

LLC August 2011 E-Newsletter

Dear Members,

As we end our 2010/11 business year we are pleased to say that LLC is moving into the new business year with confidence despite a very challenging external environment. We have achieved a great deal this year and on behalf of my management team and board of directors, I, would like to thank you all for your support.

As a result of our efforts, our Consortium has enabled thousands of people across London to gain qualifications that will help them improve their livelihoods and economic prospects. We have helped many young people into work and on to apprenticeship schemes and other learning programmes. By providing career and employment advice across London and strengthened our membership base as more organisations see the benefits of working with us.

In 2011/12 LLC is offering a wide and strengthening offer to London's employers and residents as well as supporting our members and providers deliver high quality public services. LLC shall be providing apprenticeship programmes, work based training, adult and community learning, careers guidance, employability programmes and commercial business consultancy and training services during the year.

LLC is also pleased to announce the addition to our consortium of seven new partner providers who have joined us to deliver Skills Funding Agency (SFA) programmes in response to the introduction of minimum contract values. These are Surrey Lifelong learning Partnership, Abis Resources, London Early Years Foundation, Voluntary Action Lewisham, The Elfrida Society, Surrey Hills Onward Learning and West Kent YMCA. LLC will be holding a formal celebration event later this year.

LLC is blessed with a talented and committed staff team and fantastic group of member organisations. Together we are looking forward to continuing to provide our customers, employer clients and partners with high quality training, recruitment and management services in 2011/12.

Key business aims in 2011/12:

- LLC is to welcome seven new delivery partners as part of our Skills Funding Agency funded suite of provision.
- LLC is to continue its work on behalf of other organisations and continue to develop partnerships of purpose.
- LLC is to develop its employment services both as a recruitment agency and also as a provider of employment service programmes.
- LLC is to develop its commercial support services.
- LLC is to pursue growth, efficiency and external investment.

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1. Member funding opportunity 1: Expression of Interest to deliver Adult Community Learning in Croydon, Merton and Sutton

LLC is asking members to submit an expression of interest to deliver accredited learning programmes in community venues for residents of Croydon, Merton and Sutton.

The programmes of learning must be funded by the Skills Funding Agency and aimed at supporting people who are 19+ and are either unemployed people on active benefits or those wishing to improve their vocational skills.

The Skills Funding Agency have produced a list of units from Level 1 - Level 3 from the Qualifications Credit Framework

http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/nat-QCF_Qualifications_confirmed_for_public_funding-18_11_10.pdf

Any delivery proposed must come from this list. Training should focus on getting people into employment and can include single units, or combined awards and even certificates/diplomas if these are available or appropriate.

However, provision will need to be flexible to reflect the needs of individuals claiming benefits, some of whom may be required to look for work alongside their learning; and to take any appropriate job that they are offered.

Examples of fundable courses/programmes include:

- ICT for Employment
- Customer Service
- Administration
- Hospitality
- Finance & Accounts
- Health & Social Care
- Children & Young People's Workforce
- Retail Skills
- Job Seeking Skills

The level of funding available/and or fee remission is dependent on the course or qualification being proposed and the status of the learner enrolling on the course.

Please go to: http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/LLC_Expression_of_Interest_-_Vocational_programmes_for_Unemployed_Adults.pdf and ensure that you fully complete the information specifically regarding the courses you wish to deliver. You will need to provide the individual units reference numbers from the SFA list of units stated, as we will use this information to calculate the funding available for the course (s) that you propose.

Please return by Friday 26th August 2011 to: londonlc@londonlc.org.uk

2. Member funding opportunity 2: Expression of Interest Personal and Community Development Learning (PCDL) Bromley Lifelong Learning Partnership Grant Funding 2011/2012

LLC is looking to act as the lead partner in a submission to the Personal and Community Development Learning (PCDL) fund for projects during the academic year 2011/2012. We are asking members to provide some key information via an expression of interest form by 26th August 2011. http://www.londonlc.org.uk/news/members_exclusive_bromley_lifelong_learning_partnership_grant_funding_2011/

PCDL covers a broad array of leisure programmes, which provides an ideal opportunity to arrange some structured adult education courses for your client group. They might like to pursue an interest, address a need, acquire a new skill or become healthier. This kind of learning is usually unaccredited and can be taken for its own sake or as a step towards other learning/training. Subjects may include cookery, painting or flower arranging, improving fitness through yoga, or preparing for work through courses in I.T. or First Aid.

Your project must:

- be based in the London Borough of Bromley;
- benefit learners aged 19 years or over who live, work or volunteer in the Borough;
- contribute to the PCDL requirements, as being learning for personal and community development, cultural enrichment, intellectual or creative stimulation and for enjoyment. Learning can help local residents and other learners to build their skills, knowledge and understanding for social and community action;
- specifically benefit the Cray Valley East, Cray Valley West, Mottingham and Chislehurst North, Penge and Cator, and Crystal Palace or Biggin Hill areas, or any combination thereof;
- complete no later than 29 June 2012;
- deliver non-accredited learning, and Information, Advice and Guidance, with specified outcomes for your learners;
- obtain enhanced CRB disclosure and submit to the Community Development & Project Office, for all relevant staff involved in the project;
- provide a copy of your organisation's Health and Safety Policy;
- meet Skills Funding Agency requirements;
- meet Quality Assurance and Continuing Improvement requirements.

