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A New Year and a new Chief Executive for Learning South West.

Paula Jones has been appointed to replace Tim Boyes-Watson as Chief Executive at Learning South West. Paula brings a wealth of experience of working with practitioners in the South West, as well as from playing influential national roles as a Council Member of the Institute for Learning (IfL) and as the Chair of the Association of Centres for Excellence in Teacher Training (ACETT).

After the announcement Paula said "I am so proud and immensely pleased to be chosen to lead our vibrant partnership and unique cross sector organisation that is dedicated to improving the quality of lifelong learning and youth work in the south west region."

This is the time of year when we look back on what has been achieved and look forward to potential changes – and of course the next United Kingdom General Election is due to take place on or before Thursday 3 June 2010. If you want to speculate on the date post your ideas at <http://www.switchcett.org.uk/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=16#p22>

Note: you will need to register with the site in order to post your reply!

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NATIONAL NEWS

FUNDING & CHANGES

Skills for Growth: Lord Mandelson unveiled the UK Government's new Skills White Paper, [Skills for Growth](#) (11 Nov '09, DBIS). This contains challenging targets including "¾ of people should participate in higher education or complete an advanced apprenticeship or equivalent technician level course by the age of 30".

Responses from across the Sector:

- [IfL](#) - teachers and trainers crucial to Skills for Growth strategy
- [AoC](#) - welcomes the broad direction of travel
- [LLUK](#) - welcomes a simplification of the skills landscape, but "the devil is in the details"
- [NIACE](#) - believes that the Government could spend its adult training monies better
- [LSN](#) - 'clap hands' for Skills for Growth, but also some warnings on implementation
- [TES article](#) (13 Nov '09) - Skills White Paper sets out new era for training
- [TES article](#) (4 Dec '09) - warns that the quality control system must be developed by providers not Government
- [Guardian article](#) - Mandelson announces 30,000 new apprenticeships
- Comment from Chris Banks, **LSC** Chairman - [Skills are essential if we are to bridge the slump](#)

NIACE is part of the [Skills for Growth Fees Review Group](#) reviewing fees in further education.

[The Skills Investment Strategy 2010-11](#) (16 Nov '09, DBIS) sets out how investment will support FE and skills training for post 19 learners.

Comment from:

- **Association of Learning Providers** - ["Politicians must hold their nerve on open and demand-led skills training"](#)
- **Edexcel's PolicyWatch** - [Skills Strategy 2009](#)
- [NIACE](#) - concerns about decline in learner numbers overall, massive cuts in development learning and a reduction in the Skills for Life budget.
- [FE News article](#) - **AoC** warns that the skills strategy is 'misleading'

[Regions to set the skills agenda](#) (SW Forum, 26 Nov '09) - Regional Development Agencies (RDA's) to have control over adult skills policy but local authorities are worried, ["we should control 16-25 funding", say councils](#) (TES, 20 Nov '09).

[Will council funding bring a new wealth to colleges?](#) (Guardian, 17 Nov '09)

[LEA's 'lack experience'](#) (TES, 27 Nov '09)

[National Commissioning Framework \(NCF\) open for consultation](#) (SW Forum, 19 Nov '09)

From April 2010, responsibility for securing enough suitable education and training provision for all young people, including those aged 16-19, young people up to age 25 where a learning difficulty assessment is in place, and young offenders in youth custody, will pass from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to local authorities. **Add your views to the consultation [here](#) - the closing date for responses is Friday 5 February '10.**

Last few months for the Learning & Skills Council - but [LSC Chief Executive, Geoff Russell, has been appointed to lead the new Skills Funding Agency](#) (DBIS, 23 Dec '09)

2009 Pre-Budget Report:

- **Edexcel's Policy Watch** asks "[What did the Pre-Budget Report do for education and training?](#)" (PBR 2009, 14 Dec '09)
- **FE News** says "[Pre-Budget offers education a mixed deal](#)" (9 Dec '09)
- **[AoC's comment on the report](#)**

[Eligibility Checker](#): a free tool to check eligibility for childcare funding for learners in England. (teachernet.gov.uk)

[Vocational Educational Reform in England](#). The vocational qualifications system is changing to become more responsive to the needs of employers and learners.

LIFELONG LEARNING

[UK lifelong learning above EU average, but overall progress 'still too slow'](#), says report in FE News (25 Nov '09).

