



### **Skills for Life Teachers Top of the Class**

Adult learners across the South West are to benefit from the extension of a highly successful £2.5 million teacher training project, managed by Learning South West.

The Crystal Chandelier is a regional project working to create more and better teachers to support adult learners to improve their English and maths skills. The project, which will now end in June 2008, has already put 1,143 teachers on the road to becoming qualified adult English and maths teachers.

According to Learning South West's Crystal Chandelier Project Manager, Paula Jones, the extension is great news for residents across the region.

"We are delighted to announce the extension of The Crystal Chandelier project which will allow more people in the South West to improve their English and maths skills through highly qualified teachers.

"Good English and maths skills can improve the quality of life for individuals and bring great economic and social benefits for the region."

The project, launched in July 2005, is part of a drive to improve the nation's literacy, language and numeracy skills – known as Skills for Life. The Government believes that there are still too many people who are being held back in their everyday life because they need help with these skills. One way of doing this is to ensure that there are enough qualified teachers available to deliver Skills for Life courses.

Learning South West won the European Social Fund (ESF) contract with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to deliver the project across Devon, Somerset, West of England, Wiltshire and Swindon, Bournemouth Dorset and Poole and Gloucestershire.

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