understand how the funding will work for FL.

These events will include an update on the latest thinking on where FL is going, a re-cap on the main aspects of the funding methodology and how it is replacing the current E2E system of weekly funding. There will be detailed examples and an opportunity to clear up many questions asked at the conference and any others you still have at this stage.

We highly recommend at least one member of staff from each provider attends these sessions in order that they are fully aware of the new flexibilities being introduced from **1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**.

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL PROVIDERS

### Article 4 – Materials for providers to use in local marketing

From 1 September, we will be making it easier and more convenient for you to find materials that you might wish to use for local marketing such as logos, guidelines, case studies of young apprenticeships and of learner support templates.

From today YPLA materials will be stored in the '[Publications](#)' section of the YPLA website.

The Skills Funding Agency materials will be kept in the new [logos and design guidelines](#) section of the Agency's website.

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### Article 5 - Withdrawal of the YPLA Funded Learner Numbers Return

The YPLA and Department for Education have decided to withdraw the Funded Learner Numbers Return planned for October 2010. This decision has been taken in line with the recent ministerial decision to implement a lagged funding approach which makes the collection unnecessary. It is hoped that you will welcome this reduction in the data collection burden. Therefore the first Learner Responsive data collection for the 2010/11 academic year will be the LR01 return due on 6 December 2010.

Further details on this can be found on [the information authority website](#).

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL PROVIDERS

### Article 6 - Changes to the funding arrangements for young people – Revisions to the ILR Specification for 2010/11

In July 2010, it was announced that the YPLA would be [funding FE colleges, training providers and sixth form colleges](#) directly for all 16-19 provision, rather than through local authorities.

*The information authority* has therefore updated the guidance in the ILR Specification for 2010/11 to take account of this change.

Please visit [the information authority website](#) for further details.

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