[UK ahead on vocation](#) - 8 out of 10 people participate in vocational education and training in the UK compared to an average European rate of around 53%, according to the latest European Commission report card. (TES, 4 Dec '09)

The Future of LLUK:

Chief Executive **David Hunter** refutes suggestions that [LLUK is to be included in the crackdown on 'quangos'](#). **Will Hutton**, Executive Vice-Chair of The Work Foundation, challenges LLUK to "[Think of yourselves as part of the emergent national innovative architecture](#)" at their recent annual conference.

[DBIS hits adult basic skills targets early as 2.8m achieve literacy and numeracy](#) (TES, 11 Dec '09)

The **Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (DBIS)** has said it is making strong progress towards world-class skills for the UK despite acknowledging that it will be "challenging" to meet the milestones on the way to its 2020 targets.

Could you train as an Advanced Learning Coach?

For more information visit the [Excellence Gateway](#).

SWitch CETT, in partnership with the National Subject Learning Coach Programme, will also be hosting a **2-day, in-house Advanced Learning Coaches Programme specifically for Teacher Educators on 22 February & 3 March 2010 in Taunton.**

To find out more e-mail switch_cett@learning-southwest.org.uk

Annual "Roadmap" marks improvement in employment and education of people with disabilities (Excellence Gateway, 4 Dec '09)

This sets out how Government Departments are working towards disability equality by 2025. It notes that in the past year, there has been an increase in the percentage of learners with a learning difficulty or disability participating in further education, as well as an increase in the employment rate of disabled people.

Record numbers of people successfully completing Apprenticeships. Almost 240,000 people began an apprenticeship in 2008/9. (NAS, 17 Dec '09)

Bag your learners a day's recording at Abbey Road Studios (you can come too!)

An online competition for solo artists and bands in post-16 further education sponsored by the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS).

To find out more go to www.musicforreal.org.uk (deadline for submissions - Fri 5 Feb '10)

New Research into Support for Third Sector Organisations (SW Forum, 9 Nov '09)

Research published by **Capacitybuilders** highlights the importance of identifying the support needs of third sector organisations through effective diagnosis, and of avoiding a "one-size fits all" approach to support provision.

Second phase of increasing Third Sector public service delivery (SW Forum, 9 Nov '09)

The second phase of the Government's **National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning** has started. It aims to "increase the awareness and understanding of how utilising the third sector's specialist knowledge will benefit the delivery of public services", increasing third sector involvement throughout the commissioning cycle and improve bidding practice.

Skills - Third Sector's online forum now live

Are you involved in learning and development within your organisation? If so, Skills - Third Sector's online forum needs you!

Skills - Third Sector immediate priorities are to:

- produce qualifications for key third sector roles such as trustees, fundraisers and campaigners, etc.
- consult with charities, voluntary groups, social enterprises and other third sector organisations about an implementation plan for a National Skills Strategy
- develop the role of volunteering as a route to employment

Community Learning Champions - a new initiative to support volunteers in promoting learning in their communities. The programme is part of The Learning Revolution White Paper and will be delivered by NIACE in partnership with Martin Yarnitt Associates, the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) and unionlearn. (SW Forum, 11 Dec '09)

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Work placements for teachers and trainers: ["Business Interchange" gets industry and training providers talking](#) (LLUK, 25 Nov '09)

Internships designed for [helping people with learning disabilities into work](#) announced by the Minister for Disabled People, **Jonathan Shaw**. (Excellence Gateway, 3 Nov '09)

Teaching resources to support adults with learning difficulties now available to download from **NIACE**. (Excellence Gateway, 11 Nov '09)

Diploma Validator tool is launched to enable centres to check that every Diploma learner is on a valid programme of study. (Excellence Gateway, 5 Nov '09)

A DCSF (Department for Children, Schools & Families) publication uses data from the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England (LSYPE) to look at [disengagement from education, amongst 14-16-year-olds in England](#). Those most at risk of being disengaged were white, male and/or young people from more disadvantaged backgrounds. (Dec '09)

£4.5m for more training in the Engineering Construction Sector (DBIS, 1 Dec '09)
A £4.5 million increase in Government funding for apprenticeships and trainees in the engineering construction sector will mean that opportunities for young people to train for skilled jobs could double to 1,200 by 2011.