Successful applications will meet the criteria above and demonstrate:

- evidence of need;
- matching funding in cash or kind, where appropriate;
- ability to deliver, i.e. good track record;
- plans for sustainability or a well designed exit strategy;
- a sound budget and a clearly costed action plan;
- value for money;
- how progression opportunities will be provided or signposted, and how learners will be encouraged to pursue further activity.

Please follow the link http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/LLC_PCDL_Grant_Application_Form_2011-2012.pdf for a PCDL Grant Application Form and return this by Friday 26th August 2011 to: londonlc@londonlc.org.uk

3. Together in the Limelight - London Learning Consortium announce media partnership

LLC and Rise Media have partnered to continue the production of the Limelight magazine, a free printed and online magazine aimed at the under 25's (see attached PDF). LLC is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring the magazine to include the Autumn/Winter 2011 issue through to the Olympics in 2012 next year.

Limelight (<http://www.limelightmag.co.uk/>) is a new lifestyle youth magazine produced for youth by youth (with editorial staff ranging in age from 11-25). Since its launch last year, it has obtained significant interest having already featured interviews with top boy band 'The Wanted', Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, as well as double Olympic gold medalist, Dame Kelly Holmes!

With a print run of 5000 and with a readership estimated at up to 20,000, the magazine is already proving a big success amongst young people in the Croydon, Merton and Sutton areas. Stephen Jeffery, LLC Chief Executive stated that "London Learning Consortium are very excited to be involved with Limelight magazine, and as a Community Interest Company, we are keen to support the local youth community through this excellent media opportunity!"

Rise are also working with LLC on a pilot promotional initiative to help develop LLC's membership spread the news and success of their activities and services. For the new Autumn/Winter issue, there will be an interview with chart toppers, JLS, training and apprenticeship news, plus a feature on the recent riots.

As a valued member of the London Learning Consortium, members can now pre-order copies of the magazine, order a media pack or take the opportunity to advertise direct to this youth market by contacting adeline@risemedia.org.uk.

Rise Media is a social enterprise which gives young people a chance to gain employability skills such as team work and communication, while having fun producing a magazine. In addition to working on Limelight with young people, who are mainly in education, Rise Media also works with young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). It is currently working with a group of neet 16-19 year olds on a newsletter for an organisation which is helping them find work. The aims of the newsletter are not only to help the teenagers build skills and gain confidence, but to promote the good work of the organisation supporting them.

From 2012 Rise Media plans to launch publications produced by teenagers excluded from main stream schools, young carers and looked after children.

4. LLC are pleased to announce the launch of their new leaflets for Autumn 2011

In order to appeal to new employers and potential apprentices, LLC have launched two new leaflets for Autumn 2011. As members, please feel free to download and circulate these by following the links below:

[http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/2011 - Master Leaflet - Apprentices adding value to your business.pdf](http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/2011_Master_Leaflet_Apprentices_adding_value_to_your_business.pdf)

and [http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/2011 - Master Leaflet - Get your career started.pdf](http://www.londonlc.org.uk/uploads/2011_Master_Leaflet_Get_your_career_started.pdf)

For hard copies of the leaflets, and / or A3 posters to display on your premises please contact Londonlc@londonlc.org.uk

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5. Young People's Apprenticeship Vacancies

We have some fantastic apprenticeship vacancies (yes – paid jobs with training!) for young people. We are looking for hardworking and enthusiastic individuals for our current vacancies, including an exciting opportunity for a career in web development working for a specialist in Digital Media Consultancy and Training.

We also have many other opportunities across London from Housing Management to Business Administration.

To see all of our latest vacancies, please click on the link to visit our website: <http://www.londonlc.org.uk/llcrecruitment/> and get in touch today by calling 0208 774 4040 or by e-mail on londonlc@londonlc.org.uk.

6. Access to Apprenticeship Scheme

Do you want to give a young person the chance of finding employment? Have you ever wanted to take on an apprentice but are worried that you cannot find the right young person?

Our Access to Apprenticeship scheme is proving to be a real success with our employers and young people alike! The programme is designed to support 16-19 year olds get into employment with an apprenticeship qualification through job search, work experience, confidence building and accredited learning. This involves working closely with a dedicated support worker and recruitment specialist to provide confident young people with working skills that can really add value to any business! If you would like to offer a young person a free work trial for a period of time to suit you, or if you know a young person that you would like to put forward for this fantastic opportunity, please call on 0208 774 4040 or e-mail londonlc@londonlc.org.uk.

7. Government changes to FE funding for 16-19 year olds have left many without a clear indication of how their studies and training will be funded next year.

A report released earlier this week by the House of Commons, Education Select Committee, on participation by 16–19 year olds in education and training, warns the delays to the new bursaries are making it difficult for young people to work out exactly what funding might be available to them. For the full story see the link: <http://www.fenews.co.uk/fe-news/sector-responds-to-ema-abolition-impact>

8. SFA – providers join new programme to equip unemployed with skills

The Skills Funding Agency is working with the Jobcentre Plus on a new programme that aims to equip the unemployed with the necessary skills to find a sustainable job.

This new programme will establish a close collaboration between skill providers and their local Jobcentre Plus colleagues, in order to provide focused skills training, linked to work experience and a guaranteed job interview. For further information go to: <http://www.fenews.co.uk/fe-news/providers-join-new-programme-to-equip-unemployed-with-skills>

9. 10,000 Higher Apprenticeships to help business build the skills for growth

In July, Prime Minister David Cameron announced details of a £25m fund that will support up to 10,000 Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships, giving firms in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, information technology and engineering the hi-tech skills they need to grow.

For the full story follow the link: <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/News-Media/Latest-News/Article022.aspx>
