



Celebrating Education Professionals

Education professionals can look forward to celebration and inspiration with the appointment of Learning South West's Deputy Chief Executive to an influential national body.

Paula Jones has been elected to the Institute for Learning (IfL) council as a full member representative for three years.

The IfL is the professional body for teachers, trainers, tutors and student teachers in the learning and skills sector.

Paula said: "Our profession deserves an organisation that will recognise and celebrate the professional job practitioners in the learning and skills sector do.

"As a council member I aim to help make the Institute a potent force in raising the status of our profession and to capture the development journeys we each take as learning and skills practitioners."

Paula brings a wealth of experience to her new role. She has grass-roots experience having taught a range of subjects across further education, adult, community and work-based learning for several years. Paula was also a staff and teacher education manager which involved working in close partnership with three regional universities.

Paula's current role is Deputy Chief Executive and Regional Professional Development Manager at Learning South West - a cross sector membership association and education charity based in Taunton.

Her work with Learning South West involves designing and delivering projects that support the professional development needs of agencies and organisations that manage and deliver learning and skills across the South West. Paula currently manages a £2.5 million European Social Fund/Learning Skills Council Skills for Life workforce development project, The Crystal Chandelier.

Paula is also a member of a national advisory group developing the new QCA Credit and Achievement Framework and an executive member of the National Association for Staff

Development in the post-16 sector (soon to merge with the Further Education Research Association.)

Paula added: “The Institute for Learning can play a leading role in inspiring people to join our profession and support continuous development for the benefit of learning and learners.

“Our major challenge is to connect with and for one another in a diverse, dynamic and complex sector.”

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Learning South West’s Deputy Chief Executive Paula Jones has been appointed to the Institute for Learning council.

Notes to Editors

- Find out more about Learning South West at www.learning-southwest.org.uk.
- Find out more about The Crystal Chandelier at www.crystalchandelier.org.uk.
- Find out more about the Institute for Learning at <http://www.ifl.ac.uk>