"Opportunity or not?" - a report on the availability and range of **learning and skills in prisons in England and Wales**, published by the Learning and Skills Support Group of the National Council for Independent Monitoring Boards (IMB). Excellence Gateway, 16 Nov '09

National Skills Academy for IT approved, becoming the 14th active Skills Academy in the network. (Excellence Gateway, 3 Dec '09)

The long-awaited **Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) IAG Strategy** has now been published. (LSC, 2 Nov '09)

The biggest overhaul of retail qualifications in 20 years has come into effect following demands for a more simplistic and transparent system from leading retailers. (QCDA, 10 Nov '09)

Use of the assessment/verification of QCF qualifications and units as evidence of competence towards Assessor and Verifier Awards (Units A1, A2, V1 and V2).

For more information visit the [ENTO website](#).

[Santander to sponsor Student Volunteering Week 2010](#) (SW Forum, 22 Dec '09)

International banking group Santander has been announced as official sponsor of Student Volunteering Week, which will take place from 22-28 February 2010.

[Government White Paper sets out £300m package to tackle youth unemployment](#)

(Excellence Gateway, 16 Dec '09)

Over 100,000 new opportunities for young people will mean that everyone under 25 will be guaranteed a job, training or work experience after six months unemployment.

E-LEARNING

JISC News:

- [JISC launches 2010-2012 strategy](#) (1 Dec '09)
- [Podcast: Minister David Lammy speaks to JISC about the new HE Framework - Higher Ambitions](#) (3 Nov '09)
- [JISC Inform goes interactive](#) (18 Nov '09)
- [Research 3.0 - How are digital technologies revolutionising research?](#) (26 Nov '09)
- [Taskforce to help extend position of UK as world leader in online learning](#) (8 Dec '09)
- [JISC's Annual Review 2008/2009 published](#) (21 Dec '09)

[Accessible e-books](#) (JISC RSC SW)

Educational books available in a number of formats for visually impaired students.

[Consumer Focus asks 'Does Directgov deliver?'](#) (SW Forum, 14 Dec '09)

Give your comments on the report about using the Government's online portal for services and information. **The consultation closes at the end of January 2010.**

[Any student, any subject, anywhere](#)

Harriet Swain writes in the **Guardian** (10 Nov '09) on how Web technologies are driving a revolution in higher education, where many degrees may soon be studied online.

[Universities can lead the digital charge](#), says **David Docherty** in his article for the **Guardian** (28 Nov '09) on the challenges of a global, digital future.

INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING (IfL)

[IfL CPD Review 2008-09](#) - 98% of members who declared their continuing professional development (CPD) have completed more than the required number of hours. (18 Dec '09)

[IfL members' views 2009](#) - report of second annual membership survey. (30 Oct '09)

[IfL launches Research and Policy Hub](#) - a forum for members to share ideas and comment on developments within the further education and skills sector. (7 Dec '09)

[IfL Chief Executive gives evidence to the Skills Commission on Initial Teacher Education](#)

[The value of teachers and trainers: a film produced by IfL and UKCES](#) demonstrates the contribution teachers and trainers in further education and skills make to individuals, industry and the economy.

[IfL represents members at BIS reception](#) - **Toni Fazaeli**, IfL's Chief Executive, shares the highlights of the reception.

[Make the most of your IfL membership](#) - your membership entitles you to a range of benefits that aim to support your professional practice and development.

[Teachers spend their spare time on compulsory training](#) (TES, 11 Dec '09)

IfL says time off for professional development should be encouraged, not cancelled.

[FE staff ordered to pay up for compulsory membership of IfL](#) (TES, 20 Nov '09)

Loss of £5m Government subsidy leaves teachers footing costs for joining a professional body to which they are compelled to belong.

[Lecturer disciplined in first IfL hearing](#) (TES, 20 Nov '09)

A crime lecturer who punched a hotel doorman in a drunken attack has become the first further education teacher to face IfL's new disciplinary panel.

FURTHER EDUCATION

['Embracing efficiency' could save FE from frontline cuts, claims 157 Group](#), in a report by **Alan Thomson** in the TES (20 Nov '09).

[Education system is keeping UK behind rest of the world, warns documentary](#)

(FE News, 17 Dec '09)

To view the documentary entitled "*We Are the People We've Been Waiting For*" online [click here](#).

