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Sharing the Passion

More than 100 delegates attended Learning South West's summer conference exploring how Sector Skills Councils, training providers and employers can inspire learners by 'Sharing the Passion.'

The conference, titled 'Sharing the Passion', was held at The Rookery Manor, near Weston-super-Mare, on June 25th.

Professionals from across the education and skills sectors attended the event which was held in partnership with [Skills for Business](#) and a number of Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) which are members of the South West Skills for Life (SfL) Workforce Development Group.

Senior figures in regional education, training providers, employers and Sector Skills Councils enjoyed a day of workshops and speeches exploring how they can work together using the building blocks of language, English and maths skills to increase learners' confidence and passion.

Sector Skills Council representatives facilitated sector specific workshops and updated delegates with the latest news and developments. Delegates also heard from a number of speakers including: Malcolm Gillespie, Regional Director for the Learning and Skills Council; John Tempest, Regional Skills for Life Unit Director; Paula Jones, Learning South West's Deputy Chief Executive and Council Member at the Institute for Learning and Michael Woodgate, Skills Development Manager at Skills for Logistics and Chair of the South West SfL Workforce Development Group – an alliance of Sector Skills Councils.

Learning South West's Deputy Chief Executive Paula Jones said: "The conference was a great success. Delegates from across the learning and skills sector joined representatives from Sector Skills Councils to share the latest developments, create networks and make Skills for Life the building blocks for learning."

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Photo Captions:

Jones1 – Learning South West’s Deputy Chief Executive, Paula Jones, speaking at Learning South West’s recent summer conference, ‘Sharing the Passion.’

Group1 – Delegates enjoy one of the workshops at Learning South West’s recent summer conference, ‘Sharing the Passion.’

Notes to Editors:

- Learning South West is based in Bishops Hull, near Taunton. It helps organisations, including local education authorities, further education colleges and voluntary sector organisations, to learn together.
- For more information on its services visit: www.learning-southwest.org.uk
- Sector Skills Councils represented at Learning South West’s summer conference were: Improve; GoSkills; Lantra; Skills for Health; Skills for Logistics and the Tourism Skills Network.