

Learning South West Annual Review 2010

In our 63rd year as a South West based educational charity, our members tell us that Learning South West continues to offer valuable support and real benefit in helping to shape the best possible teaching, learning and youth work provision.

They appreciate our record of constructive collaboration with local, regional and national strategic and support bodies, and our reputation as a trusted, neutral broker of successful partnerships and projects.

Our unique cross sector membership base can bring together partnerships including hundreds of providers and thousands of practitioners, for the benefit of thousands more young people and learners. We are proud of our joint achievements over the past year in what is an increasingly challenging environment.

We expect the coming years to test the incredible resilience and creativity of our member

organisations and the professionals who work in our sector, with unprecedented reform to the ways in which youth work and learning and skills are provided.

We know that holding on to a shared value base and keeping focus by listening to the voice of young people, learners and practitioners will enable us to carry on supporting the sector in adapting to the new policy context.

The achievements outlined in this report are a tribute to the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of our members, partners, trustees and staff team, whose contributions we greatly appreciate.



Paula Jones
*Chief
Executive
and Company
Secretary*

Young people and adult learners, in the South West of England, are the ultimate beneficiaries of our work with leaders and practitioners in youth and learning and skills organisations.

What have we achieved in 2009/10?

- Co-ordinated the South West Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT) a partnership of 82 cross sector organisations
- Hosted the Institute for Learning 'CETT Connection'
- Provided the Regional Centre for the Functional Skills Support Programme
- Supported library staff to develop their work with young people, in partnership with the Reading Agency
- Initiated the 'Sounds Positive' project to promote young people in the South West media
- Facilitated several regional networks and communities of practice for learning and skills and youth practitioners and managers to share practice and find creative solutions
- Successfully co-ordinated the 'Think Smart' project, enhancing the skills of SMEs in the South West
- Supported South West Members of UK Youth Parliament to speak in their first ever debate in the House of Commons
- Improved facilities at Bishops Hull House to provide an even better environment for our customers meetings and events
- Our Golden Thread Project supported practitioners in Skills for Life Teaching and Learning using sub-regional Professional Development Co-ordinators



Our members include voluntary, independent and publicly funded organisations engaged in youth work and learning and skills.



Facts and Figures

- Almost 100,000 young people in the South West region voted in the UK Youth Parliament elections in 2010
- 819 individuals from 495 organisations participate in our learning and skills sector networks
- Our hotline service and field visits for the regional SWitch Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training and the Institute for Learning Connection Advisors engaged 1650 practitioners; we provided input at 55 events and directly supported 98 organisations, with engagement from all parts of the learning and skills sector
- We co-ordinated Adult Learners' Week activities in the South West. We increased nominations by 40% on previous years and hosted the Regional Awards ceremony attended by 150 guests
- 285 individuals attended meetings of regional networks in the youth sector, while 510 attended training events and seminars organised regionally, sub-regionally or in-house
- We jointly co-ordinated the National CETT Conference at the Eden Project in Cornwall attended by 151 delegates and 8 of the 11 CETTS



Forthcoming events for 2011

- 19 January, at Somerset College - Voluntary Sector Big Network meeting - contact Hayley, tel 01823 365435
- Young People's Media Training in North & Mid-Devon, Poole & Bournemouth - contact Suzannah, tel 01823 365431

For further information on any of the following, please tel 01823 365440

- 19 January - Professional Formation - Applying for Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS)
- 28 January - Closing date for Adult Learners' Week 2011 nominations
- 10 February - Staff Development Managers' Forum
- 11 February - Getting Started in Teacher Education (first of three linked days)
- 15 February - Senior Curriculum Managers' Forum
- 10 March - Learning South West AGM
- 5th April - Teacher Educators Forum

All our members enjoy

- Automatic membership of the South West Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training (SWCETT) – Teacher Training and Continuing Professional Development
- Access to SWCETT project bidding for regional and national funding
- Automatic and exclusive access to project funds and tenders
- 50% reduction in registration fees for Continuing Professional Development events and networks
- 20% reduction in room rates at Bishops Hull House
- Free use of Bishops Hull House as a drop in centre, complimentary coffee, Wi-Fi and use of a laptop
- Our popular 'What's Hot' newsletter and VYON E bulletin

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