[LSC Chief Executive gives speech at the Association of Colleges National Conference 2009](#) - more money next year but also a fundamental change in the way skills strategies are developed and a transformation in the role of colleges.

The UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKES) Report "Towards Ambition 2020: skills, jobs, growth" (Oct '09) has now been published. Download your copy [here](#).

and read **AoC's response** to the report [here](#) (2 Nov '09).

AoC Beacon Awards 2009/10 – Winners Announced (AoC, 25 Nov '09)

For a full list of Winners; and Highly Commended and shortlisted Colleges, including several from the South West, [click here](#).

[Colleges call for tighter student immigration rules - response to MAC review](#) (AoC, 4 Dec '09)

AoC responds to reports relating to the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) review of highly skilled migration routes.

[Chancellor hands FE £200m to meet September guarantee](#), but pre-Budget report's cash injection blighted by £300m more cuts to adult skills over three years. (TES, 11 Dec '09)

[Sixth forms to 'double' as legal status fuels expansion plans](#) (Tes, 18 Dec '09)

Sixth-form colleges are aiming to use their new legal status as a springboard to double numbers and reverse the trend of mergers and closures in recent years.

[Private providers could save colleges under Tories](#) - private providers could apply to take over failing colleges under a shake-up of the FE market proposed by the Conservative Party, writes **Alan Thomson** in the TES (27 Nov '09).

Ofsted News:

[Mixed results for education mergers](#) - an Ofsted report explores why FE provision has flourished in some HE institutions but not in others. (30 Oct '09)

Ofsted has published a follow up to their November 2008 review of Train to Gain - **["The impact of Train to Gain on skills in employment: A review to follow up the 2007/08 survey \(Nov '09\)"](#)**

[New good practice examples in Ofsted's Good Practice Database](#) - Ofsted's Good Practice Team has published new examples of good practice by five learning providers. (Excellence Gateway, 5 Nov '09)

The **[Ofsted Annual Report 2008-09](#)** is now published. **[Key findings](#)** - a trend of improvement in colleges of further education over the last inspection cycle; more colleges are now outstanding and fewer are inadequate than was the case four years ago.

Comments on the report:

- [Ofsted's Annual Report receives mixed reaction](#) - FE News (24 Nov '09)
- [AoC response to Ofsted Annual Report](#) (24 Nov '09)
- [Ofsted identifies basic skills as adult education's biggest challenge](#) - TES (27 Nov '09)
- [Association of Learning Providers \(ALP\) response to the Ofsted report](#) (24 Nov '09)
- [December 2009 Issue of Talisman focuses on findings of Ofsted's Annual Report](#)

The BBC asks ["Has Ofsted taken its eye off schools?"](#) (28 Nov '09)

Frank Coffield asks **["Are we Ofsted's stuffed turkeys?"](#)** (TES, 11 Dec '09) and comments that **["Ofsted questions bring task to outdo Hercules"](#)** (TES, 20 Nov '09).

[Ofqual publishes Functional Skills criteria](#) for Functional Skills assessments in English, mathematics and ICT. (Excellence Gateway, 5 Nov '09)

HIGHER EDUCATION

[Higher Education Funding 2010-11](#) (DBIS, 22 Dec '09)

The Government's annual grant letter to HEFCE sets out the financial position for Higher Education in 2010-11 and builds on the approach set out in the recent framework document "*Higher Ambitions: The future of universities in a knowledge economy*".

Responses across the Sector:

- [University funding cut by £533m](#) - BBC News (23 Dec '09)
- [Mandelson's vision of the universities of the future looks like old-fashioned spin - to divert attention from the really big issue](#) - Guardian (4 Nov '09)
- [NIACE responds to Higher Education Funding announcement 2010-11](#) - effects on part-time students. (6 Jan '10)
- [Academics oppose Mandelson's universities move](#) - higher education leaders warn of severe pressures from £500m budget cut. (Guardian, 23 Nov '09)
- [Fast-track degrees proposed to cut higher education costs](#) - Guardian (22 Dec '09)
- [Universities overhaul will make them more inclusive, says Mandelson](#) - Guardian (3 Nov '09)
- [University drop-out rates and graduate earnings to be tagged](#) - students to be given better information about quality of courses before starting a degree. (Guardian, 1 Nov '09)

[Less than half of students know about financial help on offer](#) (Guardian, 3 Dec '09)

Research commissioned by access watchdog says bursaries system is too complex and calls on universities to target help towards poorer students.

Framework for Higher Education:

[Mandelson Outlines the Future of Higher Education](#) (DBIS, 3 Nov '09)

The Government framework for the future success of higher education, setting out the important role universities will play in securing the country's economic recovery and long term prosperity.

Comments across the Sector:

- [Mandelson to announce plans to modernise 'ivory tower' universities](#) - Guardian (3 Nov '09)
- [Q&A: The new framework for Higher Education](#) - Guardian article on Labour's strategy for the future of higher education. (3 Nov '09)
- [HE Aiming Higher Paper](#) - Edexcel Policy Watch (2009/45, 5 Nov '09)
- [NIACE welcomes new HE framework](#) (5 Nov '09)
- [Mandelson needs a liberal arts degree](#) - Guardian (4 Nov '09)
- [Even Lord Mandelson can't see into the future](#). Suggesting business leaders could direct the shape of degrees is foolhardy, writes **Roger Brown** in the Guardian (4 Nov '09).
- [Universities 'must widen access'](#) - A-levels are not sufficient to identify the aptitude and potential of all those who should benefit from a university education, says the Government. (BBC News, 3 Nov '09)
- [English education is just too narrow](#) - Guardian (17 Nov '09)

Student Finance Review:

[Lord Browne of Madingley to Head Review Into Higher Education Funding and Student Finance](#) (DBIS 9 Nov '09)

[Higher university fees would consign poorer students to the 'bargain basement', says NUS president](#) in the Guardian (9 Nov '09).

Student Finance Review cont:

[Student leaders warn fees could soar as review is launched](#) - Guardian (10 Nov '09)

[The student finance review must devise a fairer system](#), says **Mike Baker** in the Guardian (17 Nov '09).

Cuts announced in HE Funding:

[University funding: Shape of cuts to come](#) - Guardian (24 Dec '09)

[Academics and vice-chancellors oppose Mandelson's universities move](#) - Guardian (23 Dec '09)

[Universities policy: The good times are over and Mandelson gets it](#) - read **Michael White's** blog on the Guardian website (23 Dec '09).

[Fast track degrees proposed to cut higher education costs](#) (22 Dec '09). Will two-year degrees be successful? **Tom Sperlinger** in the Guardian (23 Dec '09) sees "[a chilling vision for higher education](#)", but **Andrew Haldenby** in the same paper says "[two-year degrees get top marks](#)".

[Universities forced to cover student loan gap](#) - Guardian (18 Nov '09)

[Second degrees: there's no going back](#) - the new rules on second degrees make it too expensive for most people to have a career change, reports **Anne Wollenberg** in the Guardian (3 Nov '09).

[Record numbers apply early for University](#) - early application figures indicate that competition for university places next year will be fierce, writes **Jessica Shepherd** in the Guardian (2 Nov '09).

[Government recognition of Universities South West initiative to ease professional and executive unemployment](#) (30 Nov '09)

REGIONAL NEWS & NETWORKS

[The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills \(DBIS\) has published "Partnerships for Growth"](#). The report sets out the Government's priorities for economic development and how it sees partners at national, regional, sub-regional and local levels working together to support delivery. (GOSW, 10 Dec '09)

[Skills Investment Strategy Briefing](#) (Regional LSC. 16 Dec '09)
Provider Briefing on the Skills Investment Strategy in the South West.

[Training for success in the South West](#)

South West Minister, Jim Knight, visited the region on 3 Dec '09 to see how training is helping the region on the road to recovery. (GOSW)

[South West European Social Fund \(ESF\) Awards 2010: Celebrating Success & Personal Achievement](#) (SW Forum, 21 Dec '09)

Do you know of someone who deserves a nomination for an ESF Award for one of the following categories?

Young Achiever (14-19 years) • Personal Achievement • Employment & Skills • Personal Contribution • Workforce Development • Employer of the Year • Tutor/Mentor of the Year

If so, download a form [here](#). **The closing date for nominations is 5 Feb '09.**

NIACE/LSC 2010 Regional Strategy Seminars

NIACE, South West Regional LSC, and the South West Local Authority Adult Learning Executive Group are running the following seminars in Taunton during Spring 2010:

- Adult Learning and the Economic Recession - 21 January '10
- Developing Community Intelligence - 25 February '10
- Community Cohesion - 16 March '10
- Personalisation of the Service Offer - 30 March '10

If you would like to register for one or more of these event, or request further information, please mail: simon.mauger@niace.org.uk.

[Interim Regional Employment & Skills Analysis 2009 Evidence Reports now available](#)

from the Skills and Learning Intelligence Module (SLIM) - 8 Dec '09.

[£2m investment kick starts The Learning Revolution in the South West](#) (SW Forum, 8 Dec '09)

New projects to have won funding under the Transformation Fund, have been announced by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (DBIS).

[Apprentices Boost for the NHS](#) (Regional LSC, 1 Dec '09)

NHS Organisations across the region are working with the National Apprenticeship Service to boost recruitment to apprenticeships in a range of areas.

Around the Region:

[Groundbreaking Civil Service Apprenticeship scheme is launched](#) to introduce Apprenticeships into the Civil Service. Five current Civil Service employees from a variety of different organisations and departments have been selected to do the first course, in Business Administration, which is currently being piloted by **City of Bristol College**. (Regional LSC, 22 Dec '09)

[Exeter College wins prestigious AoC Beacon Award](#) (JISC RSC SW, 10 Dec '09)

[£4 million for Bridgwater's Energy Skills Centre](#) (SWRDA, 17 Nov '09)

Bridgwater College is set to receive more than £4 million in funding to launch the South West Energy Skills Centre, a specialist nuclear skills training centre.

[Merger proposed between Bicton and Exeter Colleges](#) (TES, 11 Dec '09)

A copy of the **Public Consultation Document** on the proposed merger is available from the **[Regional LSC website](#)**.

[Sorted for eTracker](#) - **Somerset College** has introduced the eTracker electronic learning plan to help monitor, analyse and improve students' performance. (TES, 4 Dec '09)

[Action plan to tackle inequalities](#) - **Bristol** has developed a plan, 'Narrowing the Gap: Action Plan to reduce inequalities in educational outcomes for Black and Minority Ethnic Young People' to secure improved educational outcomes for BME young people. (SW Forum, 26 Nov '09)

LSW NEWS & EVENTS

Adult Learners' Week Awards 2010 - closing date for nominations is fast approaching!

The closing date for nominations for this year's Adult Learners' Week Awards is **Friday 29 January '10**.

If you know of an adult learner, group, family or project that opens doors to learning which would really inspire others by their learning journey, [download or fill the online form](#) to nominate them before it's too late!

If you would like to get involved in the celebrations, or find out more about Adult Learner's Week in the South West Region, please e-mail alw@learning-southwest.org.uk or call **(01823) 347955**.

Qualifications for the Children and Young People's Work Force

ABC Awards has been working with other Awarding Organisations under the leadership of the Children's Work Force Development Council (CWDC) and the Care Council for Wales on units which will form new qualifications at Levels 2 and 3 for the Children and Young People's Workforce. These will be available for learners to enrol on by August 2010.

Forthcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

Professional Formation - Applying for QTLS/ATLS	Thursday 28 January '10
LLUK Advice & Guidance Sessions	Thursday 28 January '10
Subject-Specific Networking Event for New Teachers undertaking ITT Programmes in Health & Social Care	Monday 8 February '10
Inclusion Forum	Tuesday 9 February '10
South West Regional Teacher Education Forum	Wednesday 10 February '10
Mentor Support Training Day	Wednesday 10 February '10 (+ another date - tbc)
2-day, In-House Advanced Learning Coaches Programme for Teacher Educators	Monday 22 February '10 & Wednesday 3 March '10
Functional Skills for Managers	Wednesday 3 March '10
South West Regional Staff Development Managers' Forum	Wednesday 10 March '10
SWitch CETT Dissemination Conference	Friday 19 March '10
South West Regional Teacher Education Forum: "e-learning workshop for teacher educators"	Monday 22 March '10
Subject-Specific Networking Event for New Teachers undertaking ITT Programmes focussing on Functional Skills	Tuesday 23 March '10
Regional Skills for Life Conference: "Skills for Life - Future Directions"	Wednesday 24 March '10
Professional Formation - Applying for QTLS/ATLS	Thursday 22 April '10

If you would like further information about any of these events please e-mail: events@learning-southwest.org.uk